

From the Preacher's Pen... Are you multilingual? Most of us would immediately say that we don't know any language except English... and we would be completely wrong! Ask an English teacher how many words in our language are actually foreign words and you will be a bit surprised at the answer!

Have you ever ordered a *filet mignon* steak? That's a French term (although we technically use it incorrectly as the French use it for pork tenderloin!). I suspect that, living in the Southwestern USA, you've also ordered tacos, enchiladas, and a lot of other Mexican foods and probably never once called them sandwiches or rolled flat-bread filled with... well, you get the point! English, like most languages, is made richer with the addition of words that, while technically foreign, are commonly used and understood by almost everyone.

Have you thought about the fact that as Christians our language is made richer by the use of words belonging to God and His people? Throughout the centuries, many of these terms and customs have been identified by God as special to us. If we lose the language of God then we lose the language of our family and our heavenly home! Let's look at a few important terms that we should treasure and use if we really belong to God:

Hebrew Words All Christians Should Know

One that immediately should come to mind is *Hallelujah*. Every time we sing a song with the words "praise the Lord" and/or Hallelujah we are simply repeating the exact same thought.

Hallelu is the Hebrew term of encouragement to praise that is addressed to several people. Yah is a short version of YHWH, which is the personal, Covenant name of the Creator God, traditionally translated as Lord (English translations sometimes use Yahweh or Jehovah for this never pronounced sacred name).

So put together in English (in Hebrew it is actually a two-word phrase) it becomes Hallelujah. However, it really means much more than simply "praise God" as the "encouragement" in Hebrew carries the force of joyous praise in song or boasting in God. And when you remember that it is addressed to more than one person it becomes a direct command for us to together praise or boast in the Lord in song.

When we sing "Hallelujah Praise Jehovah" we are making a thoughtful statement about who we are and what we are doing as we acknowledge the one and only God!

Since *Hallelujah* includes "jah" or "yah" as God's name, let's also consider both *El* and *Yah* as they are important names and descriptions of God. El is a generic term used in several Middle Eastern Semitic languages. It can refer to any "god," whether the one true God or a false god. Yah, on the other hand, is a very specific personal name (see above).

You should notice that MANY names in the Bible are compound words that include either of these two terms for God. For a few quick examples consider El-i-jah (my God is YHWH), El-isha (God helped), Dani-el (God judges or God is judge), Jo-el (YHWH is God, Jo being an alternate version of YHWH).

Since many names in the Bible were given with a special purpose or lesson in mind via God, it really helps to see the whole picture God is giving us when you use a good Bible dictionary to fully appreciate the names!

Every time a name in the Bible begins or ends with one of these forms of God's name, there is a lesson waiting to be discovered. And seeing that lesson will enrich your understanding of what God is trying to tell you in His word!

Let's look at one more word that's very important to God and His people: *Amen*. In the Old Testament it is used about 30 times and usually translated as amen or as truth. In the New Testament it is used some 129 times and usually translated as verily or truly when used by Jesus in the Gospels and amen elsewhere.

In the New Testament the word is borrowed directly from the Hebrew so it's meaning is intended to be the same. The fact that the Holy Spirit repeatedly uses this specific Hebrew word in all languages and for all God's people of every age ought to tell us that something important is going on. The Hebrew in its simplest meaning is, "so be it." But it is used with much more force as an absolute affirmation of trustworthiness and certainty!

When God required His people to acknowledge all the curses that would befall them for failing to obey His commandments, this is the word that they had to use to acknowledge both

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Opportunities to worship, study & serve:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10 AM

WORSHIP 11 AM

EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

WEDNESDAY 7 PM

THURSDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS 10 AM

Congregational Potluck 3rd Sunday
each month after morning worship
(except June, July & August)

Welcome to all!
We are glad you are here!

**Enter to Worship...
Leave to Serve**

Welcome to our visitors today! We hope & pray you'll be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon!

Our Prayer List: Keep the following in prayer this week as you "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17): Nora McNeil, Matthew Odom, Heather Ries, Hunter Shirley, Rene Turner, Ruth West, Everett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, the Najera family, Bill Hall, Reta Wallace, Jim Holder, Kristi Martin, Wally Myers, Cindy Turpin, Millie Cunningham and...

Our Missionaries: Jack Farber and Aaron Knotts and families; Cesario Espinosa, Jr. (Philippines).

Previously Announced Family & Friends: Robin & Marc Estabrook (Julie Evan's sister & nephew), David Reffner (Flora Doster's grandson with MS), Art Stoneking & wife (friends of Carl Catozzi, cancer), Jeremiah Haller (Flora Doster's grandson), Annette (Cindy Turpin's sister), Cole Myers (grandson of friend of Myers), Sheila Simpson, Lillian Wilhite & Mirlene Smith (relatives of Lynn Shirley), Teresa Acosta, Rosemary Glasier (Crystal Mora-Landroth's mother), John Hoover's relatives with personal difficulties, Shelly Cooper (friend of Carl Catozzi), Lucas Espinoza (Brian Campbell's friend), Kaesha Raffterfer (Gene Pinkston's cousin, cancer), Chuck Keels (friend of Grubbs with cancer), Terri Fillipski (cancer, Julie Evans' cousin).

Special Requests: WBS & WEI Bible study students; Kevin & Nancy Chambers & World Christian Broadcasting; Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James. Brandi Schroeder (Flora Doster's granddaughter with MS); Dallas Purcella's mother; Paulina's father (Arnold); Julie's father; Laurel's father.



OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Nate Panka (Cleo Wise's grandson); Javier Najera; Fernando Najera, Frank Torres (Javier's brother & cousin); Eric Shirley; Trevor Farrow (Allen's son); Scott Hoover (John's son); Ariel Gomez; Paul Sipes & April Belovedstone (Sue Wolfe's son & daughter); Robert Strickland (Cleo Wise's grand-nephew); Ismael Lopez; Robinson Goldman (Cindy Turpin's son-in-law); Nathan Bagley.

New: Jason: son of Carl Catozzi in need of prayers; Michael Lighthouse: son-in-law of Flora Doster, health problems; Jimmy Handtegen: friend of David Davis following a stroke; Derwin Jackson & family: with his job; Sean & Vickie: Carl Catozzi's friends with struggles in their lives; Terri Hoover: John's daughter-in-law with serious health issues; Monica Lopez: George Mora's aunt with breast cancer; Jacob Shirley: struggles; Ray Stephenson family: youngest son's cancer has spread; John Mark: in Afghanistan in danger for his faith; Jimmy Davis: friend of Mike Evans with melanoma; Adele Fink: recovering from colon cancer; George Ponter: Brian Campbell's cousin with multiple struggles; Amy Vestal: lupus and intestinal problems; Anna Price: via Kimberlee Myers; Chuck Hedrick family: with multiple health problems; Kathy Gonzalez: grandmother of Heavyn & Tatum with cancer; LaVerne Jackson's mother; Sandra Watson, Sue Shepperd & Elzie Shirley: Lynn's family with illnesses; Ed Baum; Ray Stephenson; Delbert White's

Granddaughter Jessica; Tom Hoover: (John's brother); Jerry Odom; Barbara Harrison.

Steve McDonald: Jean Grubbs granddaughter's husband, tests.

Donald Helton: on dialysis until he has a kidney transplant.

Kirrin Kerby: (Jean Grubbs grandson).

Bob Harrod: recently diagnosed with cancer

Carolyn Fisher: multiple health issues (via Cleo Wise).

Dena Lara: Myers' niece with complications of Valley Fever.

Larry West: is home.

Scott Untersee: recovering from surgery.

Owen Doster: home and recovering from heart surgery.

Delbert White: home and recovering from surgery.

Alma and all the Ed Baum family: at his passing last Tuesday.

Also Our New Christians, those travelling and especially those with spiritual struggles.

Church TV Program Reminder

In Search of the Lord's Way

Cox Cable channel 13 @ 7:30 am

Dish channel 239 @ 4 am

DirecTV channel 307 @ 4 am

www.searchtv.org

Getting to Know Your Bible

DirecTV channel 377 weeknights @ 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events...

Men's Business Meeting: June 10 after evening worship.

Monthly Singing: June 24 at 2:30 here.

5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting: August 29.

Potluck: October 21 — Group #2 [Toni Pierce's group] set-up, serve & clean-up

the righteousness of God and their acceptance of it! (Read Deuteronomy 27:15-26)

Where today people might swear to solemnly affirm something, God’s people say, *Amen*. Where today people might cheer and clap to show approval of something really important, God’s people say, *Amen*.

When we would show approval or want to underline the importance of something in a sermon, a song or a prayer, we say, *Amen*.

Let’s make a very important point here with this word and its meaning to God’s people. If you attend a secular wedding or graduation ceremony, the people of the world tend to whistle, clap, stomp their feet and yell all kinds of things.

Should we make the Lord’s church conform to our modern world? Should we show approval of Godly things by acting like the friends and followers of Satan? Or should we follow the pattern of God’s people for at least the last nearly 4,000 years?

Should we scream, whistle, clap and stomp for a Godly point made in a prayer or sermon? Should we do that for someone who has just put on their Lord in baptism? Seriously? Is THAT the response of God’s people or are we just imitating Satan?

No, we don’t *have* to follow Jesus. We don’t *have* to use God’s words... unless we really want to imitate God instead of Satan. Perhaps by serious Bible study and learning God’s words, terminology and meaning, we can learn to do things God’s way!

Yes, it’s that important!

— Lester P. Bagley



Monday with the Master

Ages 10 through college meet tomorrow at 6 pm for dinner & Bible study in the Fellowship Hall.

See Lou Bagley THIS MORNING if you don’t already know what to bring!

Directory Update

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Men’s Training Class, 5 pm today...

for leading prayers, doing talks & devotionals, & song-leading.

**Remember to be QUIET
for our Pew Packers between
Bible Study & Worship!**

Last Week: 13+ Pew-Packers



Be “in the picture” every week!

✓ Checkup ✓

How are we doing?

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Class = 59

Sunday Morning Worship = 119

Sunday Evening Worship = 53

Wednesday Evening = 52

Giving

2018 Weekly Budget = \$3,015.00

Contribution Last Week = 2,278.00

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TO:

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning June 3

Adult Bible Class: • *Acts of the Apostles* Lester Bagley
Announcements: Allen Farrow
Song Leader: Mike Evans
Prayer: Ron Cook
Serve Communion: Paul Ries, Bill Hall, Tom Haney, John Hoover, Riley Harrison
Sermon: • *Mark 4* Lester Bagley
Closing Prayer: Frank Campbell
Count Contribution: Curt Odom & Max Compton

Sunday Evening June 3

Song Leader: Mike Evans
Prayer: Jim Holder
Sermon: • *Parables of Jesus - 3* Lester Bagley
Serve Communion: John Hoover
Closing Prayer: Bill Hall

Wednesday Evening June 6

Song Leader: George Mora
Prayer: Chuck Hedrick
Devo: Lester Bagley
Closing Prayer: Frank Campbell

Anniversaries



June 7: *Jorge & Chantelle Mora*
July 3: *Michael & Clara Hill*
July 4: *John & Ricki Hill*
July 6: *Greg & Laurel Huffman*
July 12: *Charlie & Shirley Stephenson*
July 28: *Kim & Mary Ann Myers*

Birthdays



June 5: *Malakye Didelotte*
June 6: *Paige Davis – Barbara Grubbs*
June 7: *Cheryl Mince*
June 8: *Ronnie Herrera – Mary Ann Myers*
June 17: *Danielle Campbell*
June 20: *Marley Reid*
June 21: *Sarah Evans*
June 23: *Delbert White*