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- Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

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*16th Annual*  
**Leadership Training Camp**  
*for Young Men & Young Women*



*Back Row: Micah Trujillo, Clayton Trujillo, Austin Williams, Tyler Williams  
 Middle Row: Nyla Hackshaw, Haley Hall, Katie Sproule, Kelly Sproule  
 Front Row: Simon Tyson, Josiah Blackmer, Daniel Lord*

**The design of the camp every year:** To instill the confidence and skills necessary to take an active role in the work of the church.

**The emphasis of this year's camp:** An overview of "The Story of the Bible," with Jesus Christ as the central theme.

**Another outstanding camp this year! Thanks to all who helped!**



By Dan Jenkins

## Losing the Joy of Salvation

Have you ever experienced that time in your life when you had done wrong and were so depressed that you were close to just giving up trying? You hated what you had done and were so disappointed in yourself? Embarrassment and shame for your actions had taken control of your life.

It was not always that way, for each of us have vivid memories of other times when we felt so close to God. There was great joy. There was peace. There was thanksgiving. At such times, we could hardly imagine how life could get any better.

David had these same experiences. He had great joy when those tribes who did not support him to be king came to him pledging their loyalty to him. He then defeated the Philistines. He had captured Jerusalem and moved the ark of the covenant to the holy city. His armies were defeating all nations around them. He had joy!

All of this began to change when he failed to lead his army in battle. David stayed home and, standing on the roof of his palace, and watched Bathsheba bathing. The events which followed this are well known—the “pleasure” of forbidden sin, the pregnancy, the attempt to deceive Bathsheba’s husband, the death of that husband, the period of grieving for the dead husband and then the marriage. Then it happened!

“Thou art the man!” How these words must have shaken King David to the very core of his heart. The sin which he had so skillfully hidden from men was about to become known. It was to be recorded for all of mankind to know. He was the man—not the one whose purity of heart was like the heart of God, but one whose heart had “...despised the commandment of the Lord to do evil” (2 Sam. 12:9).

The heading to Psalm 51 indicates that this psalm was likely written shortly after Nathan’s words, “Thou art the man.” He begged God to “...blot out my transgressions, wash me thoroughly from my sin...purge me...wash me...do not cast me away...deliver me” (Psa. 51:2-14). But perhaps the most meaningful words showing the nature of all sin are, “Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.”

There is no joy worthy to be compared to the joy in our hearts the day we became Christians. I have seen this joy on the faces of hundreds who had just been baptized. Remember the day of your salvation and the joy you had. David had that same joy, but sin had snatched it from him. Is there any despair to be compared to that when we have wronged God?

Is there a way to restore that joy? Absolutely. This is why David asked God for its restoration. God longs for you to be in heaven. David sinned—we all do. David lost his joy—we all have. David’s joy was restored—we too can regain that joy!

**I have seen that joy on the faces of hundreds who had just been baptized**



By David Sproule

## God’s Continuous Plan for Man’s Continuing Salvation

There is not a more important topic to understand (and to understand correctly) than one’s salvation from sin. It is interesting how man has diverged into so many different ideas regarding salvation. Some of these diversions are deliberate; some are because of thoughtlessness.

One careless mentality among some is, “Once I get baptized, that’s really all that matters. If I follow God’s steps for salvation, which culminates in my baptism, then that’s really the main thing I need to do.” While following God’s plan that leads to one’s immersion into Christ is essential for man’s salvation, it does not end there. In fact, consider how each of God’s steps for salvation continues on even after one’s baptism.

**Hearing is required for salvation and continues to be required for continuing salvation.** One cannot be saved from his sins without hearing the gospel (Rom. 10:17; Acts 2:37; 4:4). However, even after being saved, one must continue to hear God’s word to continue in God’s salvation (Heb. 3:15; 5:11; 2 Tim. 2:15).

**Believing is required for salvation and continues to be required for continuing salvation.** One cannot be saved from his sins without believing the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts

16:31; John 3:16). However, even after being saved, one must continue to believe God’s word to continue in God’s salvation (Col. 1:23; 1 John 5:13; John 20:31; Rev. 2:10).

**Repenting is required for salvation and continues to be required for continuing salvation.** One cannot be saved from his sins without repenting of his sins (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 11:18; 17:30). However, even after being saved, one must continue to repent of sins that he commits to continue in God’s salvation (Acts 8:22; 2 Cor. 7:9-10; 12:21; Rev. 2:5; 16; 3:3, 19).

**Confessing faith is required for salvation and continues to be required for continuing salvation.** One cannot be saved from his sins without confessing his faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9; Phil. 2:11). However, even after being saved, one must continue to confess his faith in Jesus to continue in God’s salvation (Rom. 10:10; 1 John 4:2, 15; Heb. 4:14).

**Being washed in His blood is required for salvation and continues to be required for continuing salvation.** One cannot be saved from his sins without being washed in the blood of Jesus through baptism (Acts 22:16; 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 6:11; John 3:5). However, even after being saved, one must continue to be washed in the blood of Jesus through faithful living and confession of sins to God (1 John 1:7, 9; 2:2; Heb. 9:14).

**Each of God’s steps for salvation continues on even after one’s baptism**



## The Christian Race

This is not a race that your Fitbit can track but rather something you are born into. When anyone brings up the topic of race, we tend to compare what is said with our preconceived ideas about race. What if some of those ideas are wrong?

By Josh Blackmer

It wouldn't be the first time someone has been wrong about the race concept. Since the 1600's, people have been writing about the biological differences in the human races. Currently science has been able to dive into the genetic mapping of human DNA to determine if racial differences are supported by our genetics. The question is, is there enough of a difference in our DNA to show that there are various races of humans?

According to an article published in the New York Times by Natalie Angier, "Do Races differ? Not Really Genes show," she quotes Dr. J. Craig Venter, head of the Celera Genomics Corporation in Rockville, Maryland as saying, "If you ask what percentage of your genes is reflected in your external appearance, the basis by which we talk about race, the answer seems to be in the range of .01 percent." To put this in perspective, if you printed each letter of your genome 1mm apart it would be 1,864 miles long. That is the distance from New York to Brazil. Only 1/100 of a percent, or 1,003 feet, of that genome code is different from cultural group to cultural group. Genetically, we are one human race.

**The Christian race is a race that you are born into.**

There are not enough differences to categorize people into biological racial groups. People have been categorized by ethnic groups but that has to do with common location, culture and ancestral background. All the exterior things. We have come to use race and ethnicity interchangeably. Our differences come in how we think, interact and perceive the world around us.

God has given us guidelines that, if properly executed, can take the diversity of many ethnic groups and unite them. I am not talking about changing languages or giving up cultural customs, necessarily. I am talking about changing the value system and fundamental thinking about life. Ethnic, cast and gender division has always been a problem for mankind. We as a people are quick to focus on the outside appearances to form judgments about people (1 Sam 16:7).

In the church, the kingdom of God (Col. 4:11), there is no race or ethnicity. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). This is a group that has a culture unto itself, because no matter where you find it or what language is spoken, the same basic values, beliefs and heart of compassion are found there. It is never about what you look like but Who you look like. The Christian race is a race that you are born into (1 Pet. 1:3) and it is measured by the word of God. There you will find the collective goal of reaching the heavenly city as a chosen race (1 Pet. 2:9; Heb. 11:16; 12:22).

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### No more detours!

Growing up in South Florida, the roads and highways were littered with construction signs and barricades. And, if anyone asked whose name was on the barricades, everyone knew the answer—"Bob's Barricades." There was no other name, at that time, in barricades than Bob! But, now, that name has lost its significance and is just one of the many that are out there.

This is reminiscent of the history of the Lord's church. If you grew up in the late first century, you would have seen churches of Christ being established in city after city as the gospel spread. Every church had the same "name," identifying who established it and to whom it belonged. Everyone began to know and recognize the church of Christ. However, over time, man began to establish his own churches, making it confusing to identify the Lord's original church.

There was a time when there was only one man's name found on a church—"Christ"—and only one man's doctrine taught—Christ's! Let's get off man's detour and back to Christ's way! – DS



### Jesus loves me!

It does not matter what thought you try to lay up against it, there is NO greater thought than these three words—Jesus loves me! We teach that song to our children at the very earliest age for a reason—not because the words are easy to remember, not because the tune is easy to catch. We teach the song because the message needs to resonate in the hearts of the child and the teacher!

You are never too old or too good to remember that Jesus loves you! He loves you so much that He died for you (John 15:13)! He loves you so much that He took your sins upon Himself (1 Pet. 2:24)! He loves you so much that He ever lives to make intercession for you (Heb. 7:25)! He loves you so much that He calls for your cares and burdens that He might bear them (1 Pet. 5:7)! He loves you so much that He has prepared heaven for you (John 14:3)!

Write these words deep upon your heart. Engrave them upon your soul. "Jesus loves me!" – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Ally Alberga</b>	awaiting results from MRI
<b>Harold Armstrong</b>	suffering with chronic congestive heart failure
<b>Dee Catanzaro</b>	recovering from breast cancer surgery
<b>Lester Galloway</b>	recovering from neck surgery
<b>Dave Holaday</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Matthew Jones</b>	scheduled for surgery on June 15
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	now home from rehab
<b>Harriet Morris</b>	at home and doing some better
<b>Nicholas Pietro</b>	Good Sam. Hospital (room 232), blood pressure issues
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	recovering from severe head injury
<b>Leigh Puckett</b>	blood clotting problems
<b>Cathy Seay</b>	Gardens Medical Center (room 343), stent surgery

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Annie Faison</b>	suffering with chronic pain
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

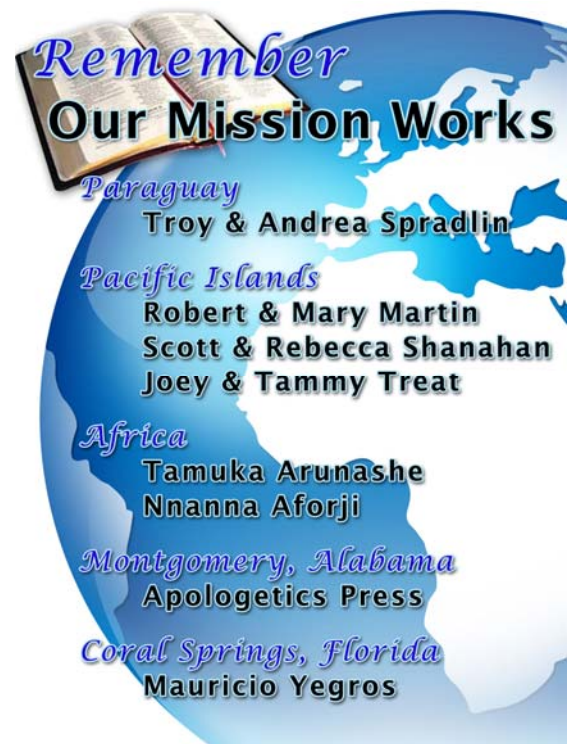
Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday	Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley



**Dorothy Savage** upon the passing of **her mother, Ocie Mayes**, last week in Georgia.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Peggy Faison</b>	Annie Faison's daughter, recovering from heart surgery
<b>Corinne Gardner</b>	Dave Holaday's daughter, recovering from surgery
<b>Bobby Haines</b>	June Pack's son, recovering from heart catheterization
<b>Jan Hupman</b>	Scott Lewis' mother, recovering from knee replacement
<b>Sharon Landen</b>	Robyn Landen's mom, now at home, brain aneurysm
<b>Jimmy Logan</b>	Betty Davis' cousin, liver cancer
<b>Mary Meess</b>	Micky Affron's sister, dealing with health problems
<b>Hillary Nicholson</b>	Jacqueline Creary's sister, severe back pain
<b>Chantel Peters</b>	Maria Hackshaw's cousin, critical condition, leukemia
<b>Vivian Rackstraw</b>	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, diagnosed with breast cancer
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo for cancer
<b>Mariam Wagenknecht</b>	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, June 12

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women. There will be a separate Bible class for the ladies.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Monday, June 13

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Tuesday, June 14

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

## Wednesday-Friday, June 15-17

- ◆ **VBS Decoration Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday. Begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. All members are encouraged to help set up decorations. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

## Thursday, June 16

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

## Sunday-Wednesday, June 19-22

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School hosted by Palm Beach Lakes** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Knight's Quest: The Armor of God"*.

## Friday, June 24

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Sunday, June 26

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake. See Joan Holloway for details.
- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Lisa Holaday & Nathan Lewis** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring gift cards.

## Tuesday, June 28

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

## Wednesday-Friday, June 15-17

- ◆ **VBS Decoration Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday. Begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

## Saturday, June 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Mini-Golf.** See Shea Brown for details.

## Saturday, July 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Paul & Lisa Metzkes.

## Monday, July 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hollie Crotts. See Rachel Fuller for more details.

## Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for details.



## **Palm Beach Lakes** **Youth**

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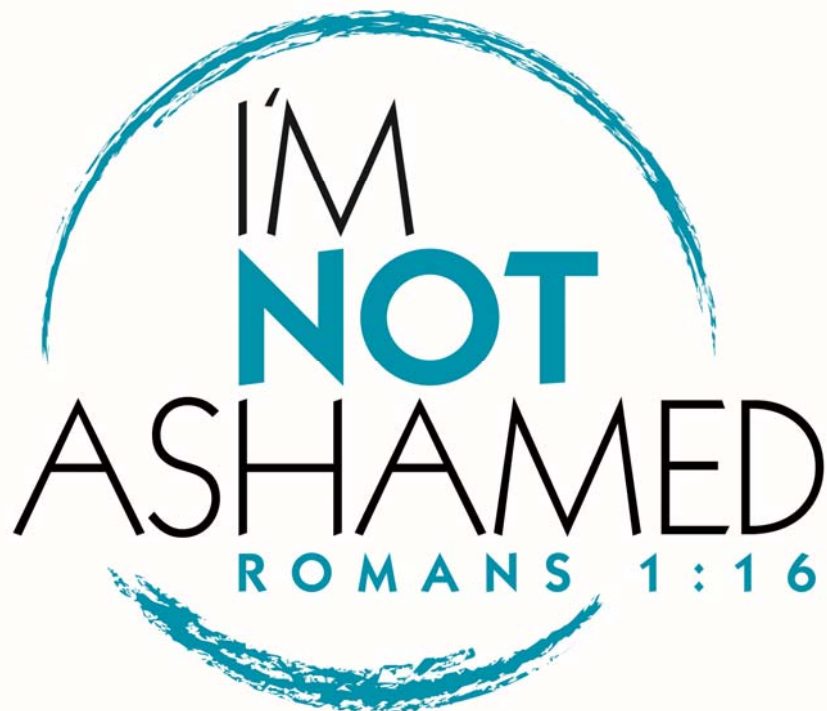
## Sunday, June 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

## Sunday, July 10

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

JUNE:



## *To Defend Godly Marriages*

*“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled....” (Heb. 13:4).*

*“And Adam said: ‘This is now **bone of my bones** And **flesh of my flesh**; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.’ Therefore **a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh**” (Gen. 2:23-24).*

*“**Wives**, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the **husband** is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the **wives** be to their own **husbands** in everything. **Husbands**, love your **wives**, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her...So **husbands** ought to love their own **wives** as their own bodies; he who loves his **wife** loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ‘For this reason **a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.**’...Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own **wife** as himself, and let the **wife** see that she respects her **husband**” (Eph. 5:22-33).*

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

## Thank You Notes

I have umpteen blessings to be thankful for. Palm Beach Lakes is at the top of my list. I saw God’s grace in all you caring folks who reached out to me. Thank you for your prayerful support in sending so many cards, visits, phone calls, food and transportation offers during these months of slow healing. The neurologist says it might be 6 months to a year to get totally better (not a good thing to fall on your head). I am still in need of prayers.

In Christian love, Connye Plouffe

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Thank you everyone for the prayers, sweet cards, & visits while I was in the hospital and during my recovery. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Love, Sarah Collier



Sunday,  
June 5

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Jean Charles; Rosa Charles; Sheila Graham; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Jason Halas; Phillip Ortiz; Henry Smith, III; Brian Wilkins; Ms. Machel Williams; and Mrs. Kathy Wood.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Dean Allen, Riverview, FL; Ms. Helen Bashaw, Canal Winchester, OH; Dorothy & Tim Brown, Winter Haven, FL; Blake, Noah & Kayleen Costello, Manchester, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Justin Davis, Calera, AL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Port St. Lucie, FL; Miss Evelis Findley, Brooklyn, NY; Ms. Karen French, Alamogordo, NM; Eric Johnson, Coppell, TX; Ms. Wilma Thomas, Hollywood Hills, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Wear, Port St. Lucie, FL.



**Cruz Fernandez** was baptized on Tuesday, June 7. She is the daughter of Andres & Angelica Fernandez, who were baptized last week.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday (June 13<sup>th</sup>)

Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)  
Judie Jenkins

Thursday (June 16<sup>th</sup>)

Ally Alberga  
Michael Fox

Tuesday (June 14<sup>th</sup>)

Jeff & Diane Leslie (Ann.)

Friday (June 17<sup>th</sup>)

Helen Gardner  
Nyla Hackshaw  
Mary Jackson

Wednesday (June 15<sup>th</sup>)

Gary & Sue Shelt (Ann.)  
Rosemarie Joseph  
Austin Metzkes

Saturday (June 18<sup>th</sup>)

Dan & Judie Jenkins (Ann.)  
Charles Fifield

## Those to Serve

*If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.*

*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, June 12

Lead Singing ..... David Sproule  
Opening Prayer ..... Chris Thompson  
Scripture Reading..... Darin Summerlot  
Presiding at Table..... Dick Kelley  
Serve at Table:  
Henry Bass            Wallace Jones  
Chuck Clark         Jeff Leslie  
Edward Gager       Vincent Rogers  
Paul Hensel          Tyrone Toson  
Alternates:  
Grant Fuller         L. H. Richardson  
Closing Prayer ..... Micah Trujillo

### Sunday Evening, June 12

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Pittman  
Opening Prayer ..... Gary Friedly  
Scripture Reading..... Clayton Trujillo  
Presiding at Table..... Eugene Williams  
Pete Brown  
Scott Lewis  
Austin Williams  
Closing Prayer ..... Shea Brown

### Wednesday Evening, June 15

Lead Singing ..... Bobbo Lupo  
Invitation..... Grant Fuller  
Family Prayer ..... Chuck Clark

## Our Record

Attendance	June 5	May Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	256	252
Sun. A.M. Worship	373	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	195	177
Wed. Bible Study	167	187
Contribution	\$18,649	\$15,227

2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +24,613

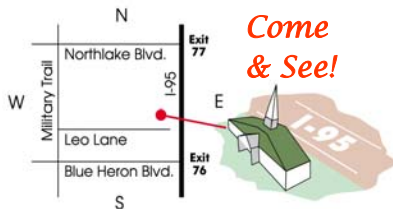
Ushers for week of **June 12** Head Usher: Novel Brown; Eddie Gooden & David Lord



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### 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: **Josiah Blackmer & Bill Ingram, Sr.**

## For Now

By Grant Fuller (Summer Intern)

Sometimes, especially in current times, it may seem like God just doesn't care. For now, economy goes down the tubes, the legislation keeps passing laws that are contrary to God's will, and the fronts that the devil uses to disguise evil as good gain more ground with each passing day. For now, we can very easily get it in our heads that God doesn't care about us anymore. But, the Bible tells us just the opposite.

David writes in the third Psalm that his foes are many, and there are many people who are rising against him. These statements were very true. David's son Absalom had staged a coup to seize the throne from his father, and now David was on the run. But David says in the midst of all his struggles and all the efforts of his enemies, "You, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head" (Psa. 3:3). David goes on to talk about how he goes to sleep each night trusting in the Lord to protect him during the night, and the Lord does.

David praises God, saying, "You strike all my enemies on the cheek; You break the teeth of the wicked" (Psa. 3:7). For now, it seems like the wicked thrive and the people of God suffer because of them. But, we must hold onto hope, for we know that the Lord will judge each person for their deeds (Matt. 16:27). We know that in the end God will punish the wicked and reward the righteous, because He is a just God. For now, we are hard pressed, but our God sustains us each day.

## What Must I Do to Be Saved?

### The Bible says...

#### 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

#### 2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

#### 3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

#### 4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

#### 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).