



♥ *Happy Valentine's day!* ♥

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:00am

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Sunday Evening Worship:  
6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study:  
7:00pm

If you are interested in a home Bible study or would like a free Bible correspondence course with which to study by mail, please inform the minister or any of the men leading worship services. We are glad you are here!

## A Teachable Spirit

Peter gives a picture of Christ-like leadership near the close of his first epistle. It is not a leadership of self promotion as we see from our worldly leaders but one of a servant's leadership. This seems to be a very different man than the often brash and outspoken man we read about in the Gospels. I often wonder what precipitated this change in Peter. Did Christ's repeated examples and teachings as God incarnate start to break through his human notions of leaders and godliness? Was it some pivotal moments in Peter's life that made him more teachable? Perhaps it was being brought low at his own betrayal of Jesus (Matthew 26:69- 75)? Was it recognition of his own hypocrisy after being called out by Paul for his treatment of Gentiles (Galatians 2:11-21)? As with all of our lives, there were likely pivotal moments in Peter's life where he was more teachable. However, I think the Spirit guided Peter at the end of the passage to show us one essential ingredient for us to be teachable as Peter (1 Peter 5:5, 6): "Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you." (ESV) Only when we "clothe ourselves in humility" and approach God with the same humility as Peter are we in a condition where our Lord can teach us and mold us. Perhaps more difficult is the instruction for us to have humility with one another. However, if we are to learn from one another, we need to approach each other with similar humility. In doing so we are each able to bring our differences together making up the complete body our Lord envisioned for His kingdom

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## David's Empty Seat

### WELCOME!

**Welcome to the services of the church of Christ of the Palm Beaches! You are our honored guest!**

**We are a congregation of the church of which you can read in the Bible. We strive to do Bible things in Bible ways and to call Bible things by Bible names; to be Christians and Christians only. It is our goal to simply and plainly preach and teach New Testament Christianity.**

**You will find our worship simple and according to the New Testament pattern. We worship the same way that Peter, Paul, and John worshipped—In spirit and in truth (John 4: 24).**

**Our Headquarters is in heaven, our Creed is Christ and our book is the Bible. The Bible only will make Christians only and that is our plea.**

**We certainly hope that all we do will be encouraging and uplifting to you. Please take a moment to fill out a visitors' card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the card holder at the end of the pew.**

Bible students are aware that King Saul desired for David to be killed (1 Sa. 18:9). His desire for such was the result of jealousy as recorded in 1 Samuel 18:5-8. The day before a particular occasion when the King and others were to come together to eat, in what seems to be an observance of the new moon, David had made plans to be absent. To this Jonathan, Saul's son, stated: "To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty" (1 Sam. 20:18). David was absent from the King's table the following day, the King noticed, and his anger was kindled. Much can be learned from this incident and each would do well to read the event. Most folks come to services and sit in the same seats week after week. When their seat is empty they are missed. There may be things indicated by their empty seat. Let's notice some. Their empty seat may indicate: Sickness When someone is not present, it may indicate that person is sick. Often sickness comes upon individuals unexpectedly making it not possible for them to attend. These bodies are made from the dust of the ground and will return to such (Gn. 2:7,3:19; Ps. 103:14; Ecc. 12:6-7). Sometimes sickness can be temporary with a quick recovery and other times it can be prolonged causing individuals to be absent on a long-term basis. Sometimes members miss due to caring for sick family members. It is important, as we have opportunity, to visit those who are on their beds of affliction. Such is expected of those who will be saved (Mt. 25:31-46). Also, we might give them a call or send them a card or note of encouragement. When the sick cannot be here, their seat is empty and they are missed. Not Realizing Importance Of Attending Members not attending can also be the result of not realizing the importance of coming to all the services. Sometimes folks feel they fulfill their obligation by coming on Sunday morning only. Such is not the case. When the church assembles together, and one has opportunity to be present, one then has the obligation to be present. Consider this: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). Part of our coming together has to do with provoking one another unto love and good works (Heb. 10:24). When one chooses to absent themselves from the assembly, it is willful sin (v. 26). Being present for all the services says much about our attitude toward the work of this congregation. Also, each member has the responsibility to grow (2 Pt. 3:18) and therefore every opportunity to do so should be taken advantage of. When individuals choose not to come, it leaves their seat empty, and they are missed. Spiritual Weakness A member's empty seat may indicate they are struggling. Life can be difficult. Sometimes individuals simply need an encouraging word from their brothers and sisters. They may have a heavy load others are not aware of. What do we need to do in such cases? Carry it! Listen: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Ga. 6:2). Leaving The Fold The Devil is "as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pt. 5:8). Leaving the fold many times takes place gradually. Individuals may miss here and there and before long they are not attending at all. For this we must be observant as such may indicate one is leaving the fold. The church is made up of many members (1 Cor. 12:14,20) and each one is important. Jesus spoke of the importance of each one when he discussed a man having 100 sheep, one goes astray, and he leaves the secure to find the straying. Having found the astray, the man rejoiced. Jesus said: "Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish" (Mt. 18:12-14). Paul penned: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Ga. 6:1). James recorded: "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (Ja. 5:20). The seats of erring members are noticed, we miss them, and we need to try to quickly restore them

Donnie Oliver





## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE



### Sunday Morning Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Sterling Frederick

**OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Richard Gathright

**PRESIDING:** Ron Cullom

**SERVING:** Justin Ford, Gary Lester,  
Richard Gray & Ron Cullom

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Chuck Canteen

### Sunday Evening Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Norman Delong

**OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Tom Ramsey

**PRESIDING:** Chuck Canteen

**SERVING:** Gary Lester

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Jim Bowman

### Wednesday Bible Study

**SONG LEADER:** Terry West

**OPENING PRAYER:** Chuck Canteen

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Heath Johnson



# Keep in your prayers...

#### COCOPB Members

**Robin Landen**, is still recovering from her stroke.

**Monica Sinclair**, is starting chemotherapy on the 18th of February.

**Helen Quintero**, is still recovering from her surgery.

**Jon Jordan**, had a procedure on his neck.

#### Family of COCOPB Members

**Penny Hinton**, Michelle Hinton's mother, is struggling with her health.

**Laverne Byzek**, John Smith's sister, continues to need our prayers.

**Hazel Voight**, Nancy Sparks' sister, is in hospice care and is suffering with bed sores.

**Tony Flegert**, Maureen machan's son in-law, is still in the hospital.

**David Echeverria**, Carlos Echeverria's brother, is having difficulties and need's prayers.

**Katie Goodell**, Terry & Sandy Mann's niece, had a very successful brain surgery and is recovering.

**Jan Richardson**, Marsha Morakis's mother, was diagnosed with stage 1 lung cancer.

#### Friends of COCOPB Members

**Tina Wagner**, continues to need our prayers.

**Patti Jaquot**, a former member, is struggling with her health and needs our prayers.

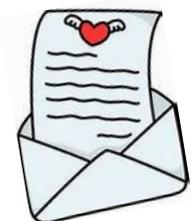
#### COCOPB Members Traveling

None

#### Shut-ins

**Jack Lee**

**Lena Morris**





# THE PREACHER'S FILES



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Nothing ought to be received into the faith or worship of the church, or be made a term of communion amongst Christians, that is not as old as the new testament.”

-Thomas Campbell

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

As the culture gets darker, we as Christians need to shine brighter.

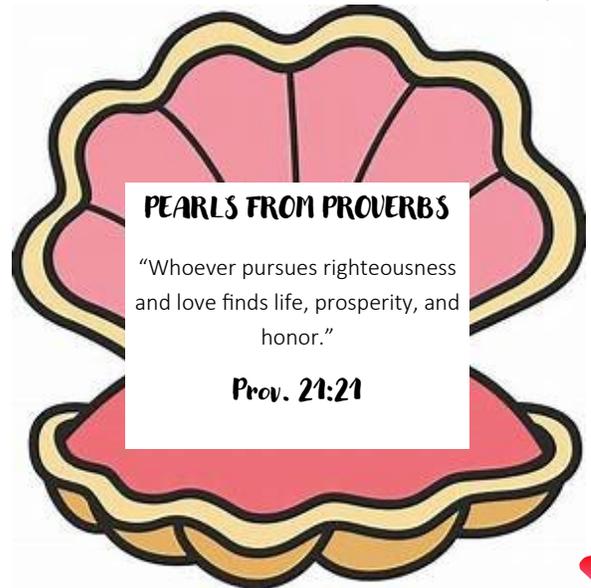


## GEMS FROM GREEK

monogenes (Adj). Gr. μονογενής

“Only born, only begotten.”

In John 3:16 Jesus is referred to as God’s only begotten son (monogenes). Jesus was one of a kind in that he was the only begotten human being that was God (Jn.1:1). Never before or since will deity dwell in flesh (Jn.1:14). Christ was begotten of God and came into this world to die that we might have life eternal (Jn.3:16).



## PEARLS FROM PROVERBS

“Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity, and honor.”

Prov. 21:21



## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Feb. 13th	Isa. 27-28	Heb. 11:1-16
14th	29-30	11:17-40
15th	31-32	12:1-17
16th	33-34	12:18-13:6
17th	35-37:7	13:7-25
18th	37:8-39	Titus. 1-2:8
19th	40-41	2:9-3

By following this schedule, you will be able to read the entire Bible in a year.





# NEWS & NOTES



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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ANGUS MAY 2/9

JOHN SMITH 2/17

ROBIN LANDEN 2/20

### ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN & VALENTINA SMITH 2/14

BRETT & VERA GRAY 2/21



### ATTENDANCE Feb.6th

Sun. Bible Study: 21

Sun. A.M. 48

Sun. P.M. 31

Wed. Bible Study: 29

Contribution: \$5,940.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: + \$1,793.00



### TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "THE GOSPEL IN 5 SECONDS"

PM: "UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE: CONTEXT"



It's time for this year's board nomination! if you would like to vote for this years nomination there are voting slips on the table in the foyer. Please put your finished slips in the mailbox outside or place them in the secretary in-box located next to the secretary's office door. Make sure to get your voting slips in by February 26th! The nomination day will be on March 6th, 2022!



The pantry is in need of: **Mac & Cheese, tuna, canned ham and spam.** If you would like to make a donation, please place your donations in the donation bin located in the foyer. Thank you.



The Minister and Mocha is will be starting back soon!! If you didn't get a chance to sign up last year look for new sign up sheets coming soon on the table in the foyer!



Please do not take any pantry items out of the donation bin In the foyer! Please see **Maureen Machan** if you need assistance with the pantry! Thank you.



## Will You be Missed?

When Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat became king over Judah, he secured his position on the throne by killing all of his brothers (2 Chronicles 21:4). This was just the beginning of his horribly wicked reign. He made shrines to various idolatrous gods and coerced God's people to worship the idols (vs. 11). Finally, because of his great wickedness, Elijah the prophet sent him a letter foretelling of his death by a terrible intestinal illness. The prophecy came true, and Jehoram died in "severe pain" (vs. 19). As a final footnote on this terrible life, the inspired record says that the customary burial proceedings of a king were not performed and that he departed "to no one's sorrow" (vs. 20). What a sad commentary on a mis-spent life. In Acts 9 we read of the death of a woman named Dorcas. She was "abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did" (vs 36). When the apostle Peter came to the place, the room was full of people who were "weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them" (vs. 39). Her obviously good life left a positive and lasting impression on all who knew her - and they mourned her passing. As Jehoram and Dorcas, we, too, will one day pass from this life. We wonder: Will we be missed? Will anyone mourn when we are gone? The answer to these questions, of course, is to be determined by how we spend our time here and now. If we are faithful and dedicated to both God and man; if we are busy serving the Lord and others; if we live less for self and more for family, friends, and neighbors; and if we keep our eye firmly fixed on what is really most important in this life - then there is a good probability that our passing will be more like Dorcas', and not like Jehoram's. When you die, will anyone miss you? Think!

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### GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

**Hear God's Word**

Romans 10:17

**Believe the Gospel**

John 20:30-31

**Repent of Your Sins**

Luke 13:3

**Confess Faith in Jesus**

Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized**

Acts 2:38

**Live Faithfully**

Revelation 2:10



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