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Welcome NEW MEMBERS



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(Identified November 15)





By Dan Jenkins

A Door of Hope

It's a sad story but it is true. She had been married to him for many years, and most of them were not what you could call good years. He really loved her and did all he could to make their times together special. Because he was able, he gave her lavish gifts. However, instead of sharing these gifts to make their lives better she took them and shared them with other men in her life. She became more distant from him and went from one stranger to another seeking happiness. She finally got tired of chasing other men and considered returning to her husband—not because she really wanted to change, she just expected him to take her back as if nothing ever happened. There was no remorse for how she had hurt him—she just wanted him to give her more lavish gifts.

What lessons are to be learned in the Valley of Achor, a door of hope?

It is a true story but not one that describes events in our day. Jehovah was the husband, and Israel was the bride. Read the first two chapters of Hosea, God's messenger to this nation who had been married to God. Hosea could look back at the centuries of this unfaithful "wife" and see the vivid details. God brought his bride out of Egypt and showered Israel with blessings. She violated the covenant she had made with Him, "…though I was a husband to them, says the Lord" (Jer. 31:32). She refused to give her "husband" that which she had promised. She turned from Him and committed spiritual adultery with idols after idols. Read the first few verses of Hosea chapter two to see all this vividly described.

Was there any hope for this marriage? Hosea was one of the final prophets to the northern kingdom of Israel. God was about to destroy this nation for their unfaithfulness to the vows they had made. In His final word, He said, "I will allure her…and speak comfort to her. I will give her vineyards" (Hos. 2:14-15). There was hope, and God said it would be found in the Valley of Achor, as a door of hope. If she would enter through that door, He said, "She shall sing there. As in the days of her youth when she came up from the land of Egypt…you will call me 'My husband.'"

What historical event happened at Achor, and what lessons are to be learned from this event? To see this go back almost a thousand years where this valley was first mentioned. In that valley you would find a mound of stones piled up where Achan and his entire family had been stoned. Achan sinned by taking the spoils from Jericho and decisive judgment came against him. Take time to consider how the stones in that valley apply to us. Sin cannot be overlooked and all this is shown by that pile of stones!



By David Sproule

When My Outside Reflects My Inside

Jesus clearly identified the heart as the internal source of man's words and man's behaviors. We often think of this in the negative sense. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matt. 15:19). "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matt. 12:34). "...An evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil" (Luke 6:45).

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good

Jesus made it clear that evil words and evil deeds come forth from an evil heart. Thus, to truly transform our evil words and deeds, we must effectively transform our heart. We must change our inmost desires, our inmost thoughts, our inmost character. Only then will our words and deeds follow.

As much as that is true in the negative, it is just as true in the positive sense. In order to say the things that God wants me to say and do the things that God wants me to do, it must start from within. I will not be able to effectively maintain a Christian life on the outside unless it is my inmost desire and inmost character on the inside, for "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good" (Luke 6:45). Let's see if we can make some real-life applications of that.

We are commanded to forgive one another (Luke 17:3; Eph. 4:32). Sometimes we struggle to do that, and sometimes we quibble about when and how we are to do that. But before I can ever forgive someone in my words or actions, I must first develop a forgiving heart. Then it becomes much easier! Do I have forgiveness in my heart?

We are commanded to "give thanks" in "everything" (1 Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:20). Sometimes we struggle to do that as we should. But before I can ever express thanks in my words or actions, I must first develop a heart of gratitude. Then it becomes much easier! Do I have thanksgiving in my heart?

We are commanded to teach the gospel to the lost world (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19-20). Sometimes we struggle to do that, and we really have to push ourselves to try. But seeking and teaching lost souls (in my outward actions) becomes much easier when I have a heart of compassion for those who are lost in the eyes of God! Do I have deep pity for the lost in my heart?

Think through what Christians are commanded to do. We may see some of that as a checklist from God of things that "we have to do." But, when my heart WANTS to do what God WANTS me to do, then my words and actions will follow much more easily. God's wisdom says, "Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).



By Robert Lupo

It's Not What You Feel, It's What You Know

I have asked many people, especially teenagers, why they haven't been baptized. I've received many responses to that question. Sometimes it's just, "I don't know." Other times it's, "I don't think I'm ready." But, often, the answer is, "I will when it feels right." This answer should be expected in the world we live in.

Our culture constantly tells us to follow your heart, go with your gut, or trust your feelings. When your heart is guided by the words of God, these can be helpful reminders. On the other hand, if the heart is trusted in the absence of Biblical teaching, you can easily be led astray. God says in Jeremiah 17:8, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" Our feelings are not trustworthy because they are heavily influenced by our physical desires. Don't base the most important decision of your life on an untrustworthy source.

...feelings are not trustworthy...

Let me be clear. The heart is incredibly important in the decision to become a Christian. When the first Christians obeyed the gospel in Acts 2:37, the Bible says they were "…cut to the heart…" when they understood that their sin killed the Son of God. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 7:10, "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation…" Notice that in both verses, the heart is not moved by a momentary, fleeting feeling, but by hard facts: the guilt of Jesus' death and the truth about sin. So, if you don't yet know how you feel about being baptized, consider what you do know.

You know that all men sin and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). Everyone has told lies, spoken hateful things, and done things they know are wrong. We are guilty of sin. If you know you are a sinner, then you know you need to be forgiven.

You know that the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). God told Adam and Eve that the day they disobeyed God they would die. When sin entered the world, death entered with it. Paul says, "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men" (Rom. 5:12). If you know that your actions will be judged, then you know that you need to be saved.

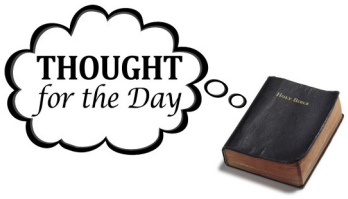
You know that baptism washes away sins (Acts 22:16). When Paul was blind and waiting in Damascus, he was ready to accept whatever remedy Christ would give for his sinful actions. Ananias came and told him that baptism is what would cleanse him of his guilt. If you know that baptism will save you from eternal destruction, then you know it's time to stop waiting and be baptized.

Articles Published in **PBL Family News Emails** Last Week

I'm taking the weekend off

How many Christians, even the "faithfulest" of the faithful, can have a busy week that keeps them running in this direction and that direction, and they get to Friday and say, "I'm taking the weekend off. Not going anywhere. Need some down time at home. I'll get back to church stuff next weekend"?

Too many Christians today (sometimes even the "faithfulest" of the faithful) seem to have filled their lives with so many things that they lose sight of what is truly the most important…what is truly our purpose here…what is truly non-negotiable for a child of God.



Fellow Christian, even after 2,000 years and even after the advancement of all of our technologies and the increase in all of our opportunities and responsibilities of living life, Jesus still says that His church must be "first" in our lives (Matt. 6:33). Does that include worshiping with the church (Heb. 10:24-25)? Yes. But, "the kingdom of God and His righteousness" includes every facet of my relationship with Jesus. If it is not first, He will not accept any other ranking or placement. We should be "taking off" from everything else FOR HIM. – *DS*

Who hardened the heart?

A question has long been asked, "Who hardened Pharaoh's heart? What is Pharaoh or was it God?" The question is asked because some verses say, "Pharaoh hardened his heart" (Ex. 8:15, 32; 9:34; 1 Sam. 6:6), and some verses say, "The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart" (Ex. 9:12; 10:20, 27; 11:10; 14:8). The Biblical answer is—both. God (through Moses) told Pharaoh the Divine will, with clear instructions, on multiple occasions. God initiated the interface, and it can be accurately stated that the repeated communication of God's will hardened Pharaoh. But, Pharaoh was responsible himself, of his own free will, for deciding to resist the commands of God; and thus, hardening his heart against God and the will of God was Pharaoh's own doing.

Is there application today? Sometimes a preacher can encourage members, from God's Word, to do things that are in line with the will of God, but sometimes it can appear that some individuals become even more determined to resist. Why? Is it the preacher's fault? Or have they hardened their hearts against whatever is being taught with firm determination to continue to resist…no matter what? Please, give this some thought. – *DS*



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	recovering at home from surgery on his knee
Mary Coombs	recovering from her medical procedure
Beth Fry	fell recently and is having terrible back pain
Lynne Jorgensen	struggling with health issues
Charlene Knowles	undergoing more tests on her nose



Gwen Lyons, upon the passing of her mother, Frankie Lyons, on Wednesday, November 18.

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with cancer
Ken Tipton	Cara Blackmer's father, heart stent procedure on 11/20

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
Kasandra Jones	Samuel Williams
Owen Miley	Evetta Wilson



Church Family Calendar OF Events

Sunday, November 22

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

Monday, November 23

- **No Monday Night Bible Study**. Class will resume in January 2027.

Tuesday, November 24

- **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study**. Class will resume in January 2027.

Wednesday, November 25

- **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All classes will meet in the auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 29

- **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo 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.

Monday, December 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, December 12

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

Sunday, December 13

- **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults.
- **Devotional Led by His Kids Boys** at 5:45 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and hear the young boys lead singing, read scripture and present a short lesson.

YOUNG ADULTS

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. All young adults are encouraged to come and help bake cookies, then help the Grades 5 & under children decorate them. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Monday, December 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.

Friday, December 11

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

YOUTH & FAMILY

Sunday, November 22

- **No His Kids Class.**

Sunday, November 29

- **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo for more details.

Friday-Sunday, December 4-6

- **Youth Rally hosted by Sebring Parkway** for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Michael Clarke will be speaking on *"Keep On."* See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, December 5

- **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room. There will be food, games and more! Please RSVP and sign up to bring a food item by December 3. See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, December 6

- **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up.

Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	**2** b Steward Lynch	**3** ☆ **Ladies' Soup Supper**	**4** b Guadalupe Tipton **Youth Rally hosted by Sebring Pkwy**	**5** ☆ **Young Adults Baking Cookies** ☆ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** b Troy Alberga b Adrienna Gadson b Janice Osborne
6 ☆ **His Kids Class** b Cara Blackmer	**7** ☆ **Men's Meet** b Jeannie Buonadonna b David Perez	**8**	**9**	**10** b Carolina Alvarenga	**11** ☆ **Young Adult Holiday Party**	**12** ☆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** ☆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** a Robert & Reanna Lupo b Charlene Knowles
13 ☆ **CYC Sign-Up Deadline** ☆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** ☆ **His Kids Class** ☆ **Devotional Led by His Kids Boys**	**14** b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18** a Rick & Melinda Price	**19** a Victor & Sandy Colage b Patricia Patterson b Mary Quinn
20 b Eugene Williams	**21** b Islay Rodriguez	**22** b Devin Eutsey b Dannette Margarini b Emma Reeves	**23** b Janice Cooley b David Lord	**24**	**25**	**26**
27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	**28** b Dick Kelley	**29** a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe	**30** ☆ **Young Families & Jr. High Bible Card Trading & Treats** b Ashley Balfour	**31** ☆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lock-In**		

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

Members Traveling this week



Thank You for worshiping with us

Sunday, November 15

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Nancy Baker; Mr. Josue Charles; Mr. Wyatt Dickerson; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; and Ms. Jean Powers.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Diane Burton, Elizabethtown, KY; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; and Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, November 22
Elizabeth Carter
Rosemarie Joseph

Monday, November 23
Richard & Marcia Kelley (Ann.)

Wednesday, November 25
Sue Hoelzer
Halle Wagner

Thursday, November 26
Orlando Lolo

Friday, November 27
Brent & Andrea Leslie (Ann.)
Gary Friedly

Saturday, November 28
Mike Damron
Aaron Ross





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 22

Singing ..... Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer ..... Dan Jenkins
Scripture Reading..... Kingsley Gardner
Singing
Lord's Supper ..... Jeff Leslie
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer ..... Kane Campbell

Serve at Table:

M. Brinckerhoff	John Patrick
Michael Erickson	Jim Rogers
James Green	Joseph Snyder
Sylvester Jackson	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, November 22

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer ..... Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading ..... Eugene Williams
Singing
Lord's Supper ..... Ivan Villard
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer ..... John Hoelzer

Serve at Table:

Rick Hall	Kameron Heitler

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Addison Collins
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, November 25

Singing ..... TBA
Invitation ..... TBA
Family Prayer ..... John Hoelzer

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Islay Rodriguez
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 15	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	137	146
Sun. AM Worship	222	230
Sun. PM Worship	98	90
Wed. Bible Study	78	105
Contribution	$18,077	$16,530

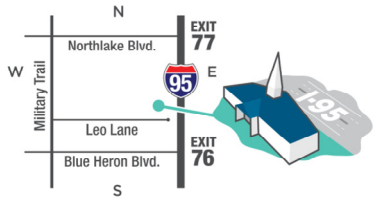
2026 Weekly Budget: $17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: $6,405

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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: **Dick & Marcia Kelley**

Walking WITH JESUS for 30 Days

Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

1	Matthew 1-Matthew 4	9	Matthew 27-Mark 1	17	Luke 6-Luke 7	24	Luke 24-John 2
2	Matthew 5-Matthew 7	10	Mark 2-Mark 4	18	Luke 8-Luke 9	25	John 3-John 5
3	Matthew 8-Matthew 10	11	Mark 5-Mark 7	19	Luke 10-Luke 11	26	John 6-John 7
4	Matthew 11-Matthew 13	12	Mark 8-Mark 10	20	Luke 12-Luke 14	27	John 8-John 10
5	Matthew 14-Matthew 17	13	Mark 11-Mark 13	21	Luke 15-Luke 18	28	John 11-John 13
6	Matthew 18-Matthew 21	14	Mark 14-Mark 16	22	Luke 19-Luke 21	29	John 14-John 17
7	Matthew 22-Matthew 24	15	Luke 1-Luke 2	23	Luke 22-Luke 23	30	John 18-John 21
8	Matthew 25-Matthew 26	16	Luke 3-Luke 5				