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Welcome
NEW MEMBERS



James Lang.....

(Baptized June 13)



His Kids
— Class —

♥ Love God. ✓ Obey God. 📖 Learn about God in the Bible. 👑 Live with God in Heaven in the end.

Resumes August 23!

Sundays at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 & up.
Meet in the front of the Auditorium.



By Dan Jenkins

When Chosen of the Chosen Chooses

The sovereignty of God empowered Him to chosen individuals, groups or nations to accomplish His plan. When the Jews left Egypt, God said to them, “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth” (Deut. 7:6). Read the rest of this paragraph to see that they were not chosen because they were better than others, but He chose them because of His sovereign right.

There were twelve tribes, and God, as His sovereign right, selected one tribe above all the rest to serve in Him at the temple. No other individual from any tribe had a right to enter the Holy Place or serve Him at His altars. The Lord said this about the place of the Levites, “For the Lord your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons forever” (Deut. 18:5).

Not all Levites were priests. They had to be males of a particular age and have no physical blemishes. Moses and David divided those qualified into twenty-four separate groups who came to the temple to serve for one week, about twice each year. There was one other vital stipulation, but before looking at it, take time to see the application of these truths.

Acceptable worship demands we come with “... all the desire of our mind”

Christianity is vastly different for every child of God is a priest in the Lord’s church. Peter says, “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 2:5). Hebrews chapter thirteen adds this to these truths, “Therefore by Him, let us continually offer the sacrifices of praises to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name...to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased” (vs. 15-16).

Now take another look at how God gave one more requirement for priests. “If a Levite comes... with all the desire of his mind to place which the Lord chooses, then he may serve in the name of the Lord his God” (Deut. 18:5-6). It was not enough for one to meet the tribal or physical qualifications in order to serve Him. These were external in their nature. He could meet every one of them but there was something more important. Look at the “if/then” nature of what is said. IF a Levite comes *with all the desire of his mind*, THEN he may serve in the name of the Lord. He could not serve acceptably unless such serve was *all the desire of his mind*!

We must never view those times when we come together to offer the fruit of our lips in worship without bringing all the desire of our hearts and souls as part of worship. Think soberly about it as you worship this week!



By David Sproule

“When Your Enemy Presses in Hard”

Jamie Owens-Collins penned some very meaningful hymn lyrics—meaningful to worshipers of all ages. It is a favorite song of many children, and the words ought to be a favorite of every adult. The beginning of the third verse comes to mind when reading about King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20.

Jehoshaphat was king of the southern kingdom of Judah for 25 years (20:31), and he made some progress in bringing “them back to the Lord God of their fathers” (19:4), from whom they had often strayed. In chapter 20, the nations of Moab, Ammon and others “came to battle against Jehoshaphat” in a “great multitude” (20:1-2). From a human perspective, it did not look good, and the king “was afraid” (20:3). So what did Jehoshaphat do? He did what every one of us need to do when things “don’t look good” for us!

He “set himself to seek the Lord” (20:3). Then, using his influence, he “gathered” the people together “to ask help from the Lord” and “to seek the Lord” (20:4). It was a full-court press to the throne—not the king’s throne but THE KING’S throne. With armies surrounding him, the lyrics to the third verse of the hymn seemed to flood his soul. “When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear.” Why not? “The battle belongs to the Lord.” Jehoshaphat knew that!

The battle belongs to the Lord!

Jehoshaphat stood before the people in the house of the Lord and he prayed. Jehoshaphat may have been afraid of the enemy armies, but he had tremendous faith in his God. Notice three things he knew about his God.

In the first part of the prayer, he said, “O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?” (20:6). This verse speaks of God’s PRESENT power, rule and activity in the lives of His people.

In the next part of the prayer, Jehoshaphat said, “Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?” (20:7). This verse speaks of God’s PAST power, rule and activity on behalf of His people.

In the final part of the prayer, he said, “O our God, will You not judge them?” (20:12). Notice this verse speaks of God’s FUTURE power, rule and activity for His people.

Yes! The battle belongs to the Lord! It belongs to the Lord who has proven in the PAST that He will work in the PRESENT to continue by our side into the FUTURE! Do you trust Him enough to say, “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You” (20:12)? He will fight with you and for you!



By Robert Lupo

The Purpose of Baptism

Baptism is an undeniable part of Christianity. However, depending on which denomination someone ascribes to, the purpose can vary greatly. Is baptism for the remission of sins? Is baptism just an outward showing of inner faith? Or is baptism simply a good thing to do? The answer must be found in the scriptures. It cannot be God's will that we should be left in the dark about an issue that could mean the difference between eternal life and death. "God is not the author of confusion" (1 Cor 14:33, NKJV).

The first place we read about baptism in the Bible is in the gospel accounts. "John came baptizing in the wilderness..." as Mark 1:4 says, "...and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." Here we read what John did and what its purpose was, which is repeated verbatim in Luke 3:3. "Remission" means "pardon" or "forgiveness." In other words, the purpose of John's baptism was to forgive sins.

Now, let's go to the beginning of the church. In Acts chapter 2, we see that baptism is spoken of in its very first sermon. Peter is speaking before the multitude in Jerusalem, proclaiming the gospel. He tells them that today is the day spoken of by the prophet Joel, when "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved," (v. 21) has come to pass. He then

proves to them through the scriptures and by miracles that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, and they are guilty of His crucifixion. In fear, the multitude asks, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (v. 37). Peter replies, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (v. 38). It is the same purpose as John's baptism! Only this time, the sin needing to be forgiven is the killing of the Son of God.

Can any man be saved so long as he is guilty of sin?

On the Day of Pentecost, the multitudes were asking the same question every believer asks. Peter gave them the answer. To repent and be baptized. Why? For what purpose? Peter says, "...for the remission of sins." Can any man be saved so long as he is guilty of sin? Certainly not. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23). Peter continued, "'Be saved from this perverse generation.' Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (vs. 40-41). Peter told them to be saved, and their answer was to be baptized that very same day.

Baptism is not just a good idea. The purpose of Baptism is to save souls. Later, Peter wrote, "There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism." He calls it "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Pet 3:21). The door of salvation has been opened for you. What will your answer be?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

But You

Most Bible translations have a superscription at the beginning of Psalm 102 that reads something like this: "A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the Lord." The psalmist truly does pour his complaint to the Lord in this psalm, but I want you to see His confidence, His trust, His solid faith in the midst of his trials. Three times in this psalm, you will read the words, "But You." The contrast is vivid—in the face of ongoing turmoil, there is GOD!

Look in verse 11: "My days are like a shadow that lengthens, and I wither away like grass." The writer's days were nearing an end, "But You, O LORD, shall endure forever" (102:12). At the end of the psalm, there is recognition that the earth "will perish, but You will endure" (102:26). The earth and heavens "will all grow old like a garment...and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end" (102:26-27).

Things may look bad around us. The end may come before we are ready. Where is our faith? Is it firmly in "But You!"? —DS



A word we don't like but God uses it

In our modern, flex-my-rights, you-can't-tell-me-what-to-do, just-stay-out-of-my-way, I-know-better-than-you society, we don't like the word "submit," but we need to know what God has to say about that word, since He can tell me what to do and does know better than me!

We like the idea that God's enemies should "submit" to Him (Psa. 66:3; cf. Deut. 33:29), and we likely believe that children should be "in submission" (1 Tim. 3:4) and that "younger people" should "submit" to their "elders" (1 Pet. 5:5). But how else does God use this word?

"Wives" are to "submit to [their] own husbands" (Col. 3:18; cf. Eph. 5:22; 1 Pet. 3:1), and women are to in "submission" in the church (1 Tim. 2:11). God tells Christians to "Obey those who rule over you (i.e., the elders), and be submissive" (Heb. 13:17). In fact, Christians are to "be submissive to one another" (1 Pet. 5:5), "in the fear of God" (Eph. 5:21). Likewise, we are to "submit...to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake" (1 Pet. 2:13). Which of these apply today? All of them, as we all seek to "submit to God" (Jas. 4:7). Like the word or not, God commands it! —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	recovering at home from carotid artery surgery
Skye Brown	having extended pain from lung cancer surgery
Sandy DeVall	dealing with severe pain
Beth Fry	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Lynne Jorgensen	dealing with health issues
Haven O'Hanlon	seeing a specialist for her brain bleed
Pat Patterson	severe case of gout
Isolyn Sinclair	struggling with pain in her knee
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments
Samuel Williams	in and out of the hospital, struggling with his health

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
Bill Ingram, Jr.	advanced Alzheimer's
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Patterson Alexander	Jean Archer's brother, recovering from surgery
Lillian Cunningham	Mary Brown's sister, recovering from surgery
Tim Deem	Allison Roman's brother, blood clots in both lungs
James DiNetta	Tom DiNetta's son, recovering from hip surgery
Laura Griffin	Jennifer Goodale's mother, breast cancer
Tania Llarena	Islay Rodriguez's sister, undergoing chemo for cancer
DeRita Summerlot	Darin Summerlot's mother, shoulder surgery

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, August 24

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult 3.

Tuesday, August 25

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

Friday, August 28

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Room. The theme is "An Apple for the Teacher." Please bring an apple inspired potluck dish to share. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for details.

Sunday, August 30

- ♦ **Wayne Parker Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Saturday, September 5

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Gathering.** See John Hoelzer for more details.

Sunday, September 6

- ♦ **Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home Begins.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards by Sunday, October 4 and place them in the box in the Lobby.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, September 7

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Saturday, September 12

- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brenda Collier. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18. See Beth Fry or Traci Sproule for more details.



YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, September 6

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

Friday, September 11

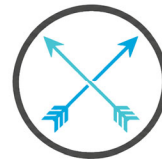
- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. See Ivan Villard for more details.

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. at Juno Beach. Breakfast will be at Juno Beach Café. See Ivan Villard for more details.
- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. All Jr. High, Sr. High & Young Adults are invited. See Robert Lupo for more details.



YOUTH & FAMILY

Sunday, August 23

- ♦ **His Kids Class Begins Again** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.

Sunday, August 30

- ♦ **RUSH Deadline for Grades 8-12.** Cost is \$40 per person plus money for meals. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby and pay Robert Lupo by August 30.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services** at 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, September 6

- ♦ **His Kids Class** 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 b Owen Miley b Naum Villard	3	4 a Gary & Doris Friedly b Brittany Summerlot b Marty Williams	5 ☆ Widows & Widowers Gathering
6 ☆ Gift Cards for Mount Dora Begins ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Derrick Banks	7 ☆ Men's Meet b Bill Ingram b Scott Lewis b Daniel Wagner	8 b Trinity Franck b Can Margarini b Verdell March	9	10	11 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss	12 ☆ MOM Group Dinner & Devotional b Darin Summerlot
13 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High Family Devo	14 b Josh Blackmer b Taylor Hayes	15	16 a Justilien & Adelene Honore b Peggy Hall	17 b Robert Lupo b Lisa Metzkes b Sadie Myrie	18 b Marcia Kelley	19 ☆ Teacher Appreciation Banquet b Justilien Honore
20 ☆ Friends & Family Day with Eric Garner ☆ 2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin	21	22 b Luann McLeod	23	24	25 b Paul Davidson b Dan Fuller	26 ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon b Ophelia Holmes b Gary Jenkins b Vincent Rogers
RUSH Weekend at FHU: Grades 8-12 (September 24-27)						
27 ☆ New Member's Orientation Class ☆ His Kids Class	28	29 b Judy Bird b Angelica Fernandez b Bobby Shelton	30 b Calissa Hodges			

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 16

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Maria Brinckerhoff; Mr. Joseph Dolan; Mr. Eugene Edwards; Mr. Richard Gathright; Miss Lauren Griffiths; Ms. Helen Knight; Mr. Rai Masuda; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. Clayton & Raquel Parnell; and Ms. Jean Powers.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Jacqueline Parker and Ms. Carmen Perez.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, August 23rd
Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)
Skye Brown
Tom Garrison
Cristian Suarez

Thursday, August 27th
Allison Snyder

Saturday, August 29th
Jordan Beasley
Amira Hill

Monday, August 24th
Turkessa Staley



FAMILY PHOTOS

Sunday, August 30

All members are encouraged to update your family photo after morning worship or before evening worship in the Family Room.



Wayne Parker

MISSION REPORT

Sunday, August 30

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, August 23

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Dan McLeod
Scripture Reading Ed Buonadonna
Singing
Lord's Supper Freddie Gadson
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Serve at Table:

Gorman Ericksen	Can Margarini
Ed Gager	Wilton Moorner
James Green	Cristian Suarez
David Lord	Dirk Summerlot

Sunday Evening, August 23

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reading Darin Summerlot
Singing
Lord's Supper Paul Metzkes
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer John Hoelzer

Serve at Table:

Islay Rodriguez Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Addison Collins

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, August 26

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Islay Rodriguez
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Aug 16	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	133	146
Sun. AM Worship	189	223
Sun. PM Worship	79	109
Wed. Bible Study	119	115
Contribution	\$17,096	\$16,288

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,460

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

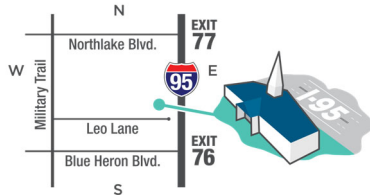
Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & Bobby Shelton
Safety Team for this week: Chuck Reeves, Jr.



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.



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