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**TIME OF SERVICES:**

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!

## Self-Control

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11). In 1920, the 18th amendment to our constitution was adopted to ban the consumption of alcohol. Most simply refer to this as “Prohibition.” However, thirteen years later the 21st amendment repealed the eighteenth, revealing to us the validity of the phrase “you can’t legislate morality.” While only partially true, it is true nonetheless. Why? Well, prohibition proved that alcohol was not the problem, just like guns, sex and gambling are not problems. As the old saying goes, “Guns don’t kill people. People kill people.” The problem is our lack of self-control, which would also be difficult to legislate. We do not need gun control or stricter laws about the availability of sex or gambling. We need more self-control. We need less of the flesh and more of the Spirit. Fortunately, our loving Heavenly Father has made us an offer that is just too good to refuse. You see, if you will allow it, God can come into your life, bringing control and godliness so you may be more like Christ. By His spirit we can be empowered to live above the evil influences of the world, and thus the problems that stem from them. In this day, let the Spirit of God live within you and have control.

Ed Benesh

# Do I Need to Tithe?

## 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.**

If you were a Jew living under the Law of Moses, then “yes,” you need to tithe. (Lev 27:30-32; Deut 14:22; 2 Chron. 31:5-6 Neh. 13:12) The Children of Israel were commanded by God to tithe, or give 10% of what they possessed. The man, who refused to give the full tithe, was guilty of robbing God. (Mal 3:8) However, from a study of the Scriptures, we learn that the Law of Moses was done away with. (Eph 2:14-15; Col 2:14; Heb 8:6-13) And we also learn that the Law of Christ (i.e. new covenant) was established when Jesus died on the cross. (Heb 9:15-22) Furthermore, the law of Christ was given to all men, (Eph 2:11-18; 3:6; Matt 28:19; Mark 16:15; Rom 1:16) Tithing was commanded under the 1st covenant, but is nowhere commanded of us to obey under the 2nd covenant. So no one is obligated to tithe today. Now that is not to say that the people of God today have no responsibility to give of their means. But it is to say that many denominational ministers teach error when they direct their members to tithe today. They are binding an OT command during the NT era. Members of local churches of Christ were commanded “on the 1st day of the week” to “lay by something aside, storing up as he may prosper.” (1Cor 16:1-2) First century Christians were instructed to “give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2Cor 9:7) From these two Scriptures we learn a great deal about the Christian and his giving; WHEN: A collection from the saints is to be gathered on Sunday, the 1st day of the week. Churches are in error when they take up a collection on any other day, as many practices. HOW MUCH: No specific amount is revealed in the NT like the OT. Remember, the Christian is commanded to ‘store up as he may prosper.’ Giving is based upon our earned income. As a family makes more money, they should give more. The amount you can give may be more than 10%. PLANNING: There needs to be some forethought behind our giving. It should not be a last minute planning. It should not be a case of seeing what is left in our wallets to give. Rather, it is a matter of “laying something aside.” We give as we have purposed in our heart. To do this indicates we have planned and determined beforehand the amount we intend on giving back unto the Lord. ATTITUDE: Each Christian obeys a command of God when he or she contributes to the collection of the saints on the 1st day of the week. Yet this command is to be obeyed with a cheerful disposition. Our heart has condemned us if our giving is done grudgingly or out of necessity. We should even learn to be sacrificial in our giving. (Mark 12:41-44; 2Cor 8:1-5) No, we are not commanded to tithe today. But let us be sure to give on the right day with the right heart. If we will do that, then the amount will always be pleasing unto God.

Author Unknown

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### Sunday Morning Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Sterling Frederick

**OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Jim Bowman

**PRESIDING:** Joe Lewis

**SERVING:** Brett Gray, Carlos Echeverria, Gary Lester & Jon Jordan

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Chuck Canteen

### Sunday Evening Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Norman DeLong

**OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Chuck Canteen

**PRESIDING:** Jim Rogers

**SERVING:** Gary Lester

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Terry West

### Wednesday Bible Study

**SONG LEADER:** Norman DeLong

**OPENING PRAYER:** Heath Johnson

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Richard Gathright



## Keep in your prayers...

#### COCOPB Members

**Joel Blackshear**, is having health issues.

**Norman Golaub**, is recovering from surgery.

**Tom DiNetta**, was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease.

**Lena Morris**, continues to need prayers.

**Rick Reitano**, continues to need prayers.

#### Family of COCOPB Members

**Roberto Naranjo**, Melva Pollard's father, will be having his pacemaker replaced in the future.

**The family of John Smith**, John Smith's sister Laverne Byzek, passed away.

**Kim Dixon**, Warren & Nancy Sparks Daughter, is having health issues.

**Dennis MacDougall**, Donna MacDougall's brother, needs prayers for his health.

**Sonja Morris**, Tiffany Harts mother, blood transfusions are not working anymore.

**Troy McQueen**, Tiffany Hart's, grandfather, is in hospice with heart and breathing issues.

**David Compass**, Warren & Nancy Sparks nephew, Continues to needs prayers.

**Virginia Whetsel**, Wynona Bowman's sister, needs prayers for her health.

**Bryan Ogden**, Shea Ogden's husband, is continuing treatments for cancer.

#### Friends of COCOPB Members

**Josie Wert**, a friend of James Roberts, is having multiple issues and needs our prayers.

**Peggy Durkin**, a friend of Heath & Halle's mother, is having health issues.

**Monika Sinclair**, continues to need prayers.

**Doug Barnhart**, continues to need prayers.

#### COCOPB Members Traveling

**Carlos Echeverria**,

#### Responses to the invitation

#### Missions We Support

**John Grubb** (Indonesia)

**Ronnie Gootam** (India)

**Joshua Ankiah** (South Africa)

**Memphis School of Preaching**

#### Shut-Ins

**Jack Lee**

# FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4



JOHN SMITH

# The New Birth

We hear much today about the new birth. Many people say they are "born again Christians." They do not seem to understand that one cannot be a Christian at all unless he has been born again. How can one be born again? That is, how does one become a Christian? What does the Bible say? The Bible speaks of the new birth in John 3:1-13. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews, came to Jesus. Nicodemus was both a religious man and a good man. He knew that God had sent Jesus into the world because he had seen the miracles which Jesus did. Nicodemus was looking for the kingdom of God. Jesus knew what Nicodemus was thinking and answered by saying: "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." "To see" the kingdom is to be a part of it and to enjoy its blessings. Nicodemus was a Jew. He had become a part of the kingdom of Israel by being born into a Jewish family. Probably he thought that Jesus' kingdom would be an earthly kingdom also. But he was mistaken. The kingdom which Jesus came to establish was a spiritual kingdom. Jesus later told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). When Peter confessed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus promised to build His church. He then promised to give Peter the keys of the kingdom (Matthew 16:16-19). It is clear in these verses that Jesus uses the word "church" and "kingdom" to refer to the same thing. Many years later, the Apostle Paul reminded members of the church of Christ at Colossae that God had translated them into the kingdom of His dear Son" (Colossians 1:13). Since the kingdom and the church are the same thing, then the way one gets into the church is the same way he gets into the kingdom. If one is in the kingdom, he is a member of the church. Jesus further said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." This means that there is only one way that one can enjoy the blessings of the kingdom and that is by being born again. Jesus said that one must be born of (1) water, (2) the Spirit. In a human birth two things are necessary: (1) the father who begets, (2) the mother who brings forth. Jesus is using the physical birth into a human family to explain the spiritual birth into the kingdom of God which is God's family. In the new birth, the Holy Spirit begets. The seed is the Word of God. Notice these words: "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (James 1:18). Again, let us read a similar Scripture, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (1 Peter 1:22-23). The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). It is the Word which the Spirit uses to produce faith in the human heart. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). When the Word of God is preached, the Holy Spirit by this means begets faith in the sinner's heart. Thus, one may be said to be begotten of the Spirit when he hears and believes the Word of God. But how is one born of the water? This is done by baptism. When one hears and believes the Word of God, he obeys the Word by being baptized in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19,20). This baptism is a burial in water (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12). It is for the remission (forgiveness) of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). By baptism, the believer is put into the Lord's body (1 Corinthians 12:13), which is the church (Colossians 1:18), the kingdom of God. We have seen that to be a Christian, it is necessary to be born again. If one has been born again, he is in the kingdom of God which is the church of Christ. This new birth of water and the Spirit takes place when the Spirit inspired Word begets faith in the human heart and the believer responds by being baptized for the remission of sins. Thus he is born of water and the Spirit and has thereby entered the kingdom. Reader friend, what about you? Are you saved? Are you in the kingdom of God? Have you been born again of water and the Spirit? If not, then you do not have the hope of eternal life. Believe the Word and be baptized today that salvation may be yours: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15,16).

**Rod Rutherford**

# NEWS AND NOTES...

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### BIRTHDAYS



MAURREN MACHAN 1/8

BRETT GRAY 1/23

ANNA POLLARD 1/14

RON CULLOM 1/18

DONNA MACDOUGALL 1/19

ERIBERTO VASQUEZ 1/21

### ANNIVERSARIES



WARREN & NANCY SPARKS 1/17

### ATTENDANCE JAN. 22ND

Sun. Bible Study: 26

Sun. A.M: 65

Sun. P.M: 31

Wed. Bible Study: 40

Contribution: \$3,688.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,252.00

Variance: -\$564.00

### TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "THE FIRST AND SECOND  
ADAM"

PM: "CITIES OF REFUGE"



Today is our annual send and save Sunday! We will be taking a special collection this morning to put towards our buildings repairs and needs. We will also be having our 5th Sunday Q&A this Sunday evening! There are question slips out on the black table in the foyer. Please put your finished question slips in the Q&A box.



Our deepest sympathies are extended to John Smith and his family on the passing of his sister Laverne Byzek. We encourage everyone to reach out and to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



# THE BIBLE

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe in it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

Author Unknown

*For God will open doors*

ISAIAH 22:22

## 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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