

## THE RULES OF BASEBALL

It was historic! It had been more than forty years since it had last happened; but, in this generation of seeing walls come down and records broken, it was not surprising. Perhaps you saw some of it. I speak of the baseball game between the Cuban National team and the Baltimore Orioles. It happened on May 28, 1999 in *Cuba*. Fidel Castro himself attended, attired in his official garb, and watched the activities with the mostly solemn crowd of by-invitation-only fans.

The Orioles eventually won. What was amazing was that both teams played by the same rules and no disagreements broke out. Why was this amazing? Because these teams came from different cultures, lived under opposite forms of government, and spoke different languages. Sure, a few could speak the other's language but they were from different worlds. Yet, the game went off without a hitch. Why? The reason is simple: they had one rule book to govern what they did. The standardized rules of baseball are the same in Cuba as in the United States; they are the same in Spanish as in English. The language barrier did not prevent them from playing the same game. The culture barrier did not hinder their competing in the same fashion.

Spiritually speaking, we have one "rule book" ([2 Timothy 3:16,17](#); [2 Peter 1:3](#)). The Bible says the same thing to every individual ([2 Pet. 1:20](#)). Why is it, then, that there are so many people "playing by different rules?" To answer simply, it is because of a lack of respect for the authority of God's Word ([1 Chronicles 15:13](#)). What would have happened in the historic game if the Cubans had decided to interpret the rulebook how they wanted and the Orioles had done the same? There would have been total chaos and confusion—which is exactly what happens when men turn away from the only source of authority in religion.

God is not the author of confusion ([1 Corinthians 14:33](#)); in fact, He wants us all to "speak the same thing," be "perfectly joined together," and be of the "same mind and judgment" ([1 Corinthians 1:10](#)). Man—not God—is the author of division and confusion in the religious world. To make religion more pleasing to himself, man has modified, altered, changed, added, and deleted what God said. This amounts to a serious lack of respect for God.

The Cuban Nationals and the Baltimore Orioles would never have been able to play the game of baseball had they adopted the ideas of the religious world. If two baseball teams can see the need for authority and seeing matters alike, why can't we in the religious world? Think about it... —*adapted from Eddy Gilpin*

### EZRA CHAPTER SIX

O R A D A S H I G H D E A S L E	ADAR	HEAVEN
A S W I T H B A E S N A T H C E	AGAIN	HOUSE
N O W I R T H A N I T S R A I N	ALTER	IDDO
S E B E D Y V O W G E H L I O N	ASSYRIA	JEWS
C U T N E E S H P I E P O L U A	BABYLON	JOYFUL
C Y U T N T I S R O O D Y U G S	BUILDED	KILLED
F O R T I O N P A D U B R A S P	CUBITS	LEVITES
F O D U H R L A D S A R I S S E	CYRUS	MOSES
G O A T S E W I N B A N E T O S	DARIUS	PLACE
F O R T V E R B H E A V E T E N	DECREE	PRIESTS
E O O I K T R A U B R J O S L E	ELDERS	ROLLS
F L T D A I G I G I O O O U E A	FORTH	SAVOURS
B E D E S G L O J Y L M L R R T	FOUND	SWEET
S O H E A V E L F E E D C L U S	GOODS	WHEAT
S W A I R E Q U E D W E E D S O	HAGGAI	WINE
S T O N E D L O A D D S O D E S	HANGED	WRITTEN

### 😊 Special Days 😊

#### Happy Birthday, March!

Daniel Foxworth	2	Kinzie Neal	7
Avery Neal	7	Troy Crayton	7
Becky Klein	10	Alwilda Merritt	12
Sonny Wirt	12	Jessica Endy	23
Ernie Maiwald	29		
<b>Happy Anniversary, March!</b>			
Ed and Dee Parramore			25

### The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus (John 6-15)

1. **I AM** the bread of life (6:35, 48)
2. **I AM** the light of the world (8:12; 9:5)
3. **I AM** the gate (10:7)
4. **I AM** the good shepherd (10:11, 14)
5. **I AM** the resurrection and the life (11:25)
6. **I AM** the way and the truth and the life (14:6)
7. **I AM** the true vine (15:1,5)

## WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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**March 12, 2017**

#### Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

#### Elders

Eric Anthony    Ernie Maiwald  
Michael Neal    Lee Porter  
Tim Wertz

#### Deacons

Perry Comeaux    Jason Cottoner  
Keith George    Dan Medina  
Niles Wedge

#### Minister

Ernie Maiwald

#### Associate Minister

Keith George

*The Woodbridge elders recommend the following  
Bible translations for our public worship and study:  
King James Version, New King James Version and  
American Standard Version, 1901*



**Welcome, Visitors!**

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

**Daily Bible Readings**

		Morning	Evening
Epistles	March 12	II Peter	II Peter
The Law	March 13	Deut 16 - 19	Deut 16 - 19
History	March 14	Ezra 6 - 10	Ezra 6 - 10
Psalms	March 15	Psalms 134 - 136	Psalms 134 - 136
Poetry	March 16	Eccl 7 - 89 - 10	Eccl 7 - 89 - 10
Prophecy	March 17	Zechariah 8 - 14	Zechariah 8 - 14
Gospels	March 18	Acts 15 - 117 - 186	Acts 15 - 117 - 186

**Bible Class Schedule for the Week**

Sunday	Lesson 26	Matt. 1:18-25:13-23; Luke 2:39-52
Wednesday	Lesson 27	Matt 3: 1 - 17

**Announcements**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Josh and Jessica Endy are expecting! They are six weeks pregnant. They have asked for the congregation to keep them in our prayers during the pregnancy.

**Ladies Breakfast** A ladies' breakfast will be held at the building on Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. Ladies are asked to bring a breakfast/brunch dish as well as piece of memorable or memorable story from high school to share. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the foyer. Please see Catina Cottoner if you have

Assignments		
Today	12 March	19 March
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song	Wertz	Anthony
Prayer	Z. Frazier	Gauvin
Preside @ Table	Crayton	Chris Dollard
Assisting	Caples	Crayton
Assisting	Comeaux	Chrishon Dollard
Assisting	Cottoner	Dukes
Prayer	Michael Ambrose	Mike Ambrose
Evening Worship*	12 March	19 March
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song Leader	Wertz	Ambrose
Prayer	Dukes	Z. Frazier
Communion/Prayer	Crayton	Chris Dollard
Wed. Evening Worship	15 March	22 March
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song Leader	Wertz	Anthony
Invitation	Chris Dollard	Foxworth
Prayer	Beauvis	Chrishon Dollard

*Notes:*

1. *Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.*
2. *Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.*
3. **Transportation.** *If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.*

	March	April	May
<b>Prepare Communion</b>	Wedge	Frazier	George
<b>Building Lockup</b>	Maiwald	Neal	Wertz

REMINDERS			
<b>Mens' Breakfast</b>	3/11/17	8:00 am	OC Buffet
<b>EDP Meeting</b>	3/11/17	9:30 am	Building
<b>Ladies' Breakfast</b>	3/25/17	10:00am	Building

**Helpful Contact Addresses:**

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**For our Prayers**

**New**

- **Jackie Caples** fell last week. She did not do any additional damage to her shoulder, however, her neck and back are sore.
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) is out of ICU. He still has a go through further tests. The Medina family wants to thank everyone for their prayers. They also ask if everyone would take the time to write a note of encouragement to Jesse. He is not a Christian, however, they hope the love and encouragement shown by all will lead him to Christ. Jesse's address is **170348 County Rd., Mitchell, NE 69357.**

**Assisted Living**

- **Gayle Swabb** (Greenfield Assisted Living)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place)

**Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:**

- **Omer Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's brother) Cancer
- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lucille Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's sister-in-law) Cancer
- **Harry Sweet** (Cancer)
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Vicky Smith** (Kennetha Marbury's cousin) kidney
- **Les Carlson** (friend of the Merritts) Pancreatic/Liver Cancer
- **Tom Gilley** (Bobbie Girard's brother) memory problems
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Pat Kelsy** (Katie Wedge's aunt) hospice care
- **Andrew Brown** (friend of Wayne & Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Louise Carr** (Erica Riley's mother) strokes
- **Ryan Schick** (friend of the Gillispie's) motorcycle accident
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Tiffany Fragala** (Kiera Oyola's half sister's mom) Lyme Disease
- **Cayla Johnson** (Bobby Johnson's daughter) Colitis
- **Amelia** (Miranda Gillispie's cousin) breathing problems
- **Hailey** (Miranda Gillispie's cousin) neck problems
- **Juanita Johnson** (Bobby Johnson's mom) Thyroid Surgery
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor

**Continued prayers for our members**

Bobbie Girard	Alwilda Merritt	Neal Family
Colleen Wertz	Christine Liddell	Betty Perez
Tom White	Deb Neal	Endy Family
Zayda McCorkle	Mike Neal	