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By Dan Jenkins

"Weird" Thanksgiving Lists

Often during the celebration of this period of thanksgiving, we are reminded of just how blessed we are. Before eating together on this holiday, some families have a tradition where family members tell others something for which they are thankful. That's not a bad idea, for it makes us look upward before we look at the meal spread before us. However, because we are Christians and we look at the world differently from others, our lists may not be like theirs. This is because we walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).

We tend to only see the good in our lives and can so easily overlook the blessing that trials and adversity can bring. Paul looked beyond those positive blessings and said, "In everything give thanks" (1 Thess. 5:18). The English Standard Version reflects the original language saying, "Give thanks in all circumstances." We find it easy to be thankful when circumstances are good, but how can we possibly be thankful in all circumstances?

Paul saw his thorn in his flesh as a reason for joy.

Look at the description of the early church. Peter and John were arrested when they said it was Jesus who healed the crippled man. They were arrested twice and the second time they were not just threatened, they were beaten and told to never again speak about Jesus. How did they react? They left the Jewish council "…rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." We would never think about putting this on our lists of blessings. Yet they did.

James was one of the earliest epistles written to those "…who were scattered abroad," and perhaps this scattering came following the death of Stephen. "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials" (Jas. 1:2). Not just some trials—all trials! In our lives as Christians, we confront trials almost on a daily basis. Why should we count them as a matter of joy? Read the rest of this paragraph. "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith produces patience." When we patiently deal with adversity, God says the result is that we will be complete, lacking in nothing. Trials in our lives complete us and help us reach spiritual maturity. When daily trials come, count it as a matter of "all joy."

Paul had that thorn in the flesh, and he prayed again and again and again for God to remove it (2 Cor. 12:7-8). God refused to remove it saying, "My grace is sufficient for you." God knows what is best for us far better than we do. How did Paul react? He accepted whatever happened in his life and said, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses." He then gives us the key to such blessings so often missed on our Thanksgiving list. "For when I am weak, then am I strong." Take a look at your list.



By David Sproule

If I Died Tonight

"What is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (Jas. 4:14). Seeing that we all have an appointment with death (Heb. 9:27), and seeing that we have no idea on what day that appointment will come, we would all do well to learn to "number our days" (Psa. 90:12). That's not talking about figuring out the exact number, but it is shouting a reminder to us that whatever the number of our days might be—it is a finite...it is running out...it is gone before you realize it.

So, with all of that in mind, let me ask you a question—what if you died tonight? SOME of us may immediately dismiss the question, but death is a possibility tonight for ALL of us. So, what if you died tonight? What if you never work up tomorrow morning? That's a sobering thought!

What if you never work up tomorrow morning?

If you died tonight...would your family know how to get on and stay on the narrow path (Matt. 7:13-14)?

If you died tonight...would your children and grandchildren know what it looks like to put the church first above all other things in this life (Matt. 6:33)?

If you died tonight...would your friends, coworkers and neighbors know about Jesus and how to be saved from sin (Mark 16:15-16)?

If you died tonight...would those who have known you have a clear example of how to imitate Jesus in their own lives (1 Cor. 11:1)?

If you died tonight...would the church notice that there is an actively working part missing (Eph. 4:16)?

If you died tonight...would you already have trained someone to take your place in service to the Lord (Tit. 2:1-8)?

If you died tonight...would your absence from Bible study and worship be noticed right away (Heb. 10:24-25)?

If you died tonight...would there be widows and less-fortunate members with one less person checking on them (Jas. 1:27; Matt. 25:34-40)?

If you died tonight...would there be a well-worn, marked-up Bible that someone would really like to have (Psa. 1:2; 119:97; 2 Tim. 2:15)?

If you died tonight...would there be any Christians who had lost their major source of encouragement (Heb. 3:13; 1 Thess. 5:11)?

If you died tonight...would you be ready to stand before your Lord in judgment (2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27)?

Each of these questions is sobering! They reflect truly our purpose in this life. So, what is your life?



By Robert Lupo

If God Is One…I Must Love Him

Imagine what it was like the day Moses said to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!" Israel had spent over four generations in the land of Egypt (cf. Gen. 15:13; Exo. 12:40). They were raised in a polytheistic world that worshipped the Egyptian pantheon. To them, Egypt had their gods while Jehovah was theirs. But on this day, the words of Moses changed everything. The world is not ruled by many gods, but by the one, true, living God.

The truth of Moses' statement carries a weight for Israel that we sometimes fail to grasp. What does it mean for me if God is one? Well, look at Moses' next words in verse 5 of Deuteronomy 6. Moses says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Now, we know this verse very well. Jesus calls it the greatest commandment (Matt. 22:36-38). So, we teach our children to love God because "He first loved me" and "gave Himself for me." While this is certainly true, the reason to love God is far simpler. We must love the Lord our God because of His oneness. Before God sent His Son, before God brought Israel into the Promised Land, the command to love Him is founded in His supreme nature.

But Jehovah is not like any god devised my man.

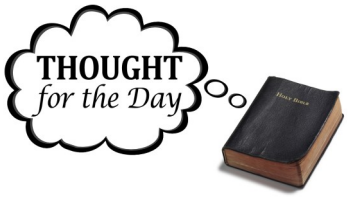
Consider how you might feel about a god in a world controlled by hundreds or thousands of gods. Each one of them rules a different, minute aspect of reality. In this world, there is no need to love any particular god because they are inherently limited. If you want your crops to grow, you might pray to the god of the rain. If your crops grow, you might give him your love so long as the crops continue. And if they don't, then perhaps you will pray to the god of the harvest and try your luck with him. In that world, the gods must earn your love.

But Jehovah is not like any god devised by man. As Paul said to the pagans of Athens in Acts 17:24-29, "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything…" The Lord is not limited to a small section of creation; He made it all! He made light shine in the nothingness, He carved the mountains and valleys, He brought forth all the animals of the land and sea, and He made it all for the man He made in His image (cf. Isa. 45:18). Everything we love and everything that sustains us comes from the God who is one. How can we help but love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength?

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

Stop giving!

The major task of the Israelites at Mount Sinai in the book of Exodus was the design and construction of the tabernacle. "All the congregation of the children of Israel" had a part in the work, to bring "a freewill offering to the Lord" for all the various parts of the tabernacle (Ex. 35:4, 29). These offerings were "commanded" by the Lord (35:4, 29; 36:5), and they were to be made from "a willing heart" (35:5, 29). When the children of Israel heard about this magnificent work of the Lord and the blessed opportunity to be part of it, their "heart was stirred" (35:21) so much that they brought "much more than enough" (36:5). In fact, they brought "too much," and they were "restrained" from bringing any more (36:6-7).



Oh, what a wonderful example! Have we been commanded to give? Yes (1 Cor. 16:1-2). From a willing heart? Yes (2 Cor. 9:7)! Do we give as "a grudging obligation" (9:5, 7)? Hopefully not! Do we "love" the Lord so much (8:8, 24) that we are "a cheerful giver" (9:7) and "freely willing" (8:3) to abound in "liberality" in our giving (8:2)? Hopefully so! Could we ever be told to "stop giving"? Hopefully not! – *DS*

Ten Reasons to Thank God

1. For His Unfailing Love (Psalm 136:1)
2. For His Abundant Mercy (Lamentations 3:22-23)
3. For His Amazing Grace (Ephesians 2:8-9)
4. For His Gift of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 9:15)
5. For His Wonderful Salvation (Psalm 13:5)
6. For His Inspired Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
7. For His Constant Presence (Hebrews 13:5-6)
8. For His Daily Provisions (Matthew 6:31-33)
9. For His Church and Our Brethren (Philippians 1:3-5)
10. For His Promise of Eternal Life (1 John 2:25)! – *DS*



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	St. Mary's (rm 2064), procedures & blood transfusions
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
David Lord	awaiting medical test results
Amy West	having bypass surgery on her leg on November 30

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

Richard Brown	David Brown's brother, gallbladder surg. complications
Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, Lawnwood Hospital, pneumonia
Diana MacArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, dealing with back pain
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with cancer
Ken Tipton	Cara Blackmer's father, recovering from procedure

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 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 details.

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

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

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.

Sunday, January 3

- **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!
- **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, January 4

- **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.

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 Adult Cookie Decorating with Kids** at 9:15 a.m. Please bring sugar cookies (homemade or store bought), icing and sprinkles. 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 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. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - December 2026

	December 6 (C)	December 13 (A)	December 20 (L)	December 27 (A)
Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Sterling Frederick	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Philip Porter	Dan Jenkins	David Lord	Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reader	Beau Caviness	Gary Jenkins	Eugene Williams	Tim Fry
Presiding at Table	Victor Colage	Paul Metzkes	Dan McLeod	Philip Porter
Serving at Table	Tim Cox	Ed Buonadonna	Kingsley Gardner	Jack Holoman
	Namdidie Ikon	Gorman Ericksen	Jeff Goodale	Namdidie Ikon
	Todd Juckett	Freddie Gadson	Kameron Heitler	Todd Juckett
	Orlando Lolo	Ed Gager	John Patrick	Orlando Lolo
	Steward Lynch	Richard Gathright	Islay Rodriguez	Steward Lynch
	Tim Mahlbacher	Can Margarini	Jim Rogers	Tim Mahlbacher
	Joe Maloney	Bobby Shelton	Vincent Rogers	Robert Mariano
	Taylor Reeves	Cristian Suarez	Joseph Snyder	Taylor Reeves
Closing Prayer	Robert Mariano	Darin Summerlot	Jeff Leslie	Beau Caviness

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Bret Nesbitt	Douglas Alvarenga	Jeff Goodale	Victor Colage
Scripture Reader	Andres Fernandez	Daniel Wagner	Kingsley Gardner	Trevin Roman
Presiding at Table	Tom Garrison	Dirk Summerlot	John Hoelzer	Bret Nesbitt
Serving at Table	Beau Caviness	Richard Gathright	Kameron Heitler	Jack Holoman
	Trevin Roman	Ken Gonsalves	John Patrick	Namdidie Ikon
Closing Prayer	Tim Fry	Wilton Moorer	Islay Rodriguez	Joe Maloney

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Nahum Villard	Rick Hall	Michael Erickson	Andres Fernandez
Usher	Rick Hall	Mike Damron	Kane Campbell	Tim Cox
	Brent McPherson	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Marty Williams	Nahum Villard

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

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 worshiping with us

Sunday, November 22

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Nancy Baker; Mr. Josue Charles; Mr. Wyatt Dickerson; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Jean Powers; Miss Anny Rodrigues da Silva; Mr. Trevor Wellington; and Ms. Staci Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Geoffrey Brown, Miramar, FL; Mrs. Nicole Brown, Eagon, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Lauren Campbell, Pembroke Pines, FL; Mrs. Carmen Christie, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Yvonne Clark, Chattanooga, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Elijah & Kristen Dye, Addison, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Corey & Kelly Hanson, Bedford, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Bryan & Kelly Trejo, Livermore, CA; Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Bren Truitt, Littleton, CO; and Ms. Maria Tucker, Pensacola, FL.



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, November 29
Regina Paul

Monday, November 30
Brad & Krystian Dubuisson (Ann.)
Andres Fernandez

Wednesday, December 2
Steward Lynch

Friday, December 4
Guadalupe Tipton

Saturday, December 5
Troy Alberga
Adrienna Gadson
Janice Osborne

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 29

Opening Prayer ..... Tom Garrison
Singing ..... Gary Friedly
Contribution..... Phil Porter
Scripture Reading..... Beau Caviness
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer ..... Bret Nesbitt

Serve at Table:

Andres Fernandez	Steward Lynch
Jack Holoman	Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon	Joe Maloney
Orlando Lolo	Robert Mariano

Sunday Evening, November 29

Singing ..... Young Men
Opening Prayer..... Young Men
Scripture Reading ..... Young Men
Singing
Lord's Supper..... Young Men
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... Young Men

Serve at Table:
Young Men

Audio this week: James Green
Computer this week: Ivan Villard
Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, December 2

Singing ..... Chuck Reeves
Invitation..... Robert Lupo
Family Prayer ..... Victor Colage

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall (AM) & Robert Lupo (PM)

Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Tim Fry
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 22	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	129	146
Sun. AM Worship	231	230
Sun. PM Worship	79	90
Wed. Bible Study	82	105
Contribution	$14,768	$16,530

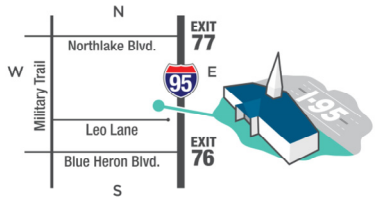
2026 Weekly Budget: $17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: $4,012

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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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