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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!

## Hero or Goofball?

There is only one truly great profession, and that is that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the Living God. It was made by Jesus' apostle, the one he called "Cephas," also known as Peter (Matthew 16:16). Whoever walked on water? Peter walked on water. Well, sure, he began to sink after a bit, but there were eleven other guys in the boat who never got out. Peter got out, and he walked on water with Jesus (Matthew 14:28-33). Wow! Jesus used Peter to proclaim him on that great day of Pentecost (Acts 2). That's when the Lord initiated the building of his church in earnest and Peter was his job foreman. This same apostle would later be the one Jesus would use to bring the Gentiles into the kingdom by preaching the gospel to Cornelius and his household (Acts 10). But hold on now; didn't Peter later get into trouble for separating himself from Gentiles (Galatians 2:11-14), and didn't Jesus once refer to Peter as "Satan" and accuse him of setting his mind on the interests of men rather than those of God (Matthew 16:21-23)? Yep, same guy. Peter was also the one who used the violence of the sword to defend Jesus in the garden (Matthew 26:51 & John 18:10), and sadly, he's also the guy who later cursed and denied that he even knew Jesus; and this while Jesus was on trial for his life (Matthew 26:69-75). I thank God for "Cephas" and for telling us everything he did, the glorious and heroic as well as the weak and shameful. I read about him, and am comforted by all I see that there is hope for me and you.

Marty Kessler

# Something to Think About

## 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.**

A great number of people who consider themselves to be Christians, to be honest, are not really sure just what they believe or why they want to serve Jesus. To follow Christ is a serious undertaking. To make a decision to be His disciple requires that one know some things about Him (John 6:44-45). Every person needs to know at least four things about Jesus. Jesus made us - He is Creator. John wrote, John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:14 identifies "the Word" as Jesus, the only begotten of the Father. Colossians 1:16,17 declares, "For by Him (Jesus) were all things created... all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." No amount of evolutionary teaching can change the truth that God's Son created all things. Jesus died and rose again for us - He is Savior. Jesus did not come just to make the world a better place or simply raise the standard of mankind's moral concepts. He came to save people from sin and the horrible punishment of hell! 1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. Thanks be to god "that Christ died for our sins" (1 Cor. 15:3), and "... we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:4). What does His resurrection have to do with us? He "... was delivered for our offences, and was raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father in heaven (Mk. 16:19). He has authority over us - He is King. After the resurrection, Jesus told His apostles, Matthew 28:18-20, And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Jesus has all authority. He is the head of His church (eph. 1:22-23), so in all things the church is to be in subjection to Him (Eph. 5:24). He will determine our destiny - He is judge. Jesus said, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment to the Son" (Jn. 5:22). Paul added "... we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Cor. 5:10) because He "was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick (living) and dead" (Acts 10:42). What a thought: the One that created us, died for us, rose from the dead for us, and rules over us, will one day judge us!

**Author Unknown**

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### Sunday Morning Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Norman DeLong  
**OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE**  
**READING:** Jim Bowman  
**PRESIDING:** Joe Lewis  
**SERVING:** Brett Gray, Tom DiNetta, Gary Lester & Chuck Canteen  
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Richard Gathright

### Sunday Evening Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Sterling Frederick  
**OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE**  
**READING:** Jim Bowman  
**PRESIDING:** James Roberts  
**SERVING:** Gary Lester  
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Terry West

### Wednesday Bible Study

**SONG LEADER:** Tom Ramsey  
**OPENING PRAYER:** Heath Johnson  
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Richard Gathright



*Keep in your prayers...*

#### COCOPB Members

**Rick Reitano**, is undergoing cancer treatments.

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

**Norma Golaub**, continues to need prayer as she recovers.

#### Family of COCOPB Members

**Joshua Jordan**, Maureen Machan's son, is in ICU with high blood pressure and an infection in his leg.

**Keith Lewis**, will possibly be having his leg amputated.

**Cleanita Barote**, Jennifer Jordan's sister-in-law's mother, has health concerns and needs prayers.

**Young Shim Ko**, Young DiNetta's sister, is improving but continues to need prayers.

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

**James MacDougall**, Donna MacDougall's nephew, is recovering from surgery.

**Sonja Morris**, Tiffany Harts mother, continues to need prayers for her health.

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

**Charles Maden**, Nancy Sparks brother, is not doing well and needs prayer.

**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

**Bruce Crouchfelt**, A friend of Ron Cullom, needs prayers for his treatments for cancer.

**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 have to have news regarding her health and we want to continue to pray for her.

#### COCOPB Members Traveling

**Tom & Young DiNetta (AK)**, **Mike & Marsha Morakis (Orlando)**, **Carolina Zacaria (Miami)**, **Carlos Echeverria (work travels)**.

#### Responses to the invitation

**Manoella Mendieta**

#### Missions We Support

**John Grubb** (Indonesia)

**Ronnie Gootam** (India)

**Joshua Ankiah** (South Africa)

**Memphis School of Preaching**

# APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> Jack Lee Memorial Service @11:00AM Sixth Street Church of Christ Ladies Day
<b>2</b>  ROBERT GAUCIN	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  ROBERT & ANGIE GAUCIN	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  JANET MORELAND	<b>15</b>  ANGIE GAUCIN
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  MAGGIE CURET CANTEEN	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ Ladies Day	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  JOE LEWIS
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>  STEVE VASQUEZ						

# How Can That Be? Why Should That Be?

We all understand that Christianity is a taught religion! People do not become Christians unless there is teaching. One of the distinctions between the covenant of Moses and the covenant of Christ is that under the new covenant “they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me” (John 6:45). Under the old covenant, a person was in covenant relationship with God because of physical birth. That person, from birth, was then to be taught and learn the law of God. Under the new covenant, a person is taught and learns the law of God to become a child of God. Without faith a person cannot please God (Heb. 11:6), and that faith comes through hearing (i.e., teaching—Rom. 10:17). Jesus tells us therefore to go and teach (Mat. 28:19). Paul refers to the necessity of teaching in 1 Corinthians 1:21, “it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” In the parable of the sower, Jesus stressed that the seed that must be sown is “the word of the kingdom” (Mat. 13:19). That seed is to be spread broadly; some of the seed that is sown will bring forth fruit (i.e., citizens of the kingdom of Christ), and some will not. The responsibility of all Christians is to sow that seed without additions, subtractions, or alterations. If the seed is not broadcast into human hearts, the kingdom will not grow—souls will not be saved. To state it simply: Teaching the Word of God to others is the obligation of every Christian and the lifeline of the church, the kingdom of God on earth. The church that does not realize the importance of teaching will die! Satan is working in various ways to stop the teaching of God’s Word. For many, the belief Bishops: Paul Brantley, Michael Hatcher Bill Busch Minister: Michael Hatcher Deacons: Henry Born, Elward Brantley that it is someone else’s responsibility, a lie of the devil, is enough to stop the teaching. Sometimes efforts are made by other people, sometimes religious people, to stop Christians from teaching. A New Testament Example The church has always had its enemies. Early in the history of the church some made efforts to stop the church from teaching. They said, “Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name?” (Acts 5:28). Here the opposition to the church was coming from the religious leaders of the day, the Jewish Sanhedrin. The very ones who should have known God’s Word and who should have recognized Jesus as the Messiah were determined to stop the growth of God’s people, the church. Paul stated that the Gospel is “the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16). Even the enemies of the church recognized the power of the Word. The Sanhedrin knew that if the church were to be stopped then the teaching of the church must be stopped. Earlier, Peter and John had been threatened “not to speak at all or teach in the name of Jesus” (Acts 4:18). Their reply was significant, “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard” (4:20). Their determination to teach in the name of Jesus was unwavering in the face of threatening (i.e., potential harm and even death). What About Us—Now? How often have we allowed far less to keep us silent about Christ, the Gospel, and the church purchased by the precious blood of Christ? Often, we are persuaded not to teach by our own indifference, by the press of time, by convenience, or by the influence, or words of others. Sometimes those who ought to know better and do better—those who are members of the church—discourage others from teaching the lost about the good news of Jesus Christ. We should recognize that anything which discourages us from doing what God wants us to do has to be wrong and that we should not allow these temptations to ensnare us and cause us to be silent. We must speak; we must teach! “Behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine.” Sometimes we have a tendency to exaggerate our own accomplishments. The statement here came, however, from the enemies of the church; this is no exaggeration. These early Christians had literally filled their city with the doctrine of Christ. There is the challenge for us—to fill our cities with the doctrine of Christ. Thousands of souls all around us need to hear the Gospel. They desperately need to heed this message. They are lost without it! We can fill our cities with the Gospel. To accomplish this task, we need the commitment we see in the first century church. The Challenge We need to rise above discouragement and indifference. We need to work harder to teach more. Let us make this the year in which we determine to fill our communities with the Gospel. By the close of the year will even the enemies of Christ be able to declare, “You have filled the city with your doctrine!”? Let us all work toward this end.

# NEWS AND NOTES...

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### BIRTHDAYS 🎈

CHARLES VAUGHN 3/7

OLGA DE LA ROSA 3/8

MELVA POLLARD 3/18

DON BRADBURY 3/25

### ANNIVERSARIES ❤️

NONE

### ATTENDANCE MAR 19TH

Sun. Bible Study: 10

Sun. A.M: 53

Sun. P.M: 26

Wed. Bible Study: 24

Contribution: \$2,802.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,535.00

Variance: -\$1,733.00

### TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "WHAT DO YOU SEE?"

PM: "BAPTISMS OF THE BIBLE"



Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel at **Church of Christ of the Palm Beaches**! With more subscribers, our channel will reach a wider audience!



There will be a memorial service for our dear brother **Jack Lee** here at the building on Saturday **April 1st at 11:00AM**. There will be a luncheon after the service. Please bring finger foods if you plan to attend the luncheon. A sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Please list your name and what you will be bringing. Thank you.



**Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ** will be holding their annual ladies day on **April 20th**! It is requested that you RSVP no later than **April 10th**! To RSVP please contact Halle Johnson. You can find more information on the bulletin board located in the foyer.



There will also be a ladies day at **Sixth Street Church of Christ** on **April 1st**. RSVPs are not required. You can find more information on the bulletin board located in the foyer.



## On Prayer

Paul, being a man of prayer, went to find others who believed in prayer (Acts 16). They met daily by the riverbank. Prayer is our greatest weapon against the devil. Paul had begun his Christian life on his knees (cf. Acts 9:11). Jesus spent whole nights in prayer (Luke 6:12). Whenever a man loses faith in prayer, he has lost his greatest element of power. Queen Mary declared she feared the prayers of John Knox more than the armies of her enemies. Though neither were New Testament Christians, they both believed in the power of prayer. Certainly we have greater belief in it!

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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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