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# A Parenting Seminar

with Wayne & Tami Roberts



# Saturday, September 16

9:00 a.m. **That First Step** - The Goal of Parenting: Righteousness

10:15 a.m. Breakout: Wearing Mommy/Daddy Shoes

(Separate Class for Men & Women)

11:15 a.m. Teaching Them to Tie Their Own Shoes - Discipline

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Shoe Shine Activity

1:00 p.m. Breakout: Taking Big Steps - Difficult Parenting

(Separate Class for Men & Women)

2:00 p.m. More First Steps Ahead - Seasons of Parenting

3:00 p.m. Steps to Follow - What We've Learned

Dismissal 3:30 p.m.

'It's not just about the steps they take in this life, but the step's that lead them beyond this life.



Wavne & Tami Roberts Houston, Texas

By Dan Jenkins

# Amen, Amen = Verily, Verily

The ancient Hebrews had a word which affirmed the truthfulness of what was said. That same word was literally brought over into the Greek language with the same affirmation about truth. It may seem strange, but that same Hebrew/Greek word became an English word. That word is amen. It ap-

pears 30 times in the Old Testament and 132 times in the New
Testament. Amen simply means "let it be true" or "it
is true." Jesus himself used this word 103 times.

Pay special

It is not always translated amen. It often is translated "verily" in the KJV. This is seen in the 25 times He emphasized the truth He was about to say and said, "Verily, verily." The NKJV translated this compound usage as "most assuredly." Your life will be enriched when Jesus said, "Amen, amen" or "Verily, verily."

His words are always truth. However, Jesus so often highlighted truth and some fifty times said, "Verily I say to you..." The other fifty times he used the compound phrase. His words are truth. They are very true. They are very truth, very true. Consider the following discussion of truth which Jesus began by saying, "Verily, verily, I say to you."

So many know that Jesus spoke of being born again. However, most have failed to realize how Jesus defines that

new birth. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Nicodemus thought he was speaking of a literal birth, so Jesus expanded what He said. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

Being born again is not a fleshly birth, but the creation of a new person, and it truly involved both water and the Spir-

it. Read the book of Acts as it shows those who were taught the words given by the Spirit entered into water. They were all baptized in water!

The truth that being born again involves both the Spirit and water could have been established by Jesus simply saying that for one to be born again water was involved in it. Jesus chose to emphasize water baptism by beginning His teachings saying

"Verily, I say unto you..." Yet, He did more! He said, "Verily, verily I say unto you..." His words are so remarkable. Jesus said, "It is true, it is true..." What is true? That the new birth involves more than the Spirit—it involves water. Jesus taught it involves water. Jesus truly (verily) taught it involves water. Jesus truly, truly taught it involves water!

The next time you read the book of John, pay special attention to the 25 times Jesus said, "Verily, verily." Your life will be changed by doing this kind of study!



By David Sproule

# Salvation: It Requires Baptism in Water

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Why there is such controversy in the religious community today over the Biblical requirements for one to be saved from sins is rather mind-boggling! The New Testament makes God's conditions for salvation abundantly clear. In order to obtain the forgiveness of sins, one must believe Jesus is

God's Son, repent of his sins and confess his faith. All of those the kare clearly taught. Equally unambiguous is God's requirement for man to be BAPTIZED to be saved.

Bible baptism

When a person was properly baptized in the New Testament, it was always by means of immersion. The person would come "to" the water (Matt. 3:11), go "down into the water" (Acts 8:38), be "buried...in baptism" (Col. 2:12), be "raised" from the water (Rom. 6:4) and come "up out of the water" (Acts 8:39). Bible baptism is always immersion.

When a person was properly baptized in the New Testament, it was never an infant or child without proper understanding. The subject who was baptized had always been taught the gospel (Mark 16:15-16), believed the deity of Christ (Mark 16:16), repented of his sins (Acts 2:38) and confessed his faith in Christ (Acts 8:36-38). Bible baptism is always of persons who meet the required pre-conditions.

When a person was properly baptized in the New Tes-

tament, it was always (without exception) for the purpose of being saved from sins at that moment. This is one of the clearest teachings in all of Scripture. Bible baptism always stands between a sinner and being "saved" from sins (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21), obtaining "the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), having sins "washed away" (Acts 22:16), being "freed from sin" (Rom. 6:3-7), being "born again" (John 3:3-7), being able to "enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5), becoming a "child of

God" (Gal. 3:26-27), putting "on Christ" (Gal.3:27) and becoming a "Christian" (Matt. 28:19+Acts 11:26). The New Testament never teaches, in any verse, that baptism takes place after one has been saved.

When a person was properly baptized in the New Testament, it was the only means for entering "into Christ" (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27). There are no other verses that provide a path "into Christ" than those

two, and they both specify being "baptized." It is impossible for one to obtain "every spiritual blessing...in Christ" (Eph. 1:3) without Bible baptism! No truth could be clearer! Jesus further warned that if one is not baptized that "he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

Thank God that His plan of salvation is so clear! He has done His part! And He makes OUR part to be saved from OUR sins plain—believe Jesus is God's Son, repent of sins, confess faith in Christ and be baptized. But, that is not the end.

By Robert Lupo

# What is Holding You Back?

Last Monday, the African nation of Liba was struck by a devastating flood. It is reported that about 5,300 people have been killed and 10,000 more are currently missing. Those among the survivors must have had to think very quickly and leave most of their possessions behind. If you were in their

shoes, would there be some things you might try to grab at the last minute? A change of clothes, family pictures, or a precious heirloom? Perhaps, nothing seemed valua- When your life is ble enough to risk your life for. When your life is on the line, suddenly the essentials become more obvious.

When Paul came to Athens, he noticed an tials become altar dedicated "To the Unknown God." Athens had more obvious. many gods; one for each natural phenomenon. Paul revealed to the Athenians that, unknowingly, they worshipped the one true God. Paul says He is "...God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands" (NKJV Acts 17:24). God is unlike any god invented by man because He was not carved, cast, or imagined. He is the designer.

The idols the Greeks worshipped had no power. They had no lasting value. How could people think that something fashioned by man would be worthy of their devotion? Paul states, "we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising" (v. 29b). God is far above our imagination and anything physical. But, we fashion idols out of the physical every day. We place value in the accumulation of possessions, wealth, and notoriety. We look to social media for self-worth and approval.

> We are not only physical beings. We have an eternal soul. With the current state of the world, now is the time to start worrying about the things that really matter. There is a God who loves you and created you with the desire to discover Him (v. 27-28). Leave your idols behind and cling to the one true God. "Because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of

this to all by raising Him from the dead" (v. 31).

When the Athenians heard Paul speak of the resurrection, some mocked him and some procrastinated, but some believed. The believers joined Paul, but the others were left behind. They couldn't let go of their idols. What is holding you back from following Christ? Do you realize that we are not guaranteed tomorrow? If you are not in Christ, then your soul is in danger. What idols are you clinging to when the time to seek shelter is at hand? Choose this day to live for Christ.

# Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

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# Hebrew midwives were wiser than many today

3,500 years ago, the king of Egypt grew increasingly concerned about the size and might of the Israelite nation. The king instructed the Hebrew midwives to take matters into their hands: "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live" (Ex. 1:16).

How primitive! How could those inexperienced midwives know if the child born was a son (i.e., a male/boy) or a daughter (i.e., a female/girl)? Did they ask the child what they were? Did they wait so that they could administer hormone blockers or perform gender-altering surgery?

No! What those midwives knew 3,500 years ago has been known since the beginning of time and even to the present! Boys have boy parts, and girls have girl parts. No personal feelings, drugs or surgeries can change a boy into a girl or a girl into a boy. God made two genders (male and female, Gen. 1:27). There are only two, and they are unchangeably set upon conception and distinguishably identifiable at birth! It really is that simple! -DS

## Don't let your heart be melted

Forty-five years after the twelve spies returned from spying out the Promised Land and the people of Israel believed and followed the pessimistic perspective of the ten spies, Caleb recalled the effect of that faithless report. This faithful spy, in his old age, said, "My brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt" (Josh. 14:8).

> This same evaluation of those days was made by Moses before his death, when he recounted, "Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, 'The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven'" (Deut. 1:28). The heart of the people

melted because they listened to the wrong people. They listened to men who did not listen to God. God promised to "give the land" to His obedient people (Num. 13:2), to "fight for" them (Deut. 1:30) and "carry" them (1:31), but they listened to men and not to God.

He makes those same promises to us today, but we must trust Him and obey Him! Don't let your heart be melted by listening to faithless naysayers! Listen to God! - DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



# **Pray for These PBL Members**

**Lucy Bond** recovering from heart valve replacement & pacemaker

**Linda Coe** knee replacement surgery scheduled for October 2

Mattie Cox surgery to remove a kidney tumor on September 18

**Terri Hahn** now a resident at Gardens Court (room 214)

Joan Holloway dealing with covid

**Bill Ingram, Jr.** in the hospital and undergoing tests

Mary A. Jackson having heart problems and undergoing tests

**Dan Johnson** discharged from the hospital

**Dick Kelley** dealing with very low blood pressure

Carolyn Kemp under Hospice Care in a nursing home in Titusville

**John Loftis** fell and fractured his left shoulder

Maxine McCoy still dealing with pain in her ankle

**Sherri Richmond** recovering from her thyroidectomy

Yolanda Stewart recovering from surgery

**Amy West** undergoing chemo treatments

#### **Ongoing Health Issues**

Judy Carmack multiple health issues
Robin Landen 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 Inell Ingram
Lillian Bankston Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson Betty Matter
Zula Garrett Joyce Parker
Terri Hahn Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday Ricky Smedley

Joan Holloway

# **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

Myrick Bassie

Louie Bone

Betty Davis' brother, had another seizure, now at home

Kyle Buonadonna

Ed & Jeannie's son, at home, blood clot in liver

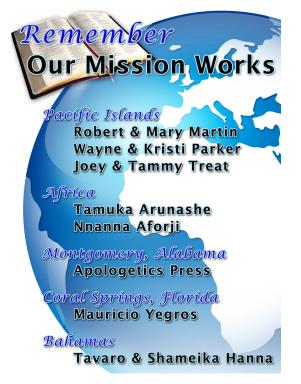
Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, cancer treatments

Cynthia Hayes

Dion Hayes' mother, surgery for nerve issue in her head

Delores Sims

Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing radiation treatments



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, September 17

- Combined Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults in the Auditorium. Wayne Roberts will be our guest speaker for class and morning worship.
- Leadership Training Course at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2.
   All members are welcome to attend this class.

#### Monday, September 18

- Monday Night Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- Men's Meet at 6:30 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

#### Tuesday, September 19

No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.

#### Friday, September 22

Benefit Dinner for Central Florida Bible Camp at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30/person or \$50/couple. See Peggy Hall to RSVP and to pay for your ticket (561-373-0940).
 See the bulletin board for more details.

#### Sunday, September 24

◆ Leadership Training Course at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.

#### Saturday, September 30

 Door-Knocking in Perrine. The whole PBL congregation is invited to help this small congregation. We will leave PBL at 8:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, October 1

Leadership Training Course at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2.
 All members are welcome to attend this class.

#### Monday, October 2

 Men's Meet at 6:30 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

#### Friday-Saturday, October 6-7

Ladies' Fall Encampment at CFBC. This year's theme is "Soul Sisters." Cost is \$40/ person. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

# Young Adults

#### Monday, September 18

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#### Friday, October 20

Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark.
 All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited.



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#### Friday, September 22

**Jr. High & Sr. High Hangout** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo. Pizza will be provided.

#### Sunday, September 24

 Jr. High & Sr. High Devo after evening worship at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. Please bring a drink or dessert. See Robert Lupo for details.

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# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> b Robin Stone	2 ☆ Men's Meet b Casey Crews b Joel Ramirez	<b>3</b> b Francis Morales b Kathy Nelson	4	<b>5</b> b Rosa Nash	6	<b>7</b> a Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton b Lisa Suarez
					CFBC Ladies' Fall E	Encampment (6-7)
8  ☆ 2 Week Mini- Session Classes Begin ☆ New Member's Orientation Class b Donna Erickson b Norma Mariano b Bessie Walker b Betty White	9 b Lawrence Williams	a Eldra & Grace Judge b Dirk Summerlot	11 b Scott Studer	12	13  ☆ Family Group 4  Meeting  b Fran Campbell	14  ☆ Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under b Amy Rosado
15  ☆ Joey Treat Mission Report b Stahia Banks	16 a Michael & Turkessa Staley b Adelene Honore	17	18	19 b Samantha Jewell b Todd Juckett	20 ☆ Ladies & Lattes	21  ☆ Young Adult Devo  b Janice Maloney b Sabrina Pietro b David Sproule
22  ☆ New Bible Classes Begin ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo b Tim Mahlbacher	<b>23</b> b Millie Ames	<b>24</b> b Lydia Quinn	<b>25</b> b Ekaette Ikon	26 a Kane & Fran Campbell b Samantha Eutsey	b Susan Joy b Traci Sproule	28  ☆ Congregational Work Day b Sylvester Jackson
29	<b>30</b> b Marie Yolette Achille	31 ☆ Youth & Young Adult Costume Party				

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







Samson; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

and Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL.

Sunday, September 10

Central Florida Bible Camp

at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night, September 22. Tickets are \$30/ person or \$50/couple. See Peggy Hall to RSVP and to pay for your ticket (561-373-0940). See the bulletin board for more

Central Florida Bible Camp is hosting a Benefit Dinner

Sunday, September 17th Robert Lupo Lisa Metzkes Sadie Myrie

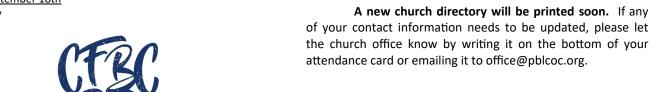
Tuesday, September 19th Justilien Honore

Luann McLeod

Monday, September 18th Marcia Kelley

details.

Friday, September 22nd



**Directory** Changes

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Justin Cox; Mr. Ricardo De La Pena; Mr. Sterling Frederick; Ms. Norma Golaurb; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick & Nikki O'Hanlon; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Blake & Gina Bennett; Hutchison Island, FL; Mrs. Diane Burton, Ponca City, OK; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mrs. Kelly Idema, Cody, WY;

### 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 <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

#### Sunday Morning, September 17

Singing ...... Dion Hayes Opening Prayer ...... Darin Summerlot Scripture Reading...... Andres Fernandez Singing Lord's Supper......Dan Fuller Contribution Singing Sermon Singing Closing Prayer ...... David Holaday

#### Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna Keith Joy Gorman Ericksen Daniel Lord Freddie Gadson David Lord Bill Ingram, Jr. Chuck Reeves, Jr. **Gary Jenkins** Brandan Widner

#### Sunday Evening, September 17

Singing Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Paul Metzkes
Singing	
Lord's Supper	Daniel Wagner
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Cris Cuevas
Serve at Table: David Perez	Leonard Williams

Audio this week: James Green Computer this week: Bob Higbee Video this week: Todd Juckett

Service Coordinator: Mike Damron

Ushers for this week: Addison Collins & Edward Gager Safety Team for this week: Dirk Summerlot

#### Wednesday Evening, September 20

Singing	Ivan Villard
Invitation	Tim Cox
Family Prayer	Jeff Goodale

# **Our Record**

Attendance	<u>Sep. 10</u>	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	155	175
Sun. AM Worship	285	255
Sun. PM Worship	116	119
Wed. Bible Study	/ 132	126
Contribution	\$18,562	\$16,871
2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450		

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$19,041



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



#### **Service Schedule**

#### Sunday:

Wednesday:

Bible classes ......... 7:00 p.m.

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