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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!

The Upright & The Wicked

It is amusing that the heading in my Bible over the next several chapters of Proverbs are all the same: "Contrast the upright and the wicked." Solomon's demonstration of dissimilarities between these two classes of people is wide and varied. There are general characteristics of the upright. They are righteous (8-10, 18,19, 21,23,28), "examined and found to be in order, innocent, not guilty, and therefore in the right" (Holladay, Köhler, 303). Through righteousness, they are delivered from trouble, delivered by knowledge, rewarded, admired by others, bless their descendants, have appropriate desires, and flourish. They are humble (2), and through humility are wise. They have integrity (3), which guides their lives. They have understanding (12), leading them to control their tongues. They are trustworthy (13), and so can be trusted with secrets. They are gracious (16), spoken specifically of women who through such attain honor. They are merciful (17), so doing good. They are blameless, wholesome, unimpaired, innocent, having integrity (BDB 1071) (5, 20), winning favor with man and God. They are generous (25), yet through generosity prosper (cf. 26). They diligently seek good (27). Solomon's summary of the upright is verse 30: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls." In other words, the upright find eternal life for themselves and actively work to help others find it, too. There are general characteristics of the wicked. They are full of pride (2). They are treacherous (3), meaning deceitful and unfaithful, and their crookedness destroys themselves. They are godless (, destroying their neighbors. They are evil (19,21,27), bringing about their own death, punishment, and evil consequences. They fall (5), are caught by their own greed (6), fall into trouble (, despise their neighbor (12), gossip (13), ruthless (16), cruel (17), self-destructive (19), perverse in heart (20), lack discretion (22), stingy (24,26), troubles their own house (29), and are rewarded according to their deeds (31). Solomon points out the connections between specific sins or righteous deeds and their consequences. He shows the different trajectories of a person's life depending on what kind of character they are building. Their behavior and manner of life not only affect themselves, but also all the people around them from strangers to neighbors to family. But in all of this, God is paying close attention. Whether in this life or in the next, each will inescapably taste the ultimate, eternal reward for their deeds.

Neal Pollard

The “Boring Worship” Of The Church

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.

Let's face it. Some members of the church think that the worship in which we engage on the first day of the week is boring. While there are both younger and older members alike that roll their eyes at the thought of the same acts of worship ("the same old stuff") being repeated week in and week out, it appears that young Christians and their Baby Boomer parents especially struggle with the idea of participating in the identical worship acts time after time. So much of life in the 21st century is geared to speed, instant satisfaction, fun, and activities that keep us on the go. Fast food restaurants encourage you to buy a specific drink or meal in order to see if you can be "an instant winner." Candy bars are now sold in the "fun size." Getting on the internet allows you to quickly watch a music video, send or receive a message by e-mail, check the latest sports news, look up the price of a new pair of shoes, and see what movies are playing in your area. And, you can do all of this in just a few minutes, with marvelous colors flashing on the screen, accompanied by background music that can keep you rockin'. Who cannot see that what goes on within a worship assembly is far different from the above scenario? Because scriptural worship does not offer the type of thrills, excitement, eye-catching or ear-catching entertainment that goes on in the world, some disciples of Jesus consider worship about as exciting and attention-retaining as watching paint dry. To them, worship is b-o-r-i-n-g. Webster's 9th New Collegiate Dictionary defines "bore" or "boring" as "to make weary and restless by being uninteresting." That's it. That is exactly how some members of the Lord's body look at worship: it makes them weary and restless because it is so uninteresting. When I hear grumblings about "our worship" being "so boring," I always wonder, "What part of worship makes it so boring?" Could the culprit be our prayers? Is it really the case that when we pour out our hearts in prayer to our heavenly Father, giving Him thanks and making our requests known to Him (Philippians 4:6), is that what is so boring? Surely not. Could it be that the fault lies with the Lord's Supper? When we read Scriptures about the death of Jesus, then go back to the cross in our minds as we remember His sacrifice for us (1 Corinthians 11:24,25), is that really a boring activity? Surely not. Maybe the culprit is the preaching/study of God's word. To preach "the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19), the message that sinners can be reconciled to God through Jesus and have an eternal inheritance awaiting them in heaven (1 Peter 1:3,4), is that really boring? Surely not. Perhaps the contribution is what is so uninteresting. But, if I understand that the contributed funds will help preach the gospel to lost souls, strengthen the church, and assist those that stand in need (1 Corinthians 16:1,2), then surely I will look at giving as an act of cheer, not drudgery (2 Corinthians 9:7). If it is not boring to pray, study the word, partake of the Lord's Supper, or give, then what does that leave? It must be the singing that bores some out of their minds. Yet, when we sing spiritual songs, what are we doing? Are we not offering a praise of joy to the Almighty? (Ephesians 5:19; James 5:13). How can it be "a drag" to praise the Creator?! Who prescribed the worship of the New Testament church? Was it not God Himself? Does He not know what is best for us? If I am bored by scriptural worship of the Almighty, it is not God's fault. It is also not the fault of the worship leaders, the elders, or preacher. My boredom is not because the worship is lacking something. Hmmm. What could it be? If I count scriptural worship as boring, then perhaps what needs to be adjusted is my attitude.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman DeLong

OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE

READING: Brett Gray

PRESIDING: Ron Cullom

SERVING: Tom DiNetta, Warren

Sparks, Richard Gray & Joel

Blackshear

CLOSING PRAYER: Terry West

Sunday Evening Worship

SONG LEADER: Sterling

Frederick

OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE

READING: Joe Lewis

PRESIDING: Tom Ramsey

SERVING: Chuck Canteen

CLOSING PRAYER: James

Roberts

Wednesday Bible Study

SONG LEADER: Norman DeLong

OPENING PRAYER: Jim Rogers

CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen



Keep in your prayers...

[COCOPB Members](#)

Tom Ramsey, is recovering from heart surgery.

Rick Reitano, is starting cancer treatments.

Joel Blackshear, is having health issues.

Norma Golaub, is recovering from surgery.

Lena Morris, continues to need prayers.

[Family of COCOPB Members](#)

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

The Family of Jack Lee, Jack Lee passed away.

Young Shim Ko, Young DiNetta's sister, is out of her coma, but continues to need prayers.

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 Compas, 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](#)

George Osborne, a friend of Maureen Machan, is in pain from back surgery.

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 to need prayers.

Doug Barnhart, continues to need prayers.

[COCOPB Members Traveling](#)

Carlos Echeverria

[Responses to the invitation](#)

Tiffany Hart

[Missions We Support](#)

John Grubb (Indonesia)

Ronnie Gootam (India)

Joshua Ankiah (South Africa)

Memphis School of Preaching

Heaven Holds My Standards & My Ideals

We are all familiar with the idea of a standard. Perhaps the most common standard is the ruler, a flat stick of wood on which is inscribed twelve numbers sequentially, evenly spaced at regular intervals. The entire measure of the ruler is known as a “foot.” The smaller divided spaces known as “inches.” In the construction industry, this standard is critical for consumers to know exactly the amount of product they are receiving. Were a construction worker to depart from this standard and provide less, the consumer would balk at the product and cry foul, and rightly so. So also, one would be upset were he to receive a ticket for running a green light, get charged for a gallon of milk when he only bought half a gallon, or get an “F” on a test on which he missed no questions. We expect agreed upon standards to go unaltered. While the above conventions are humanly devised, it is a fundamental mistake to say that all standards are simply the product of human invention. The implication of such a notion is that Nazi Germany was not wrong in its extermination of seven million Jews. Neither could Stalin have been wrong when he intentionally starved to death six to eight million Ukrainians in the early 1930s. If all standards are humanly devised, then standards of right and wrong must be humanly devised as well. If such is the case, then no higher standard than humanity itself could judge an action to be wrong. That implies that if humanity (or a certain contingent thereof) agrees upon it, it must be right, regardless of how atrocious it may be. Such is the quagmire into which one wades when he leaves heaven out of his thinking. Indeed, in order to escape the morass of problems that results from the notion that humans invent morals, one must appeal to a standard of morality that is above and beyond humanity. The Bible sets forth God as the source of all things morally praiseworthy, and the ultimate standard for right and wrong (Luke 18:19, James 1:17). This means that heaven holds my standards and ideals for morality and right living. How does heaven reveal this message to me? First, God reveals the standard for right living through the life and person of Jesus who is the Christ, God in the flesh. Jesus reveals to us who God truly is (John 1:18), teaches us what God’s will is (John 7:17), and provides for us a perfect example for how to live (1 Pet. 2:21). Titus 2:11-12 says of Jesus, “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” Second, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His apostles and prophets to guide them into all truth (John 16:13). These apostles were inspired by God’s Spirit to preach, teach, and write the things which they saw and heard of the life of Jesus (John 14:26). These men of God spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21). When they wrote these things down so that others could read them, they revealed the very mind of God (1 Cor. 2:12-13). We may understand what they wrote, and apply them to our lives as we seek to live in a morally praiseworthy way (Eph. 3:3-4). Third, as I seek God within my life, I must handle the scriptures in a responsible way. Paul told Timothy, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). I must be honest with the evidence that is presented (Luke 8:15). I must make personal application of the truths of the word of God to my life (James 1:21-27). I must not wrest the scriptures to my own destruction (2 Pet. 3:16). It is not the case that a single human, a group of humans, or the whole of humanity are the standard for right and wrong. Each person must look to heaven, wherein dwells righteousness (2 Pet. 3:13), for his standards and ideals. Indeed, heaven holds all to me!

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 FEB 26TH

Sun. Bible Study: 26

Sun. A.M: 64

Sun. P.M: 32

Wed. Bible Study: 24

Contribution: \$3,277.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,535.00

Variance: -\$1,258.00

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "SEEING THE UNSEEN"

PM: "MARKS OF THE MASTER"



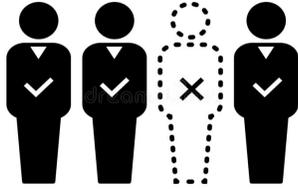
The Pantry is in need of: Peanut butter; Jelly; Canned soup and Tuna. There is a Pantry donation bin located in the foyer next to the black table. Please see **Maureen Machan** for any questions or assistance.



Today We will be voting for our yearly board nominations. We please ask for our **members only** to take a few moments to vote this morning.



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!



When I Was Absent From Worship

1. It made some people question the reality of my religious faith (James 2:17). 2. It set an example of neglecting the assembly and failing to obey an inspired command (Hebrews 10:25). 3. I failed to observe the example set by the early church in partaking of the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). 4. It made it impossible for the elders of the church to see that the entire flock was fed or taught the Word of God (Acts 20:28). 5. It indicated that I was not concerned about assembling with my brethren and the Lord's promise to be in our midst (Matthew 18:20). 6. Some must have concluded that I found more pleasure in fellowship with the world than with the Lord and my brethren (2 Cor. 6:14). 7. I set the wrong example before my children and before others who were influenced by my absence. 8. If I chose to be absent on a pleasure trip and made no plans to worship God, it would prove that I love the Lord too little and love the world too much (2 Timothy 4: 10). 9. It set a pattern of irregular church attendance, violating the steadfastness in teaching, fellowship, and worship that was practiced by the apostolic church (Acts 2:42-47). 10. On the day that I willfully chose to be absent, I failed to walk in the light and did not enjoy the fellowship of my brethren (John 1:7).

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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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