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*Be Still*  
— and —  
*Know*

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By Dan Jenkins

## “John the Baptist Was Demon Possessed”

His first appearance was as “the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight’” (Matt. 3:3). The Jewish world could not ignore him, and all the people of that first-century world had to decide if he should be ignored. He did no miracles to attract them (John 10:41), yet he could not be ignored. He did not fit into their culture—his clothes were made of camel’s hair and his diet consisted of eating locusts and wild honey. You know his name because John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming of Jesus.

It had been almost five centuries since there had been a prophet to speak for God to His chosen people. Then it happened. There was this prophet who dressed like Elijah, whose message stirred the nation. In the last book of the Old Testament, God told the Jews that someday that someone would come and have this impact before the coming of the Messiah (Mal. 3:1).

Jesus said about John that of all the people ever born, none of them surpassed John in God’s measure of greatness (Matt. 11:11)—not even Abraham, David, Elijah, Daniel, Noah or even Enoch who walked so closely with God. He was known by all the religious leaders of the first century and even preached to royalty. It should not surprise us to read that the

Scriptures said, “All counted John to have been a prophet indeed” (Mark 11:32).

However, some rejected the truth and tried to keep John from having such an impact. Jesus described these religious leaders’ reaction as John was making the nation live closer to God. “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’” (Matt. 11:18). Men in darkness hate the light of the righteous who are among them and when they cannot answer the message, they attack the messenger. John was accused of being possessed by a demon!

**When you  
cannot answer  
the message,  
attack the  
messenger.**

I remember years ago when a young Christian in New Zealand said to one of the missionaries who had taught him, “There is no way anyone can deal with the truth you have shown me. So, my advice to you is to keep your car washed.” The truth of the message from heaven cuts men to the heart and those who loved truth on Pentecost responded by asking to learn more, for they had been cut to the heart (Acts 2:37). Not long afterward, other men were cut to the heart and stoned Stephen (Acts 7:54).

Aren’t you glad that God looks at us differently? Aren’t you glad that the only judgment that really matters is God’s and not those men that pass on us?



By David Sproule

## Are You Fully Clothed?

When you pack to go on a trip, there are always a variety of garments that you need to pack, depending on the trip and the plans for each trip. You usually need to think ahead and then plan accordingly.

When you are packing to go to heaven, there are specific garments that God tells you that you need, and then other garments that God tells you that you do not need. You definitely need to think ahead, decide how important it is to you to reach your destination of heaven, and then plan your daily wardrobe accordingly.

Look at how the apostle Paul discusses this very subject in Colossians 3. He urges the Christians to set their sights on “those things which are above” in heaven (3:1-2), and reminds them of their ultimate goal to “appear with [Christ] in glory” (3:4). In order for that to happen, he tells them that there are some fleshly garments that must be “put off” (3:8-11). In fact, he urges them to not only “put off” certain garments but to “put to death” and bury them (3:5-7). Then, having rid themselves of those “old man” garments, there are some “new man” garments with which they must immediately be clothed. Since they are “the elect of God” and “holy” and “beloved” in His sight, these are the things they will want to “put on” (3:12-14).

**When you are  
packing to go to  
heaven...**

**“Put on tender mercies.”** Every Christian needs a heart of pity and compassion for others, as Jesus did (Matt. 9:36). Put it on.

**“Put on kindness.”** Every Christian needs to bear the kindness of Jesus (Eph. 4:32; 2:7). Put it on.

**“Put on humility.”** Every Christian needs to possess a lowliness of mind like Jesus (Phil. 2:3-5). Put it on.

**“Put on meekness.”** Every Christian needs the gentleness of Jesus (Matt. 11:28-30). Put it on.

**“Put on longsuffering.”** Every Christian needs the patience of Jesus (2 Pet. 3:9). Put it on.

**“Put on tolerance.”** Every Christian needs to bear with others like Jesus (Rom. 3:25). Put it on.

**“Put on forgiveness.”** Every Christian needs to forgive others like Jesus (Eph. 4:32). Put it on.

**“Put on love.”** Every Christian needs to unselfishly, unconditionally and sacrificially put the needs of others above His own, just like Jesus (1 John 3:16). Put it on.

There is not one piece of Christian clothing here that is optional! And, it is not sufficient to merely have these in your wardrobe—you must have them “on” constantly! If you’re planning a trip to heaven to be with Jesus for all of eternity, you need to make sure that you’re clothed like Him.



By Robert Lupo

## 4 Things You Can Pray for Our Youth

We worry about our youth. We worry about the world they live in. We worry about the challenges they face. We worry about their future in the church. And we worry that we can't do anything to help.

The good news is that if you are worrying about our young people, then you are already in a perfect position to impact their lives in a powerful way. All you need is a tried-and-true method to get started. Not only is this method fool-proof, but it is also easy to do! All you have to do is start praying for them. That's right! Start praying for them daily and start praying for them by name. Kneel before the Lord and lift these worries up to the God who is willing and able to answer them.

But you may ask, "What should I pray for?" I'm glad you asked! Let's look at four things you can pray for our youth. If you start asking the Lord to intercede in these areas, you will begin making a real impact on their lives.

Pray for **boldness in sharing faith**. Young Christians bear the same responsibility to make disciples of all the nations as any Christian (cf. Matt. 28:19-20). However, they need encouragement to overcome the tendency of timidity. If we pray for their boldness, our God will give it to them. As Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

...stop worrying  
and start making  
a difference...

Pray for **wisdom in friendships**. Choosing friends is a struggle that every generation has dealt with. And we understand the consequences of choosing wrong. "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed" (Prov. 13:20). If we pray for our youth to rely on godly wisdom to choose Christian friends, our God will give it to them.

Pray for **purity**. Our world is filled with filth and vulgarity. Our youth must take great care to avoid the evil influences around them. But, like Timothy, they can be an example to their peers if they strive for purity. "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12). If we pray for our youth to be pure, then our God will empower them to be pure.

Pray for **growth in God's Word**. Nothing will help our youth more than if they make God's Word a bigger part of their lives. "[God's] word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psa. 119:105). Without it, they will be lost. If we pray for our youth to grow in God's Word, then our God will give them that desire.

Thanks to the gift of prayer, we can stop worrying and start making a difference in our young people's lives. If we will spend time lifting their names to the Lord, all these things will be added to them.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### You're not busier than Jesus!

We complain (maybe brag sometimes) about how busy we are. It's almost a necessity (or badge of honor) to appear that "I'm busier than ever" and "busier than most." And because we are "so busy," sometimes we "just can't" do some things that we "need to do," even if they are integral parts of living a Christ-centered, Christ-like life. Let me ask you—Do you think there has ever been a person on earth busier than Jesus? Did He have just a few things to get done in His short life? Did He have a lot of people demanding His time and attention?

Yet, Jesus found time to pray (Luke 5:16; 6:12), time to seek lost souls (John 4:1-42), time to gather with God's people for worship and Bible study (Luke 4:16-27), time to eat with brethren (John 21:1-14), time to teach (Mark 14:49), time to help (Acts 10:38), time to comfort (John 11:17-37), time to encourage (John 21:15-19), time to serve (John 13:1-17), time for children (Mark 10:13-16), time to forgive (Luke 23:34), etc.

If you're too busy to do the things integral to being like Jesus, you're too busy! — DS



### What Bible teacher do you rely on?

Too many Christians rely on their favorite preacher to explain the Bible to them! Or maybe it's their favorite podcaster or social media "scholar." Whoever their "Bible expert" is, they listen to him, follow him, rely on him, and then believe whatever he leads them to believe (even if he never intended for such to happen).

Read 2 Timothy 2:15. I love the first word in the King James Version—"Study." Other translations have, "Be diligent." In the context of Bible study, that word is an imperative (meaning, it is a command of God), and it is second person singular. "Singular" means that it is pointed straight at you. In order to "present yourself" (singular, pointing straight at you) "approved to God," you need to be that "worker" (singular, pointing straight at you) who is "handling aright the word of truth."

God doesn't say, "Rely on others." God says, "Get into the book yourself! Study it! Be diligent!" God is going to hold you accountable for you! The God who gave you the Bible gave you your own brain to understand it. Get busy using both of those together! — DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

|                         |                                                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Jimmie Banks</b>     | fractured a bone in his knee                        |
| <b>Mary Coombs</b>      | dealing with some health issues                     |
| <b>Tom DiNetta</b>      | recovering from heart ablation                      |
| <b>Eva Fulton</b>       | dealing with high blood pressure issues             |
| <b>Charlene Knowles</b> | begins treatments on her nose in November           |
| <b>Verdell March</b>    | dealing with issues with her ears                   |
| <b>Kathy Nelson</b>     | awaiting medical test results                       |
| <b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>  | undergoing medical testing for her severe back pain |
| <b>Amy West</b>         | recovering from a medical procedure                 |

## Ongoing Health Issues

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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

|                       |                                                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Kari Carden</b>    | Chuck Reeves' sister, undergoing radiation treatments   |
| <b>Donald Coe</b>     | Linda Coe's father, hospitalized, undergoing tests      |
| <b>Laura Griffin</b>  | Jennifer Goodale's mother, recovering from cancer surg. |
| <b>Michael Newman</b> | Lorena Pittman's brother, now recovering at home        |

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

## 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

## Sunday, November 1

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Monday, November 2

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.
- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult 3.

## Tuesday, November 3

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

## Wednesday, November 4

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of Anchored.

## Thursday-Sunday, November 5-8

- ♦ **Anchored: "Be Still and Know."**

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| Thursday, Nov. 5 | 7:00 p.m.             |
| Friday, Nov. 6   | 7:00 p.m.             |
| Saturday, Nov. 7 | 2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. |

(Bring drinks & desserts for Corn Roast)

## Thursday-Sunday, November 5-8 (cont.)

- ♦ **Anchored: "Be Still and Know."**

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday, Nov. 8 | 9:00 a.m. Bible Class |
|                | 10:00 a.m. Worship    |

## Sunday, November 8

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Thursday, November 12

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. See Lisa Metzkes or Traci Sproule for more details.

## Saturday, November 14

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Sunday, November 15

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Sunday, November 22

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.



## YOUNG ADULTS

## Monday, November 2

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

## Saturday, November 14

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Thursday, December 3

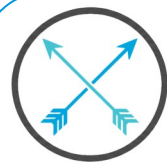
- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci Sproule for more details.

## Saturday, December 5

- ♦ **Young Adults Baking Cookies** at 9:30 a.m. Come and help bake cookies, then help the Grades 5 & under children decorate them.

## Friday, December 11

- ♦ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Brent & Lindsey McPherson. See Ivan for more details.



## YOUTH & FAMILY

## Sunday, November 1

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

## Sunday, November 15

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring drinks and desserts to share.

## Wednesday, November 18

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** after Bible study. We will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that we will deliver on Sunday, November 22.

## Sunday, November 22

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if needed). Meet in the Family Room after morning worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Robert Lupo know if you can help by being a driver.

# A Passage A Day

*Keeps me on the Lord's way*

## A ONE-YEAR STUDY THROUGH THE *Life of Christ* IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

### For the Month of *November*

**November 1:** John 15:1-11

Jesus Teaches About the Vine and Branches

**November 2:** John 15:12-17

Jesus Teaches About Being His Friends

**November 3:** John 15:18-16:4

Jesus Teaches About Being Hated By the World

**November 4:** John 16:5-15

Jesus Teaches About the Work of the Spirit with the Apostles

**November 5:** John 16:16-24

Jesus Teaches That Sorrow at His Departure Will Be Turned into Joy

**November 6:** John 16:25-33

Jesus Teaches About His Victory Over the World

**November 7:** John 17:1-5

Jesus Prays for Himself, That He Might Be Glorified

**November 8:** John 17:6-19

Jesus Prays for the Apostles

**November 9:** John 17:20-26

Jesus Prays for Future Believers

**November 10:** Matthew 26:36-46; John 18:1

Matthew's Account of Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

**November 11:** Mark 14:32-42

Mark's Account of Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

**November 12:** Luke 22:39-46

Luke's Account of Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

**November 13:** Matthew 26:47-56

Matthew's Account of Jesus Being Betrayed, Arrested and Forsaken

**November 14:** Mark 14:43-52

Mark's Account of Jesus Being Betrayed, Arrested and Forsaken

**November 15:** Luke 22:47-53

Luke's Account of Jesus Being Betrayed, Arrested and Forsaken

**November 16:** John 18:2-12

John's Account of Jesus Being Betrayed, Arrested and Forsaken

**November 17:** John 18:13-14, 19-24

Jesus' First Jewish Trial Before Annas

**November 18:** Matthew 26:57-68; Luke 22:54, 63-65

Matthew and Luke's Accounts of Jesus' Second Jewish Trial Before Caiaphas

**November 19:** Mark 14:53-65

Mark's Account of Jesus' Second Jewish Trial Before Caiaphas

**November 20:** Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72

Matthew and Mark's Accounts of Peter Denying Jesus Three Times

**November 21:** Luke 22:55-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27

Luke and John's Accounts of Peter Denying Jesus Three Times

**November 22:** Matthew 27:1; Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66-71

Jesus' Third Jewish Trial Before the Sanhedrin

**November 23:** Matthew 27:3-10

Judas Returns the Betrayal Money and Hangs Himself

**November 24:** John 18:28-38

John's Account of Jesus' First Roman Trial Before Pilate

**November 25:** Matt. 27:2, 11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:1-5

Matthew, Mark and Luke's Accounts of Jesus' First Roman Trial Before Pilate

**November 26:** Luke 23:6-12

Jesus' Second Roman Trial Before Herod

**November 27:** Matthew 27:15-26

Matthew's Account of Jesus' Third Roman Trial Before Pilate

**November 28:** Mark 15:6-15

Mark's Account of Jesus' Third Roman Trial Before Pilate

**November 29:** Luke 23:13-25

Luke's Account of Jesus' Third Roman Trial Before Pilate

**November 30:** John 18:39-40; 19:4-15

John's Account of Jesus' Third Roman Trial Before Pilate

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
October 25

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Monday, November 2

Trish Clark  
Michelle Franck  
Isolyn Sinclair

Wednesday, November 4

Phil Porter

Thursday, November 5

Brent Leslie

Thursday, November 5 (cont.)

Maxine McCoy  
Susie Spurlock

Friday, November 6th

Trudie Holland

Saturday, November 7th

Idara Ikon

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Josue Charles; Mr. Wyatt Dickerson; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Lambert Harris; Ms. Rosalette Harris; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Nancy Meyer; Mr. Nathan Norwood; and Ms. Margaret Pujals.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Lauren Campbell, Pembroke Pines, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Shirley Edwards, Beaverton, Ontario; Mrs. Laura Griffin, Belle Glade, FL; Mr. Will Isidort, Sandford, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Nancy Jones, Columbus, GA; Mrs. Mary Alice Moorner, Port Orange, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Tray & Karen Norwood, Winchester, TN; Miss Regina Maria Preston, Columbus, OH; and Mr. Peter Williams, Orlando, FL.



**Saturday night,  
October 31**

*Set your clocks back  
one hour.*



# Shepherds Praying

**Sundays in November  
at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.**

## 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, November 1

Opening Prayer ..... Dan McLeod  
Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Scripture Reading ..... Islay Rodriguez  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Dan Jenkins  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Michael Erickson

Serve at Table:

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| M. Brinckerhoff  | Jim Rogers     |
| Kingsley Gardner | Vincent Rogers |
| Kameron Heitler  | Joseph Snyder  |
| John Patrick     | Marty Williams |

### Sunday Evening, November 1

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Ivan Villard  
Scripture Reading ..... Vincent Rogers  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Jeff Goodale  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

Kane Campbell      Islay Rodriguez

Audio this week: Jack Holoman

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

### Thursday Evening, November 5

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Invitation ..... David Decker  
Family Prayer ..... David Sproule

## Our Record

| Attendance       | Oct. 25  | Sep. Avg |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 135      | 150      |
| Sun. AM Worship  | 231      | 234      |
| Sun. PM Worship  | 98       | 98       |
| Wed. Bible Study | 98       | 97       |
| Contribution     | \$14,699 | \$17,000 |

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$3,254

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

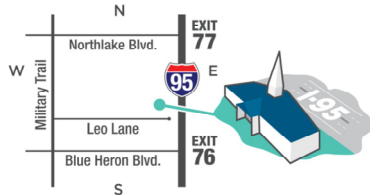
Ushers for this week: James Green & Rick Hall  
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



# 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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BETTER IS A LITTLE WITH  
THE FEAR OF THE LORD



THAN GREAT TREASURE  
AND TROUBLE WITH IT.

≡ PROVERBS 15:16 ≡