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#### "Forever/ever" or "Forever/never"

The words of our eternal God are forever true. He cannot lie. Whenever He decrees a matter, no mortal can ever change it. David affirmed this truth when he said, "Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens" (Psa. 119:98, ESV). We should not be surprised that the phrase "forever and

ever" is found forty-seven times in the Bible.

There is another way to look at the eternal nature of the truths of God. Instead of looking where He said forever/ever, consider some of those times gives all mankind when He said "forever/never."

When Noah came out of the ark, God made a covenant with Noah, his sons, all mankind and even the living creatures on the earth. "I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and eve-

ry living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh" (Gen. 9:15). His "never" promise shows that the flood in Noah's day was a universal, one-time event, which shall never be repeated.

God uses the word "never" in reference to nations. He said that when Babylon was destroyed it would never be inhabited again (Isa. 13:10). He looked at the splendor of Tyre and said, "You shall never be rebuilt" (Ezek. 26:14). The ruins of these cities show how God's word can be trusted.

Ancient history shows the grandeur of Egypt. Those pyramids stand today as evidence of the wisdom and wealth of Egypt. However, our God then uses the word "never" to describe what has happened to this magnificent culture. "It shall be the lowliest of kingdoms; it shall never again exalt itself above the nations" (Ezek. 29:25).

When Daniel interpreted the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, he describes in great detail four world kingdoms and says

that in that fourth kingdom (the Romans), "the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (Dan. 2:44). Jesus came and established that kingdom, the church, and the fact that this same kingdom is on the earth day shows how much we can trust the words of our eternal God.

Finally, look at how God describes the destiny of the wicked. His use of the words "no rest" coupled with the words "forever and ever" have the same force as using the word "never." "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast" (Rev. 14:11). These eternal words of

Thank God who gives us both forever/ever and also forever/never affirmations of His eternal, unchanging truths which build our faith and mold our lives. Thank God that He has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Heb. 13:5).

God should be part of the souls of every person on this earth.



#### **Invalid Baptisms**

The Catholic church recently reported that a priest had resigned when it was determined that by changing one word in his baptismal formula that thousands of socalled baptisms were now presumed invalid. Think about that for a moment—a person's baptism has been reckoned to be meaning-

less because of what the baptizer said or didn't say.

From a Scriptural standpoint, what the person administering a baptism says (or does not say) does not necessarily make a baptism valid or invalid. Some have thought that there is a baptismal formula that must be recited before a baptism, but no such formula is specified in Scripture. "In the name of invalid baptism? Jesus Christ" in Acts 2:38 is a focus on the authority by which baptism is done, and "into the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" in Matthew 28:19 is a focus on the change of relationship that takes place in baptism. Neither phrase is intended as a script for the baptizer. No such phrase is found or commanded anywhere in Scripture.

This latest report from the Catholic church does raise the question, "What would constitute an invalid baptism?" The account in Acts 19:1-5 teaches us that there is such a thing as a valid baptism and an invalid baptism. Let's consider what the Scripture teaches us.

If the "baptism" was by a method other than immersion in water, then that baptism would be invalid. Sometimes sprinkling or pouring water is taught and practiced as "baptism." However, by definition (the Greek word baptizo means "dip, immerse, submerge in water") and by demonstration (read of going "into" water and "out of" water in Matthew 3:16 and Acts 8:38-39), Bible baptism is always by immersion.

> If the subject of the "baptism" was someone other than a penitent believer, then that baptism would be invalid. Sometimes the "baptism" of infants is taught and practiced as a valid "baptism." However, Jesus said that Bible baptism is preceded by believing (Mark 16:16) and the inspired apostle taught that Bible baptism is preceded by repentance (Acts 2:38), which are two things an infant cannot do to be a proper subject for Bible baptism.

If the purpose of the "baptism" is for some other reason than to obtain the remission of sins at that moment, then that baptism would be invalid. Sometimes it is taught and practiced that someone is saved at the moment of faith and acceptance of Jesus, and that they can be baptized at a later time, having already been saved before baptism. However, Jesus said that baptism precedes salvation (Mark 16:16) and it is taught emphatically in the book of Acts that baptism is for the purpose of obtaining the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Bible baptism is always done in order to be saved.

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#### Sin in 4D (Part 1)

Very rarely is a nation ever one hundred percent unified on a matter. There are always differing popular opinions on policies and law. We find ourselves in a nation at war with itself. Lines aren't drawn on a map but on hearts and minds. Bullets aren't flying through the air, but truth has been weapon-

By Josh Blackmer

ized to cause distrust and division. On those rare occasions when a nation is unified, it is because there is a common enemy. In this case there is, but people don't see it. Our common enemy is sin, and Christ through His church has the answer to division and separation.

Sin is divisive in its nature. Sin will divide, separate, a man from God. "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear" (Isa. 59:2). It was God who "brought us near by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13). If we remain in sin, we are in darkness and are separated from God. But "He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the king-

forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:13-14). Sin will also divide, separate, a man from his/her better self. "For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one

dom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the

another, so that you may not do the things that you please" (Gal. 5:17). When Paul was speaking about this matter he said, "Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:19-24). The response, "Thanks be to God" (Rom. 7:25).

Sin can also divide, separate, a man from his family. "They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against moth-

er..." (Luke 12:53). Sin, such as materialism, partiality, and immorality caused division in the homes of Lot (Gen. 19), Isaac (Gen. 27-28), Jacob (Gen. 37), David (2 Sam. 13; 15) and Hosea (Hos. 2-3).

#### Sin is divisive.

Sin will divide, separate, a man from his brethren. "Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn m them. For , by their smooth and flattering speech

away from them. For...by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting" (Rom. 16:17-18).

As Christians, we need to stand up against sin and help others around us. Many are falling prey to the silent war of the heart and soul. We should not be the source of division but of reconciliation. It is imperative that we exemplify a united front against sin and have hearts open to the lives of those around us. Sin separates. How are we helping people come back to God?

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

#### Trouble comes when "yet you say"

When the Old Testament comes to an end in the book of Malachi, there was much for the Jew (and now for the modern Bible reader) to learn. Without even looking at the specific instructions from the Lord and the specific rebukes that He issues to them, look at some simple wording used repeatedly in this short book.

In a book that only has 55 verses, the Bible student will read 26 times, "Says the Lord" (usually "says the Lord of hosts"). 26 times! On average, in almost every two verses, God is saying, "Says the Lord, Says the Lord, Says the Lord." Listen up, people! But, 8 times in this short

book, after the Lord "says" what needs to be said to these sinful people, He follows that up by saying, "You say," and usually "Yet you say" (1:2, 6, 12; 2:14, 17; 3:8, 13).

When the Lord "says" what we need to hear, there is no room for "yet you say"! There is only room for "hearing" and "doing" (Matt. 7:24-37; Jas. 1:22-25). Otherwise, we've surely got trouble! – *DS* 

#### God's gift to ...

Do you know someone who thinks that they are "God's gift to women" or "God's gift to men" (as the sayings sometimes go)? I have known of preachers who thought they were "God's gift to a congregation" and elders who thought they were "God's gift to an eldership" and employees who thought they were "God's gift to their job" and spouses who thought they were

> "God's gift to this marriage," etc., etc. "Where would they be without me? It's a good thing they have me, otherwise they would be in really bad shape! I hope they realize what they have in me!"

Do you realize how often the Bible speaks about the need for humility? Read these phrases slowly from First Peter chapter 5: "Be clothed with humility. God resists the proud. God gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God" (5:5-6). Reread them.

Is it any wonder that it is in THIS context of the need for humility and the danger of pride that God then warns about the dangers and devouring nature of the devil? "Be sober, be watchful" (1 Pet. 5:8)! -DS



## Keep in Your Prayers

#### **Pray for These PBL Members**

Bonnie Arthur	St. Mary's Medical Center, undergoing tests
Novel Brown	still having a lot of pain in his ankle and foot
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	started a new treatment stage 4 lymphoma
Bobby Ingraham	suffering with knee pain
Cynthia Ingraham	still waiting on test results for breast issues
Grace Judge	second degree burns
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from a hairline fracture of her pelvis
Owen Miley	having outpatient procedure on February 25
Peggy Simpkins	undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer
Giselle Smith	recovering at home
Jermaine Smith	recovering at home from surgery on broken hip
Jennifer Walker	recovering at home

is extended to...

Michelle Franck, upon the passing of her sister, Yanick Charles, on Sunday, February 20 in Canada.

#### **Ongoing Health Issues**

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness	
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments	
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues	
John Loftis	back pain, weakness	
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments	
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues	
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments	

#### **Pray for Our Shut-Ins**

Millie Ames	Marian Holland
Bonnie Arthur	Joan Holloway
Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Connye Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Thelma Findley
William Jackson
Clara Medina

Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from pacemaker Jonetta & Mary's brother, recovering from surgery Carolina Alvarenga's sister, multiple health issues



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Monday, February 28

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

#### Tuesday, March 1

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

#### Wednesday, March 2

 Prayer Meeting to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Grades 5 & under will have their regular classes.

#### Friday, March 4

• Family Group 4 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson. Bring a potluck dish to share.

#### Saturday, March 5

 Congregational Work Day to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

#### Sunday, March 6

• **Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home.** Please bring Wal-Mart or Publix gift cards and place them in the box in the Lobby. They are not having a truck pick up items this year, so please do NOT bring supplies.

#### Sunday-Wednesday, March 6-9

• **Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders.** This year's theme is *"Hungering for Truth."* 

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 p.m.	Evening Worship
MonWed.	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
MonWed.	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

\* We are having a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday after morning worship. Bring a dish to share. <u>All Family</u> <u>Groups</u> are asked to help with setup and cleanup.

\* We are having dinner together on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

<u>Family Groups 1 & 2</u> will setup and cleanup on Monday. <u>Family Groups 3 & 4</u> will setup and cleanup on Tuesday. <u>ALL Family Groups</u> will setup and cleanup Wednesday.

# Young Adults

#### Saturday, March 12

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

#### Monday, March 14

 Men's Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

#### Friday, March 18

• Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

#### Saturday, March 26

 Jr. High, Sr. High & YA Family Bike Riding at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop (50 Cocoanut Row, Suite 117; Palm Beach 33480). Bring a bike and your lunch. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals are available at our meeting location.



#### Sunday, March 13

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

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#### Sunday, March 20

• Jr. High & Sr. High Devo after evening worship. Location TBD. See Josh Blackmer for details.

#### PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - March 2022

	March 6 <sup>(A)</sup>	March 13 <sup>(A)</sup>	<b>March 20</b> <sup>(S)</sup>	March 27 <sup>(C)</sup>		
Morning Worship Service						
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes		
Opening Prayer	Kirk Crews	Tim Cox	Gary Jenkins	Jeffery Goodale		
Scripture Reader	Jimmie Banks	Taylor Reeves	Eugene Williams	James Green		
Presiding at Table	Jeff Leslie	Robert Mariano	Andy Anderson	Johnny Davis		
Serving at Table	Lance Collier	Victor Colage	Troy Alberga	Kirk Crews		
-	Mike Damron	Tim Fry	David Brown	Mike Damron		
	Gorman Ericksen	Namdidie Ikon	Ed Buonadonna	Michael Ellis		
	Michael Erickson	Richard Kelley	Andres Fernandez	Gorman Ericksen		
	James Green	Orlando Lolo	Errol Gower-Winter	Hunter Hinton		
	Hunter Hinton	Steward Lynch	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jeff Leslie		
	Luther Robinson	Tim Mahlbacher	Daniel Lord	Jerry Pittman		
	Jonathan Swayne	Willie Smith	David Lord	Luther Robinson		
	Marty Williams	Rick Tibbetts	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jim Rogers		
	Ivan Villard	Tyler Williams	Dirk Summerlot	Marty Williams		
Closing Prayer	Johnny Davis	Rick Hall	David Holaday	Graysen Hayes		

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	Michael Ellis	Philip Porter	Dan Fuller	John Hoelzer
Scripture Reader	Graysen Hayes	Novel Brown	Daniel Wagner	Jonathan Swayne
Presiding at Table	Jeffery Goodale	Ricky Smith	Dan McLeod	Kane Campbell
	Connor Goodale	Silas Balfour	Devin Eutsey	Connor Goodale
Serving at Table	Jerry Pittman	Trey Higbee	Gary Seames	Joe Maloney
Closing Prayer	Joe Maloney	Richard Lerro	Darin Summerlot	Lawrence Williams

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Daniel Lord	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Scott Studer	Scott Studer	Scott Studer	Buzz Nelson

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Lawrence Williams	Nahum Villard	Daniel Swayne	Jimmie Banks
	Kane Campbell	Vincent Rogers	Edward Gager	Lance Collier
Usher	Jim Rogers	Seth Watson	Brandan Widner	Michael Erickson

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 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)

this week





Sunday, February 27th **Chuck Milton** 

Monday, February 28th

Thursday, March 3rd John Patrick Angela Walker

Marvin & Maggie Dozier (Ann.) Friday, March 4th

Tuesday, March 1st Willie Smith

Glen Dawson Saturday, March 5th

John Hoelzer

**Directory** Changes

Please note the change in spelling of Jettie's last name. It should be Sweetenburg.



Sunday, February 20

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Jenna Bodin; Mr. Addison Collins; Mrs. Juna Dorcely; Mrs. Krystian Dubuisson; Mr. Gary Evans; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Ms. Elsa Lester; Mrs. Karen Lester; Ms. Sue Maisano; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. David Perez; Ms. Susan Preston; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Kimberly, Gabriella & Jean Tulgestka; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Walt & Hazel Arthur, Nashville, TN; Ms. Verda Bodin, Bloomington, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle & Brandi Crews, St. Charles, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Miss Ronnica Jenkins, Brooklyn, NY; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Mrs. Jerone Maradona, Taverny, France; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Kandis Mong, Moreland, GA; Mr. & Mrs. David & Cathy Payne, Oneida, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Launa Tellman, Pacific, MO; and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur & Tina Williams, Katy, TX



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for all your kindness, thoughts and prayers. I love you all.

Joyce Parker

## 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 <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

#### Sunday Morning, February 27

Opening Prayer Singing Contribution	Gary Friedly
Singing Scripture Reading Singing	Eugene Williams
Sermon	
Singing	
Lord's Supper	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	David Lord
Serve at Table:	
Andy Anderson	Gary Jenkins
Ed Buonadonna	Daniel Lord
Edward Gager	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
E. Gower-Winter	Benny Rodgers
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Dirk Summerlot

#### Sunday Evening, February 27

Opening Prayer Dan McLeod Singing David Sproule Contribution Darin Summerlot Scripture Reading Dion Hayes Singing Sermon Singing Lord's Supper		
Singing Closing PrayerDaniel Swayne		
Serve at Table: Connor Goodale Daniel Wagner		

Wednesday Evening, March 2

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Singing	Daniel Wagner
Invitation	Dirk Summerlot
Family Prayer	Dan Fuller
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Our Record				
Attendance	<u>Feb. 20</u>	Jan. Avg		
Sun. Bible Study	214	144		
Sun. AM Worship	o 286	208		
Sun. PM Worship	b 120	114		
Wed. Bible Study	/ 115	127		
Contribution	\$15,605	\$16,063		
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220				
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,450				

Service Coordinator: Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Devin Eutsey & Andres Fernandez Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



Front Cover: Loni Fuller (First Place in the Mac-and-Cheese Cookoff)



### 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).