

# How Big Is Your Problem?

by Dan Jenkins - March 2015 Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

No one ever said that life would be easy. From infancy nothing seems to go right. We are seemingly placed in a crib where we must cry endlessly, awaiting someone to notice that we are hungry, lonely or need our diapers changed. Later, there is that horrible task of learning to walk with the incessant tumbling and falling that is part of the process. Add to that the great “injustice” brought into our lives by parents and siblings. Life is not easy. Little do we realize that this just the beginning of a life filled with problems.

As we reach maturity, those first problems become insignificant with the problems which surround us. Look around you right now and think of what is happening. Life is not easy. It is characterized by insurmountable problems.

However, there is something a Christian has which makes life vastly different from those in the world. It does not matter what is happening, for the eyes of our God are over us, His ears are open to our prayers and His face is against those who trouble us (1 Pet. 3:12). Our problems often seem far greater than our abilities to deal with them, but we must remember that our God is greater than our problems.

Paul described the limitless power of God in his letter to Ephesus. “He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Eph. 3:20). Read that passage slowly and notice the character of God. God is able. He is able to do what we ask. He is able to do what we ask or think. He is able to do more than we ask or think. He is able to do abundantly more than we ask or think. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

The emphasis this year at Palm Beach Lakes is, “With God We Can.” The emphasis this month is “With God We Can Anchor Our Hope in Christ.” That hope is the anchor of our soul (Heb. 6:19) in the midst of adversity. Paul said we are saved by this hope (Rom. 8:24). Hope is not a wish that we might overcome, it is an expectation. It is not an expectation because of our ability, but because of His!

When Paul was traveling to Rome, his ship was caught in a tempestuous storm. For two weeks, they were driven by the ferocious winds and no one knew where they were. Luke described the situation as, “All hope was lost.” Yet, read Acts 27:21-25 carefully and see the hope Paul had in this situation. God was greater than his problems! That same God is your God, and He is greater than your problems!

The next time you look at what is happening in your life just remember that the question is not, “How big is your problem?” The question is, “How big is your God?”

If you have an announcement or prayer request for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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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). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.*



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.**

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

*Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.*

*Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.*

Let's pray for those of our number who have been, and are, dealing with Covid.

Let's pray for Bill & Kris Kinney and all our families taking care of our shut-ins.

**Candi Butcher** is requesting prayers for strength as she deals with situations in her life.

**Charles Bennett** requests our prayers for the voice of God to be heard in his heart.

**Frank Marsden** Let's pray for him as he deals with a heart issue.

**Butts Sumner** is recuperating from back surgery and also dealing with a heart issue.

**Ray McArthur** His test results came back negative for cancer. The doctors will continue to monitor the situation.

**Anna Brink** has been dealing with cancer and a recent PET scan did not show good results. She was scheduled for an MRI July 18 to check again on the situation. She appreciates cards but would also like visits. Let's keep her and Bruce and the family in our prayers.

**Diane Mellott** Let's pray for her as she recuperates from recent hip surgery.

**Samantha Mellott** is dealing with diabetes. She is also presently dealing with pneumonia.

**Maria Swindlehurst** is dealing with several medical issues.

**Alison Parr**, mother of Shawna Martinez, will be seeing a kidney specialist in July.

**Sharon Wheeler** Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

**Ruth Knepp** Word was received June 30<sup>th</sup> that she has been in Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and will probably be there for a while.

**Sharron Gantt** Let's pray that things continue to go well with her immunotherapy for bladder cancer.

**Glen Mueller** Let's continue to pray for him and his family. Let's also pray for the Sardinia church of Christ.

**Jack Curnew** is dealing with eye issues.

**Sharon Alcorn**, Jessica Alcorn's sister-in-law, has terminal brain cancer.

**Marietta McArthur** (Ray McArthur's mother) is dealing with health issues.

**Janine Galuppo**, Ray McArthur's sister near Syracuse, is dealing with multiple health issues.

**Bob Galuppo's mother** in Syracuse is not eating due to severe dementia effects. Bob is Ray & Bev McArthur's brother in law and a member of Wetzel Rd. church of Christ.

**Marie**, age 93 and a neighbor of Maria Swindlehurst, is under Hospice care.

**Maureen**, age 67 and mother of Shawna and Carlos Martinez' son-in-law, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease.

**Marissa** (Louella Hopkin's granddaughter) It was thought she would have to have knee surgery but a doctor reviewing a recent MRI said she doesn't need surgery. Thanks for all the prayers.

**Reagan**, 14 yr old friend of Rick & Fran Fees' granddaughter, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

**Jason Stine** (Linda Stine's son) Suffered a recent heart attack at work.

**Bill Blakelock**, Marge Reed's brother-in-law and Kent Blakelock's brother, was in the hospital with a hematoma and it was thought he might have to have surgery. He was discharged from the hospital Monday and they did not have to do surgery.

**Crystal**, a relative of Bruce Brink, was in a car accident about a year ago and is now in the hospital refusing to eat, drink, and take her meds.

## ***Prayer List continued ....***

**Florence Walter**, age 88, grandmother of Denise Garlitz' son-in-law, fell and fractured her pelvis and is in rehab.

**Lewis/Deshotel family** (friends of Maria Swindlehurst). Vanessa and her toddler daughter will be staying in Louisiana with her husbands parents while he is deployed to Romania with the National Guard to assist with Ukrainian troops. Vanessa is a member of the Lord's church.

There is a gentleman in Tenn that is a member of the Lord's church and also neighbor of Julie Grubbs (Carter's daughter) who has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Bruce Brink's co-worker's father passed away suddenly while traveling to visit family.

## **Upcoming Events** *(Lord willing)*

**Jul. 24-30** ~~Camp Agape~~ Canceled

**Aug. 14** Potluck after services.

**Aug. 21** Men's Business Meeting

**Sep. 05** Labor Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$740.00

Attendance Last Sunday 55

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

## ***Fellowship Meal (Potluck)***

There will be a *Potluck* after services on August 14, 2022.

If you have any questions please see Carol Jones.

## **Attention Men**

We encourage the men who participate in the service to use the microphone so as to be heard. Examples of participating in the service include the Lord's table which includes talking and praying. Please speak loud enough and please don't mumble.

Another example is opening and closing prayer. Sometimes this is done from the pew. Please speak up so as to be heard by everyone. The same is true for reading scripture, please speak loud enough to be heard by everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

***If... then...*** If we believe that Jesus is the only way to salvation; if we believe those separated from Christ are lost; if we believe we are His ambassadors; and if we believe that God hears and answers the prayers of His children – then can we not put these all together and pray that God would send us opportunities to share Jesus with others in our lives? Can we pray that God will open our eyes to those opportunities and the courage to seize those opportunities?

**3-10** ***Select three people in your world***, in your life, and in your sphere and pray for them 10 minutes a day. Last week we committed ourselves to the 3 – 10 prayer plan.

Pick three, pray for 10 minutes a day. Pray for opportunities, for open eyes to see them, and pray for the courage to share Jesus.