

## Attention

New Membership Directories are available  
(enough for each member to have one)

**Add New Member to your directory**

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**Speaker for Today**  
**Thank you, Alexis Brown**

## April Birthdays

6 Susan Hudson 16 Alana Hudson  
23 Shannon Hudson 30 Aaron McCollum  
30 Margaret Graddon

## April Anniversaries

28 Lyle & Margaret Graddon

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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# Indio Informer

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*"Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart and do not lean on  
your own understanding."*

Proverb 3:5

- *"Fight the good fight"*
- *"Keep the faith"*
- *"Finish the course"*

## God's Promise



## 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"* (Psalms 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 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 every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall **never** again become a flood to destroy all flesh”* (Genesis 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 (Isaiah 13:10). He looked at the splendor of Tyre and said, *“You shall **never** be rebuilt”* (Ezekiel 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”* (Ezekiel 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 Roman), *“the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall **never** be destroyed”* (Daniel 2:44). Jesus came and established that kingdom, the church, and the fact that this same kingdom is on the earth today 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”* (Revelation 14:11). These eternal words of God should be part of the souls of every person on this earth.

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”* (Hebrews 13:5).

### **FYI...Information Regarding Naeem Sabir in Pakistan**



**Naeem Sabir**

- Lives in Sahiwal, Punjab, Pakistan
- Preacher at Sahiwal Church of Christ

If you’d like to send a message, here’s his email address:

**[sahiwalbiblecollege43@yahoo.com](mailto:sahiwalbiblecollege43@yahoo.com)**

If you’d like to speak directly with him, go to Face Book, click on “Messenger”, search for his name, click on his name, then on the telephone icon. When he answers, he will be able to see you if you then click on the camera icon. It’s all FREE! Enjoy!

- **FYI...Message I sent to Naeem on Monday morning after getting money donated last Sunday.**
  - “Sent funds to help as you determine best. Money is from several church members plus one visitor. May God continue to bless us all.”
- **FYI...Response from Naeem.**
  - “Thanks, Sir, for the love of the Lord Jesus Christ you have for us. Praying 🙏 regularly. Stay blessed.”