

## What Time Does Jesus Get Here?

by Dan Jenkins Palm Beach lakes church of Christ Palm Beach Gardens, FL

He was only three years old and knew very little about worship, but he knew more than many adults. As he waited for worship to start, he kept looking around and finally asked, "Mommy, what time does Jesus get here?" Wow! Such profound truths so often come out of the mouths of children.

The Bible repeatedly emphasizes that Jesus is present in our worship. He is present around His table. As He instituted the Lord's supper in the upper room, He said, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you" (**Luke 22:15**).

The *repetition* of the word desire is a Hebrewism expressing the most intense feeling. This *repetition* is found in **John 3:29**, where John describes himself as the friend of the Bridegroom who was coming. "The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice." The Greek literally says, "He rejoices with joy." It is also found in **Acts 4:17**, where the Greek says, "Let us threaten them with threats." Jesus looked at that night around His table and expressed His feeling in the most intense way a Jew could show His feelings, "With desire have I desired." These words are the preamble to the institution of the Lord's supper.

Another very significant statement of Jesus in the upper room is His promise to be around the table with us. "I will . . . drink it new with you in My father's kingdom" (**Matt. 26:29**). Jesus is with us and we commune with Him.

Jesus is present with us when we sing together. "In the midst of the church will I sing praise unto Thee" (**Heb. 2:12**). That three year old child might not have seen Him, but He was there as the singing began.

He is there when we pray. Did He not promise that *wherever* two or three gather to pray that He would be there (**Matt. 18:20**)? Bowed head cannot see Him, but we can know that as we pray He is in our midst.

The truth is that Jesus "gets here" *every time* we worship. I shall never understand why some do not want to be in Jesus' presence *every time* He assembles with the saints. If we don't want to be with Him here, why should He want to be with us there? What is your attitude toward worship? Do you "desire with desire" to feast with Him around His table, to sit at His feet to learn more about Him and to sing with Him?

The real question is not what time does Jesus get here, but what time do you get here!



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Sunday AM Bible Study       | 9:45 AM  |
| Sunday AM Worship           | 11:00 AM |
| No Sunday PM Service        |          |
| Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study | 10:00 AM |
| Wednesday PM Bible Study    | 7:00 PM  |

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### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are not expected to give money but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible study and worship.**



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## Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “Quiet Please”

**Prayers** *In our prayers, let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

**Pat Hazlett** continues to battle an upper respiratory infection.

**Denise Garlitz** continues with physical therapy.

**Carol Jones** came to Bible class last Sunday but left because she wasn’t feeling well. It was good to see her Wed.

**Ray & Bev McArthur** were unable to be with us last Sunday because of sickness. As of Tuesday Bev felt better, enough to return to work. Ray was still dealing with fever and fatigue.

**Lisa Hansen** was unable to be with us last Sunday because of sickness.

**Louella Hopkins** fell recently and broke her wrist.

**Vicki Elder** was under the weather last week.

**Lula Elder** is dealing with health issues.

**Bill Kinney** Let’s keep him in our prayers.

**Sharron Gantt** Her eyes are still healing.

**Tony & Eglá Grana** Let’s keep them in our prayers.

**Kim Graves**, age 42 and friend of Mark & Audrey Dailey, is facing breast cancer surgery soon.

**Chad Szymanski**, Louella Hopkins’ 12 year old nephew, is facing brain surgery soon.

**Billy Stine**, son of Sonny & Linda Stine, is facing heart surgery soon.

**Michael R.**, a relative of Anna & Bruce Brink, will be deployed to Afghanistan for a year.

Anna Brink’s sister is now two years cancer free.

**Georgia Smith**, a neighbor of Maria Swindlehurst and Yolanda Davis, has one more treatment to go.

**Dorothy**, mother of Jim who cleans the building for us, is dealing with breast cancer.

**Ann Strook**, Wayne Carter’s sister in NC, is scheduled for surgery Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Jo Grubbs**, Carter’s daughter’s mother-in-law, fell recently and fractured her knee.

**Let’s pray as we continue our preacher search process.**

**Let’s pray for the congregation in Fenwick, ONT as they do the same.**

## Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

**Feb. 14** Valentines Day

**Feb. 16** Men’s Business Meeting

**Feb. 17** Presidents’ Day

**Mar. 01** Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus 6 PM here at LaSalle

**Mar. 07** Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

*Weekly Budget* \$1,843

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,591

Attendance Last Sunday 56

## Classes and Sermon

Ron Cameron will conduct the Adult Bible Class.

Michael Rice will deliver the sermon.

**Sermon Topic Today:** What The Holy Spirit Does.

**Scripture Reading:** I Cor. 2:9-12

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study 10 AM

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Kings



## Serving Today

**Announcements** Ray McArthur

**Song Leader** Rodney Jones

**Direct Communion** Bruce Brink

**Serve** Ray McArthur

**Serve** Richard Wheeler

**Serve** Doug Flanagan

**Clean Trays** Jean Cameron

*Thank you!*

Thanks to those that came this past Wednesday to help prepare House to House / Heart to Heart for mailing.



## Living Under Heaven’s Guidance

by Clark Tatum 14<sup>th</sup> & Main church of Christ Big Spring, TX

Nothing can stop the ultimate plan of God. God has a plan and we can be sure God will finish what He started for His good purpose. The Bible says, “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it’s the Lord’s purpose that prevails” (Prov. 19:21). There is comfort in knowing God has a plan and that He will work His plan for our eternal good (Romans 8:28). For example, the Apostle Paul is under Roman guard and being persecuted in prison due to his faith, but he knows God will accomplish His purpose and plan regardless of the mighty Roman Empire.

James gives us a picture of what it means to live by faith under Heaven’s guidance. James says, “...I will show you my faith by what I do.” Yes, you can see faith because faith moves us into action. Believers who walk in the path of obedience to the Lord no matter what is happening in their lives can know they are living under God’s direction. You can know you are living under Heaven’s guidance when you show your appreciation to God for your salvation by the way you live, worship and interact with people. You can know you are living under Heaven’s guidance by continuing to acknowledge Jesus is Lord and pointing others to the redemption found in Him. Let your faith show others it is the greatest thing in the world to be a Christian!

## Very Important Colonel

Having just moved into his new office, a new colonel was sitting at his desk when a PFC knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the PFC to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?" "Nothing important, sir," the PFC replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."