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Dan Fuller.....685-4454
Dan McLeod.....377-9988
*Paul Metzkes.....870-8042
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*Chairman for the Month of July

Evangelists

Dan Jenkins.....379-2325
David Sproule.....301-2230
Robert Lupo.....315-1411

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David Brown.....972-7608
Victor Colage.....719-1490
Mike Erickson.....310-9916
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Welcome
NEW MEMBERS



Brent & Lindsey McPherson
***Mason & *Maddie**

(Identified July 5)



Wilton Moorer

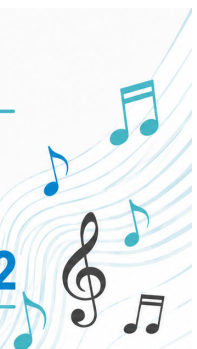
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**YOUTH &
FAMILY**
Singing

ALL AGES WELCOME!



SUNDAY,
AUGUST 2





By Dan Jenkins

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly in Sardis

We continue our look at the seven churches of Asia which received John's message from the island of Patmos. There were far more congregations than these seven for Paul's work resulted in the spread of the gospel throughout all of Asia (Acts 19:10). God specifically chose these seven churches to help all other individuals and churches to profit from these messages (Rev. 3:6)

The city of Sardis. It was located on the western boundary of the Roman province of Asia and played an important role in the commerce of that area. These two truths enabled it to become a wealthy "frontier" city. Think of the history of America and the vice often connected with such cities as our nation spread to the west. The wealth caused many to focus on material matters rather than on matters of far more importance.

The church in Sardis as it appeared to others. Jesus does not look at outward appearances at the truth. He said to the church in Sardis, "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive" (Rev. 3:1). He then adds these words showing He is not concerned with reputation with character, "But you are dead." The view of this church in the eyes of men is far different from the way Jesus saw the "great" church at Sardis.

There is a difference in a name in a church directory and one in the book of life

The church at Sardis as it appeared to Jesus. Having said that he said, "You are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God" (v. 2). While the English word perfect is used to indicate being totally complete and flawless, the Greek word is far different. As a child, I read the words of Jesus that we should be perfect as God is perfect and knew I could never do this for I could never be sinless. When God speaks of perfection, He uses this Greek word to indicate maturity and growth. We look at our newborn and see them as being perfect, even though they cannot walk or feed themselves. Babies in Christ can be viewed in the same way, and God wants us to keep growing into the fullness being like Jesus (Eph. 4:13).

The absence of the "good" and the "bad" in Sardis. There was still hope for the church, but it was fading. Jesus said that if they did not repent His judgment was coming (v. 3). Their future was "ugly." There was hope for some in that church, and the Lord told them to continue in faithful service. If they did, they would walk with Him clothed in white garments.

Some names in Sardis to remain in the book of life. There is a difference between having a name in a church directory and a name in the book of life. That book contains the names of those whose names are recorded in heaven and, if they remain faithful, their names will not be blotted out. Is your name still in that book?



By David Sproule

It's Talking About Christians, Not Non-Christians

It is amazing how often a passage is misunderstood and misused, and yet equally amazing how simple that same passage really is. Such is the case with 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. These verses are often used to teach that Jesus will return and the church will be "caught up" (or "raptured") to Him, and then either 1,000 years later or 1,007 years later, the unrighteous will be raised from the dead. Is that what this passage (or any Bible passage) is teaching? The simple answer is, "No."

To use 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 to teach the manmade doctrine of premillennialism and the manmade concept of the rapture is to teach something that these verses do not teach or even vaguely imply. In fact, one can read these verses over and over in multiple translations and never even find the resurrection of the unrighteous being discussed.

Paul is writing to Christians—to "brethren" (4:13). He is writing to allay their concerns about brethren "who have fallen asleep" (4:13). The only time that the unrighteous even appear in the text is at the end of verse 13, where they are described as those "who have no hope." Paul wanted these Christians to understand the hope that they can confidently have for fellow Christians who have "fallen asleep in Je-

sus" (4:14). Though their fellow Christians had died, they were not without hope.

Paul writes in these verses about two groups. He writes about what will happen to one group "first" and "then" to the other group. But, the two groups are NOT the righteous and the unrighteous. Again, the unrighteous do not appear in this text. The two groups to which Paul addresses his inspired attention are (1) the dead in Christ and (2) the living in Christ.

What a glorious, exciting and yet simple way to explain it.

Paul speaks about that second group as those "who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord." He speaks about the first group as those "who sleep in Jesus...who are asleep...the dead in Christ" (4:14, 15, 16). The living in Christ "will by no means precede" the dead in Christ (4:15). In fact, when the Lord returns, "the dead in Christ will rise first" (4:16). Paul does NOT say that the second to be raised will be the unrighteous, as they are not under discussion at all. Instead, Paul says that after the dead in Christ are raised, the still living who are in Christ "shall be caught up together with" the dead in Christ "in the air" (4:17). What a glorious, exciting and yet simple way to explain it.

Jesus clearly taught that "those who have done good" and "those who have done evil" would be raised in the same "hour" (John 5:28-29), and not 1,000 years apart. When we let the Bible explain things in simple terms, how much we learn!



By Robert Lupo

Making Schoolwork God's Work

The new school year is only two weeks away. Hopefully, the summer has been a good recharge for our kids. But you can't be on break forever. At some point, you need to get back to work.

There is work that God expects young people to do. Sometimes, we think about going to school, paying attention to classes, and doing homework as work that our parents make us do. But the truth is that God cares about your schoolwork even more than your mom or dad.

Many of us are familiar with Colossians 3:20, where the Paul says, "Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is pleasing to the Lord." God expects you to listen to and do as your parents say. But God is not just interested in you getting the work done. God cares about how you get it done.

In verses 23 and 24 of the same chapter, Paul, continues, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Paul uses an interesting word here. To do something "heartily" means to do something with all of your soul. You put your whole self into it. While mom and dad might be hoping you get an A on your next test, God is hoping that you do your abso-

lute best.

In this chapter, Paul is giving commands for how different kinds of people are to act toward one another. He talks about husbands and wives, children and parents, and slaves and masters. Paul wants us to know that the command to work heartily is about our relationships with others. The way we approach the work that is set before us makes an impression on how people view us. If we put our all into the work we have to do at school, then people will have a positive opinion of you.

This is why God wants you to be the best student you can be. Not because he wants you to get smarter (which you will). Not because He wants you to have a chance to go to a better college (which you will). And, not because He wants you to get a great job (which you will). God wants you to be a good student because your good example can cause someone to want to become a Christian.

As young Christians, God has given you work to do—to be a light of the gospel in your school. So, you must do your best to use your time at school wisely. "Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time" (Col. 4:5). It's time to get back to work. You will meet new teachers and make new friends. This year, make up your mind to make your schoolwork God's work by doing your very best.

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dad.**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Check it for yourself

A man of God went from Judah to Bethel in 1 Kings 13, as instructed by the Lord. Part of the commandment from the Lord included, "You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came" (13:17). Pretty simple! However, an old prophet found him and told him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water'" (13:18). The Holy Spirit tells us at the end of the verse, "He was lying to him."

The younger prophet "went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water" (13:19), and he was punished by the Lord, because he "disobeyed the word of the Lord" (13:21-24).

The young prophet knew what God said, but he allowed someone else to deceive him into believing God said something else. Friend, gather "the sum" of God's truth (Psa. 119:160), handle it "aright" (2 Tim. 2:15, ASV), and do not be persuaded away from God's truth by any words of any man. — DS



Think for yourself

In school, we were not allowed to use calculators on our math tests. Those great little tools would have made those math questions so much easier, with just the punch of a few buttons! So why couldn't we use them? Because the teacher wanted us to learn to think for ourselves.

Today, those little calculators have become giant Ai data centers that can answer any question that you have and, interestingly enough, are programmed to tell you what you want to hear. The danger of relying on a machine to tell you what 20 times 30 equals (and believing it gives you the right answer every time) has multiplied exponentially to where people ask Ai almost every question imaginable and believe that the answers are 100% accurate (or close enough).

Friends, our Creator gave us an incredibly complex and amazingly powerful computer of our own—it's called our brain. He wants us to use it to be critical listeners (not believing everything we hear or read) and critical thinkers (measuring everything we hear by the Bible). Ai can be a helpful tool, but it is not God or the Bible. Put your faith where it belongs! — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	recovering at home from stroke
Lucy Bond	severe pain in her back, may need surgery
David Brown	recovering from reverse shoulder replacement
Skye Brown	lung cancer surgery on July 31
Carolyn Cullom	moved to rehab in Central Florida
Paul Davidson	broke his forearm
Sandy DeVall	dealing with severe pain
Lynne Jorgensen	dealing with health issues
Charlene Knowles	recovering from Mohs surgery, begins radiation soon
Janice Osborne	awaiting neurological tests
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments



The family of Lester Galloway, upon his passing on July 14. Lester had been a member at PBL since 2011.

Georgia Belony, upon the passing of **her sister, Edwige Guillaume**, in Boston last week.

Aaron Ross, upon the passing of **his mother, Marguerite Sanders**, last week.

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Leigh Puckett
Gloria Boyd	Don Seay
Josie Dawson	Ricky Smedley
Zula Garrett	Jackie Stout
Loretta Holaday	Samuel Williams
Kasandra Jones	Evetta Wilson
Owen Miley	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Patterson Alexander	Jean Archer's brother, suffering from kidney failure
Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, cracked vertebra in back
Sharon Challiste	Maria Hackshaw's sister, severe knee pain
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, undergoing tests
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, very weak
Vera Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' sister, in rehab, recovering from stroke
John Griffin	Jennifer Goodale's father, dealing with health issues
Laura Griffin	Jennifer Goodale's mother, dealing with health issues
Tania Llarena	Islay Rodriguez's sister, undergoing chemo for cancer
Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, recovering from procedure
Bryan Sheets	Judy Bird's son, hospitalized, undergoing tests

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, July 27-Monday, August 3

- ♦ **Adult Mission Trip to Marsh Harbour, Bahamas.** Please keep the mission team in your prayers.

Monday, July 27

- ♦ **NO Monday Night Bible Study.** Resumes on August 24.

Tuesday, July 28

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

Wednesday, July 29

- ♦ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Mauricio Yegros will be speaking on *"I Know He Reigns Right Now."*

Sunday, August 2

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Wednesday, August 5

- ♦ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Wednesday, August 5 (cont.)

- ♦ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives."** Kenneth Hill will be speaking on *"I Know I Must Live a Holy Life."*

Saturday, August 8

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Darin & Brittany Summerlot** at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered on Babylist. It's a boy! This is for PBL Ladies only. Please RSVP to Dannette Margarini.

Sunday, August 9

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share. Bring ice cream scoops, too. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship!

Wednesday, August 12

- ♦ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. David Pharr will be speaking on *"I Know He Intercedes for Me."*



YOUNG ADULTS

Saturday, August 8

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Basketball Hangout** at 5:00 p.m. All Jr. High, Sr. High and Young Adults are invited. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, August 9

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share. Bring ice cream scoops, too. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship!

Friday, September 11

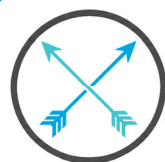
- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, October 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, October 24

- ♦ **Young Adult Sunrise & Breakfast** at 7:00 a.m.



YOUTH & FAMILY

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Sunday, August 16

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring drinks and desserts to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - August 2026

August 2 ^(P)

August 9 ^(A)

August 16 ^(L)

August 23 ^(A)

August 30 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Paul Metzkes	Troy Alberga	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reader	Dan Fuller	Casey Crews	Taylor Reeves	Ed Buonadonna	Jim Rogers
Presiding at Table	David Lord	Gary Jenkins	Robert Mariano	Freddie Gadson	Gary Jenkins
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Ken Gonsalves Can Margarini Chuck Reeves, Jr. Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez	Kirk Crews Kingsley Gardner James Green Todd Juckett Jeff Leslie John Patrick Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder	Andres Fernandez Ryan Hankins Jack Holoman Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Brent McPherson Tim Mahlbacher Trevin Roman	Gorman Ericksen Ed Gager James Green David Lord Can Margarini Wilton Moorner Cristian Suarez Dirk Summerlot	Kirk Crews Michael Erickson Kingsley Gardner Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez John Patrick Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder
Closing Prayer	Darin Summerlot	Connor Goodale	Tim Cox	Dan Fuller	Dave Holaday

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	Islay Rodriguez	Tim Fry	Douglas Alvarenga	
Scripture Reader	Daniel Wagner	Eugene Williams	Andres Fernandez	Darin Summerlot	
Presiding at Table	Douglas Alvarenga	Jeff Goodale	Bret Nesbitt	Paul Metzkes	
Serving at Table	Chuck Reeves, Jr. Bobby Shelton	Kameron Heitler John Patrick	Steward Lynch Joe Maloney	Islay Rodriguez Daniel Wagner	
Closing Prayer	David Brown	John Hoelzer	Beau Caviness	John Hoelzer	

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Audio	Jack Holoman	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	Jack Holoman
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Ivan Villard	Buzz Nelson	Addison Collins	Buzz Nelson
Video	Ed Gager	Scott Studer	Ed Gager	Scott Studer	Ed Gager

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Addison Collins	Marty Williams	Nahum Villard	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jimmie Banks
Usher	Freddie Gadson Rick Hall	Jimmie Banks Michael Menendez	Victor Colage Namddie Ikon	Mike Damron Bobby Shelton	Kane Campbell Marty Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Rick Hall	Mike Damron	Eugene Williams	Tim Cox	Rick Hall (AM) Robert Lupo (PM)

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Susan Branden, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Maria Brinckerhoff; Miss Karen Carrara; Ms. Carolyn Deem; Mr. Mark Lester; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. Nathan Norwood; Ms. Jean Powers; and Mr. & Mrs. Peter & MacKenzie Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown, Eagan, MN; Mrs. Mary Alice Moorer, Port Orange, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Beth Rosenblum, Huntsville, AL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, July 26th
Marsha Beasley
Eva Fulton

Thursday, July 30th
Victor Colage

Monday, July 27th
Willie Cox
Tiffany Mayes

Friday, July 31st
Robert Mariano

Tuesday, July 28th
David & Skye Brown (Ann.)
Joy Cantrell

Saturday, August 1st
Darin & Brittany Summerlot (Ann.)



Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:50 a.m.**

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.**

Sunday Morning, July 26

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Beau Caviness
Singing
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Taylor Reeves

Serve at Table:

Michael Erickson	Namdidie Ikon
Tom Garrison	Orlando Lolo
Ryan Hankins	Steward Lynch
Jack Holoman	Tim Mahlbacher

Sunday Evening, July 26

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Bret Nesbitt
Scripture Reading Joe Maloney
Singing
Lord's Supper Tom Garrison
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Serve at Table:

Jack Holoman Trevin Roman

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Addison Collins

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, July 29

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Darin Summerlot
Family Prayer Dan Fuller

Our Record

Attendance	July 19	Jun Avg
Sun. Bible Study	155	149
Sun. AM Worship	224	257
Sun. PM Worship	109	96
Wed. Bible Study	112	115
Contribution	\$15,896	\$17,118

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$8,438

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

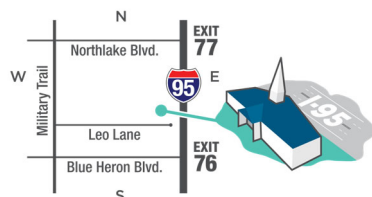
Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Robert Mariano
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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*Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.*



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: **Brent & Andrea Leslie**

Summer Series Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Because *He Lives*



Upcoming Lessons!

July 29

I Know He Reigns Right Now
Mauricio Yegros

August 5

I Know I Must Live a Holy Life
Kenneth Hill

August 12

I Know He Intercedes for Me
David Pharr

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