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## Plans for Sunday, May 17 at PBL



### Online Bible Classes

**8:45 a.m.**

Zoom Bible Classes for Grades 5 & Under

**9:15 a.m.**

Zoom Bible Class for Jr. High & Sr. High  
 Livestream Webcast Bible Class for Adults

### Worship Together at the Building

**11:00 a.m.\***

Worship: **Achille thru Erickson**

**1:30 p.m.**

Worship: **Eutsey thru James**

**3:00 p.m.**

Worship: **Jenkins thru Reed**

**4:30 p.m.**

Worship: **Reeves thru Wright**

*Please worship at your allotted time.*

*Please arrive 10 minutes before your worship time and do not linger afterwards.*

*Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.*

*\* The 11:00 a.m. worship (and 9:15 class) will be webcast live from our website.*



By Dan Jenkins

## Time and Eternity

The announcement that we will resume worshipping together in smaller groups at the building is so refreshing. I can hardly wait. We have not been together in our building for the past eight weeks. We have entered Phase One, allowing us to meet as long as we practice social distancing. Our auditorium will permit us to begin with four identical services this week, with groups being determined alphabetically. I can hardly wait to see you Sunday!

These eight weeks seem almost like eight months and sometimes it feels more like eight years. The wisdom of God is seen so vividly in His design for us to worship together every week. Let's take a moment and think together about the nature of time.

Time to God is so different from time to us. Peter said, "Do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Pet. 3:8). It is as though our God lives in an "eternal presence." This is not the situation with us.

How long is a year to you? It depends on how you look at it. If you are one year old, how long is it to your second birthday? A year is equal to the entire time you have lived on the earth. How long is a year if you are fifty waiting for your fifty-first birthday. It is only 1/50 of the time you have lived.

The older you get the faster time flies. If you think it is flying by you when you are fifty, just wait until you are sixty or seventy!

Another illustration of the passage of time is to consider that if you are over 43, you are closer to retirement than college. It seems hardly possible but such is the nature of time.

Jacob worked seven years in order to earn the right to marry Rachel. "So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her" (Gen. 29:20). Time is remarkable for in another context his "short time" might seem like an eternity.

Listen to the psalmist, "The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away...So teach us to number our days..." (Psa. 90:10-12).

Time is an interesting topic to consider. How long is a day, a week, a month, a year, a decade? It just depends on how you look at it. How long is a lifetime of seventy years on this earth? When you compare it to eternity, it is as short as blinking the eyes. Oh, how foolish it is to focus our earthly years on material things when compared to eternity. How long is seven weeks? Compared to eternity it is so meaningless. Just make sure to use these eight weeks to see the treasures we have on this earth in the fellowship in His kingdom.

**How long is our "quarantine" of seven weeks? It depends on how you look at it.**



By David Sproule

## But Baptism Isn't Mentioned in John 3:16

How many friends have I had over the years who denied the essentiality of baptism for salvation by claiming that whoever "believes" has "everlasting life" in John 3:16, and baptism is not even mentioned? Numerous. And, on the one hand, such an argument may seem legitimate, as the verse certainly says, "whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," and baptism isn't there. But, does that really prove that baptism is not essential?

If such an interpretative strategy was sound, then one cannot deny the conclusions demanded by that approach. If baptism is not essential for salvation because it is not mentioned in John 3:16, then anything else not mentioned in John 3:16 would also not be essential. Loving God is not mentioned, so it must not be necessary either (1 John 4:7; Gal. 5:6). Repenting is not mentioned, so it must not be necessary either (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30). Confessing one's faith is not mentioned, so it must not be necessary either (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33). Calling on the name of the Lord is not mentioned, so it must not be necessary either (Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13). Obeying the Lord is not mentioned, so it must not be necessary either (Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:21). Hope is not mentioned, so it must not be necessary either (Rom. 8:24). Do you see the point? Sound hermeneutics must be applied consistently to be sound!

Now, take that same reasoning and apply it in reverse to see if it applies. What about a verse that says repentance leads to salvation (Acts 2:38; 11:18) but does not mention believing at all? Is believing not necessary? What about a verse that says baptism leads to salvation (Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21) but does not mention believing at all? Is believing not necessary? It is obvious that belief is not excluded just because it is not specifically mentioned in a verse that teaches about salvation. Thus, Scripture obviously is not excluding baptism in John 3:16, simply because it is not mentioned.

The only way to know what the Bible teaches on a subject is faithfully gathering "the sum" of what the Bible teaches (Psa. 119:160) and "handling aright the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Failing to do this can make the Bible mean anything you want (including even, if someone desired, to teach that faith is not necessary to salvation).

Go back to John 3:16. It certainly teaches that one who "believes" can have "everlasting life." But is it teaching faith alone saves? Did you know that baptism is mentioned in verses 3-5 of this chapter (but faith is not)? Did you know that believing is paralleled with obedience in verse 36 of this chapter? You see, Jesus gave the entire picture, even in this chapter. Salvation requires faith, baptism and full obedience. Put it all together and you have the fullness of truth.

**Scripture obviously is not excluding baptism in John 3:16**



By Josh Blackmer

## What Will We Do?

When we see God’s people coming back from Babylonian captivity, there are various ways that they manifest their emotions for the situation. In the days of Ezra, the foundation of the temple was built. People responded with singing and praising God (Ezra 3:11). Others, who had seen the original temple, wept (Ezra 3:12). It was said that you could not distinguish the noise from joy or weeping, but you could hear the noise from far away (Ezra 3:13). After the people had built the wall with Nehemiah, they asked for the book of the Law of Moses to be read. “And all the people gathered as one man, they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses. Then Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women and all who could listen with understanding. He read from it from early morning until midday, and all the people were attentive to the book of the law. Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen!’ while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. The Levites explained the law to the people while the people remained in their place. They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood

**How will we react when we are finally able to meet together again?**

the reading. Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, ‘This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.’ For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law” (Neh. 8:1-9).

It is easy to see the emotion that is tied to a place and a practice that has been forbidden for so long. In each case, there were people from other nations about them that were dissenting of their practices. They would send letters to authorities citing that what they were doing was wrong. This would stir up strife for the people of God. However, they prevailed against the opposition.

We should pose the question to ourselves. How will we react when we are finally able to meet together again? Will it be a joyous occasion? Will we weep? Will the noise of our praise be heard very far away? Will we even come? There will be opposition to us coming together to worship. Some will say it’s too soon, no matter when it happens. For some of us, we will be our own greatest enemy. We have had time to form new habits and get comfortable with the way things are. Incidentally, that’s why some never left Babylon.

Whenever we get to stand as one again, let our worship be heard in heaven as we praise His holy name once more together. Let us stand in awe as His word is heard in our ears.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### “See it my way”

Isn’t it interesting how some folks just cannot understand why everyone doesn’t see things the way they do? For example, some folks who drink only water think that drinking something like a carbonated beverage is shameful. Similar things could be said about vegetarians vs. meat eaters, Coke vs. Pepsi drinkers, Starbucks vs. Dunkin, etc., etc. But, I have something to share with you about these things: NONE of them really matter! Just because someone doesn’t see something like this the way that you do is inconsequential...in view of eternity.

While we have all sorts of options in this life when it comes to what we eat, what car we drive, what sports team we like, etc., we are not left with options about which God we serve, which Bible we believe, which church we prefer. When the King of kings and Lord of lords emphasized knowing “the truth” (John 8:32) and emphasized the singularity of New Testament Christianity (Eph. 4:4-6; Matt. 16:18; Acts 4:12), He did not leave us options of Gods and Bibles and churches and doctrines. Instead, we need to learn to “see it His way”! – DS



### Do we ever cease to warn?

There are some warnings that we take more seriously than others. Have you noticed that? Some drivers don’t pay attention to warning signs on the road because, well, some warnings on the road are not as big a deal as other warnings. Some ignore warnings that pop up on their computers, because, well, it’s hard to tell which warnings are real and which are not.

It’s interesting that Paul used the word “warn” to talk about his efforts as a preacher. He told the elders from Ephesus that for “three years” he “did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears” (Acts 20:31). Think about that! Paul approached his work seriously, and he saw the need for all souls to repent and be saved as a critical matter. A part of preaching is “warning every man and teaching every man” (Col. 1:28). Christians are exhorted to “warn those who are unruly” (1 Thess. 5:14). Do we take these instructions seriously? Do we take the matter of warning others of the dangers ahead of them seriously? May God help us to not ignore His warnings! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	undergoing chemo & radiation for lung cancer
<b>David Brown</b>	has a bulging disc in his back and is in a lot of pain
<b>Chuck Clark</b>	recovering at home from the infection in his finger
<b>Betty Davis</b>	undergoing some medical tests
<b>Annie Faison</b>	recovering from a fall but is doing better
<b>Joe Holland</b>	in ICU at the VA, being treated for an infection
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	in Heartland Health Care for rehab
<b>John Loftis</b>	dealing with severe back pain and is very weak
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	out of rehab and staying with her daughter
<b>Betty Sanders</b>	is doing better and is now at home
<b>Dorothy Savage</b>	recovering at home
<b>Linda Studer</b>	having chemo treatments every three weeks

## Long-Term Health Issues

**Lillian Bankston** dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Karen Bibbee	Don & Betty Matter
Hattie Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Leigh Puckett
Dianne Frye	Les Sawyer
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Patricia Ventress
Joe Holland	



**Justilien Honore, upon the passing of his brother, Jean Honore, on Friday, May 8.**

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Lucious Davis</b>	Tonya Ross' father, diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer
<b>Ron Fernander</b>	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
<b>Difficile Geffrard</b>	Justilien Honore's mother, hospitalized with complications
<b>Monica Pacheco</b>	Joyce Parker's daughter, radiation for breast cancer
<b>Doug Philips</b>	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine

**Remember Our Mission Works**

*Pacific Islands*  
**Robert & Mary Martin**  
**Wayne & Kristi Parker**  
**Joey & Tammy Treat**

*Africa*  
**Tamuka Arunashe**  
**Nnanna Aforji**

*Montgomery, Alabama*  
**Apologetics Press**

*Coral Springs, Florida*  
**Mauricio Yegros**

*Bahamas*  
**Tavaro & Shameika Hanna**



# Church Family Calendar of Events

All Events Are Subject to Change.

## Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **Zoom Bible Class for Grades 5 & Under** at 8:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Zoom Bible Class for Jr. High & Sr. High** at 9:15 a.m.
- ◆ **Online Bible Class for Adults** at 9:15 a.m. Go to [www.pblcoc.org](http://www.pblcoc.org) and click on "Watch Our Services Live."
- ◆ **Worship Together at the Building** during your allotted time.
 

11:00 a.m.	Achille thru Erickson
1:30 p.m.	Eutsey thru James
3:00 p.m.	Jenkins thru Reed
4:30 p.m.	Reeves thru Wright
- ◆ **Communion:** For those who are still unable to attend worship services, the Lord's Supper will be available to pick up from the church (Monday-Friday). Please call ahead and it will be ready for you.

## Wednesday, May 20

- ◆ **Online Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Go to [www.pblcoc.org](http://www.pblcoc.org) and click on "Watch Our Services Live." A link to the handout/chart is available in your Family News email or email the office ([office@pblcoc.org](mailto:office@pblcoc.org)).

## Sunday, May 24

- ◆ **POSTPONED (TBA): Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **POSTPONED (TBA): High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room.

## Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

## Sunday, May 31

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

## Saturday, June 6

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

## Wednesday, June 10

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m.

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

### Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

### Tuesday, June 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, June 5

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

### Saturday, June 6

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Saturday, June 13

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Bible Classes.** Please join your class early so that we can start lessons on time. For details on how to join the online class, contact Jeff Goodale or Kevin Weeks (Grades 5 & Under) or Josh Blackmer (Jr. & Sr. High).
 

<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Grades 5 &amp; Under Bible Classes</b>
<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Bible Class</b>

### Wednesday, May 20

- ◆ **Wednesday Bible Classes.** Please join your class early so that we can start lessons on time. For details on how to join the online class, contact Jeff Goodale or Kevin Weeks (Grades 5 & Under) or Josh Blackmer (Jr. & Sr. High).
 

<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Grades 5 &amp; Under Bible Classes</b>
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Bible Class</b>

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# The Power of the Human Touch

by David Sproule



Most of us have now been living under some kind of lockdown or quarantine or “stay at home” orders for about two months. We’ve been in isolation, and we’re tired of it! In most places, those restrictions are starting to be eased, which has been accompanied by mixed emotions on all sides. But, here’s something to consider about these last several weeks.

We have been locked away from most kinds of personal human interaction. We have been told to stay away from people, and if we have to go out, to cover up and practice social distancing from people. Don’t get near anybody. And the last thing you’d ever want to do is to touch someone or have someone touch you. While this is the prescribed manner of dealing physically with a virus, the social isolation and lack of human contact have emotional and psychological effects.

It’s interesting that God gave us five senses, and one of those is touch. The very design of our body places an emphasis on the human touch. There is a reason that a hug and a handshake mean so much and there is a reason that we miss them right now. For a moment, I want you to consider how often “**touch**” is emphasized in the life of Jesus.

In the recording of specific miracles of Jesus, frequently we read of Jesus’ physical **touch** making all the difference. When Jesus met a leper, he was “moved with compassion, stretched out His **hand** and **touched** him” (Mark 1:41). When Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law, “He **touched** her **hand**, and the fever left her” (Matt. 8:15). When Jesus saved Peter from sinking in the sea, He “stretched out His **hand** and caught him” (Matt. 14:31). A deaf and mute man was brought to Jesus, “and they begged Him to put His **hand** on him. And He...put His **fingers** in his ears, and He spat and **touched** his tongue” (Mark 7:32-33). In Bethsaida, “they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to **touch** him. So He took the blind man by the **hand**...And when He had spit on his eyes and put His **hands** on him...Then He put His **hands** on his eyes again and...he was restored” (Mark 8:22-25). When Jesus healed the epileptic boy, he “took him by the **hand** and lifted him up” (Mark 9:27). When Jesus saw a woman with a spirit of infirmity for 18 years, “He laid His **hands** on her, and immediately she was made straight” (Luke 13:11-13). Jesus had compassion on two blind men outside Jericho “and **touched** their eyes” (Matt. 20:34). After Peter cut off Malchus’ ear, Jesus “**touched** his ear and healed him” (Luke 22:51).

In the healing of the woman with an issue of blood for twelve years, we read six times about the physical **touch** of the **hands**. The woman “came from behind and **touched** the border of His garment” (Luke 8:44). “For she said to herself, ‘If only I may **touch** His garment, I shall be made well’” (Matt. 9:21). Jesus “turned around in the crowd and said, ‘Who **touched** My clothes?’ But His disciples said to Him, ‘You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, “Who **touched** Me?’” (Mark 5:30-31). “But Jesus said, ‘Somebody **touched** Me, for I perceived power going out from Me,’” so the woman “declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had **touched** Him” (Luke 8:46-47).

When Jairus came to Jesus and asked him to heal his daughter, he “begged Him earnestly,” “Come and lay Your **hands** on her, that she may be healed” (Mark 5:23). Although Jesus arrived at their house after the daughter had died, “He went in and took her by the **hand**, and the girl arose” (Matt. 9:25).

When the gospel writers recorded more of an overview of some of His miracles, again they often placed an emphasis on His **touch**. In Capernaum, “all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His **hands** on every one of them and healed them” (Luke 4:40). Mark also recorded that “He could do no mighty work [in Nazareth], except that He laid His **hands** on a few sick people and healed them” (6:5). On multiple occasions, “as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to **touch** Him” (Mark 3:10), and the sick in Gennesaret “begged Him that they might just **touch** the hem of His garment. And as many as **touched** Him were made well” (Mark 6:56).

When Peter, James and John became fearful at the voice from heaven at the transfiguration, “Jesus came and **touched** them and said, ‘Arise, and do not be afraid’” (Matt. 17:6-7).

Matthew, Mark and Luke all record the occasion when “little children” (“infants” according to Luke 18:15) were brought to Jesus. They all stated the purpose of the children being brought to Jesus was so that “He might **touch** them” (Mark 10:13; Luke 18:15) or “put His **hands** on them and pray” (Matt. 19:13). So, Jesus did just that. “He took them up in His **arms**, put His **hands** on them, and blessed them” (Mark 10:16; cf. Matt. 19:15).

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Monday (May 18th)

Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)  
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)  
Jerry & Lorena Pittman (Ann.)  
Joan Holloway  
Rick Price

Thursday (May 21st)

Jenisa Kenty

Friday (May 22nd)

Willie & Mattie Cox (Ann.)  
Phyiona Patterson  
Karly Stone

Wednesday (May 20th)

Lovetta Harmon  
Austin Reeves

Saturday (May 23rd)

John & Sue Hoelzer (Ann.)  
Natasha Campbell  
Tyler Williams

Thank You  notes

What a wonderful church family. Thank you for all the cards, text messages and especially the prayers for my recovery.

Love in Christ,  
Betty Sanders

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I will long remember you as I am very grateful for the kindness and thoughtfulness you have shown to Charlie and me during our time of sorrow. The prayers you've said are felt. Thank you for all you do and most of all for being you. We consider your friendship a blessing.

Rhona & Charles Hayes

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To Our PBL Family,

Family is always family! You have reminded us of that in the way that you have surrounded us with prayers, calls, cards, emails and other acts of love. Thank you so much for bringing our names before the throne of our Father and your evidence of genuine love for us. You are each in our hearts and always a part of our family. May God be with you till we meet again.

Love in Christ,  
Don & Carol Dodd



**Sunday Worship Services**

Bible classes will be online. All worship services this week will be at the church building. The 11:00 a.m. worship (and 9:15 class) will be webcast live from our website.

**Worship Services for Sunday, May 17**

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**Online Bible Classes for Sun, May 17**

8:45 a.m. .... Zoom Children's Bible Class  
9:15 am. .. Zoom Bible Class (Grades 6-12)  
9:15 a.m. .... Online Bible Class for Adults

**Online Bible Classes for Wed, May 20**

6:30 p.m. .... Zoom Children's Bible Class  
7:00 pm. .. Zoom Bible Class (Grades 6-12)  
7:00 p.m. .... Online Bible Class for Adults

**Our Record**

Attendance	<u>May 10</u>	<u>Apr. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	NA	NA
Sun. A.M. Worship	NA	NA
Sun. P.M. Worship	NA	NA
Wed. Bible Study	NA	NA
Contribution	\$17,109	\$15,645
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,675		

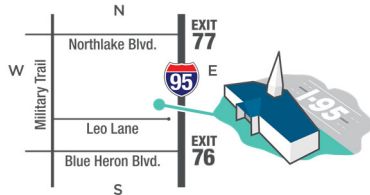
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# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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Before His death, Jesus used His **hands** to **touch** and wash the disciples' **feet** (John 13:4-12). Then, after His resurrection, "He showed them [those same] **hands** and His side" (John 20:20). Thomas not only wanted to see "His **hands**," but he wanted to put his "**finger** into the print of the nails" and his "**hand** into His side" (20:25). Jesus permitted exactly that, and said to Thomas, "Reach your **finger** here, and look at My **hands**; and reach your **hand** here, and put it into My side" (20:27).

What's the point of all of this? It is interesting to do research today into the medical, emotional, psychological benefits of the human touch. But even better than modern-day research is studying this in the life of Christ. At least 40 times in the short record of Jesus' life, we read the words "touch" or "hands" or even "fingers." Sometimes it was Jesus touching others, and sometimes it was others touching Jesus. Why do we read so often about the physical touch involved in the life of our Lord? No doubt, there are many reasons and many practical lessons for us to learn. But, perhaps one of them is to see the difference that physical touch can have in our lives.

Right now, we are limited by the social distancing that is being practiced. But, may this not become the norm! May the Lord (and may we!) hasten the day when we can exchange a "holy kiss" again, through our "holy hugs" and our "holy handshakes"! We need each other, in a variety of ways! Let us not become accustomed to too many distancing practices!

## 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).