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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!

Blessed

The word “blessed” appears some three hundred times in the Bible. Many of those references are used in reference to man. One of the many definitions of the word blessed is “highly favored or fortunate.” We often speak of those who are without as those who are “less fortunate.” It is indeed fair to say that man is blessed every single day that goes by. Have you ever thought about how so? Many of us own multiple copies of God’s Word, sometimes even owning multiple versions to help us along in our studies. Because of such, it can be easy to take it for granted. But did you know, that if you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed? Why? Because one third of all the world does not have access to even one Bible. We are indeed blessed. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world’s wealthy. Friends, that list could continue. But even more importantly, those who wear the name of Christ, are especially blessed, both physically and spiritually. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). I know that often we do not think of physical blessings as spiritual blessings, but the Bible does not always separate the two. For instance, a promise that came from Jesus is if we are faithful, we will not need to worry about food, clothing, or shelter (Matthew 6:25-33). Jesus did not just come to give life, but that we may “have it abundantly” (John 10:10). In Christ, blessings overflow, because the Father who gives all blessings promised special blessings there (James 1:17). We have access to God through prayer. Believe it or not, not every person has that blessing (1 Peter 3:12). We have beautiful fellowship that not all can have (Ephesians 5:11). We have the forgiveness of sins (Romans 4:7). We have help as we fight the temptations of life (Matthew 6:13; James 1:12). But above all things, we have the hope of something better when this life is over (Matthew 25:34). That hope is not given to all, but only to those who are obedient (Hebrews 5:9). Yes indeed, we are blessed!!

Dwain Butler

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT OF GOD?

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 few years ago, I was talking to a Christian about his commitment to God. He said he didn't go to worship much because God had "touched him." He stated that he took his granddaughter, but he hadn't been to worship in three weeks. Church just wasn't what he expected. So, I asked him, just what did he expect? What do you expect of God? Some expect God to put a stamp of approval on their lifestyle and to accept them without any change on their part. These folks might reason that since God is just and kind, He would accept them as they are. Jesus, however preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He also stated, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). We have to change for God to accept us. Some may think very little of God's perspective and only think about their own. Remember, God doesn't think like man does (Is. 55:8, 9). Man lives in a physical world. Often what man expects in the physical, he also expects in the spiritual. When excitement, entertainment, and pleasure are the way of the physical, some expect that in the spiritual as well. Any church that doesn't provide those is not what they expect. Sometimes man may think God's ways are unfair. Some said so in the past (Ezek. 18:25). Those living in a sinful relationship might believe it is unfair that God wants them to separate. Someone else in a dead-end marriage can't believe that God wants them to stay together "till death do you part." Those who are living a sinful lifestyle might consider it unfair that they must leave that lifestyle in order to get to heaven (Gal. 5:19-21). Yet, who is it that sets the standard of fairness? Who decides right or wrong? God does. Some may expect God to do what man is supposed to do. God cannot save a person who does not want to be saved. God cannot save someone who has not met His requirements (Matt. 7:21). When the rich man was in torment as recorded in Luke chapter 16, he wanted someone to go to his brothers on earth to warn them. The answer was, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Luke 16:29). Those who want to be saved must follow God's laws. Anything else is not acceptable. We cannot expect God to strike us with a burst of Bible knowledge. It takes study on the part of man to understand the will of God. The Bereans searched the scriptures to see if the preaching they heard was accurate (Acts 17:11). We must study God's Word and handle it correctly (2 Tim. 2:15). Let us pray that we always strive to do what God expects so that we have a good conscience toward Him (Acts 24:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). God loves us so much that He puts guidelines, rules, and ways in place to help us get through this life and be in heaven one day with Him. If we follow Him, we will achieve that goal.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

SONG LEADER: Sterling Fredrick

OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE

READING: Chuck Canteen

PRESIDING: Joe Lewis

SERVING: Mike Morakis, Brett
Gray, Justin Ford & Carlos
Echeverria

CLOSING PRAYER: Norman Delong

Sunday Evening Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman Delong

OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE

READING: Jim Bowman

PRESIDING: Jim Rogers

SERVING: Warren Sparks

CLOSING PRAYER: Terry West

Wednesday Bible Study

SONG LEADER: Norman Delong

OPENING PRAYER: Jim Rogers

CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen



Keep in your prayers...

COCOPB Members

Ginny Gathright, her treatments for her rheumatoid arthritis are working, continue to pray they keep working.

Lena Morris, will be having surgery and needs our prayers.

Family of COCOPB Members

Beach Aten, John Smith's brother-in-law, Has a Lymphoma.

Sonja Morris, Tiffany Hart's mother, had to have an emergency blood transfusion.

Roberto Naranjo, Melva Pollard's Father, Has been in pain and need our prayers.

Bryan Ogden, Shea Ogden's husband, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is starting treatments.

Tony Flegert, Maureen Machan's son in-law, is home from the hospital but continues to need prayers.

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

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

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

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

Ollie, Justin Ford's Step Father, is Having Health issues and needs prayers for spiritual guidance.

Friends of COCOPB Members

Jack Skunkweller, Patti Jaquot's brother, had a heart attack.

Ying Tepperman, A friend of Thomas Dinetta, is going through the loss of her husband.

Cliffond Whitehead, a friend of Thomas Dinetta, has gum cancer and is waiting for follow up results for his surgery.

Monica Sinclair, is going through a very difficult time and needs our prayers.

Tina Wagner, continues to need our prayers.

Robin Landen, is still recovering from her stroke.

COCOPB Members Traveling

Norman Delong (CA), **Warren & Nancy Sparks (Umatilla)**, **Mike & Marsha Morakis (Orlando)**

Shut-ins

Jack Lee

Lena Morris



THE PREACHER'S FILES



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Realize that saving souls is a lifestyle, not an assignment. ”

– Mike Winkler

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

The three B's of worship:

Be on time

Be alert

Be involved

GEMS FROM GREEK

Gnorizo (Verb). Gr. γνωρίζω

“To make known, reveal, declare, affirm.”

Paul stated “but I certify (gnorizo) you brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.” Gnorizo is pronounced as if it were knowrizo, and our English word “known” came from this Greek word. In Galatians Paul made known that he got by revelation of Jesus Christ what he preached.

PEARLS FROM PROVERBS

“A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city, and contentions are like the bars of a citadel.”

Prov. 18:19

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

May.1st	Ezek. 47-48	Rev. 9
2nd	Dan. 1-2	10
3rd	3-4	11
4th	5-6	12
5th	7-8	13
6th	9-10	14
7th	11-12	15

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

NEWS & NOTES

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

MANOELLA MENDIETA 5/4

JACK LEE 5/16

HELEN QUINTERO 5/31

ANNIVERSARIES

JANET & LAVELEE MORELAND 5/6

CHUCK & MAGGIE CURET CANTEEN 5/20

ATTENDANCE Apr. 24th

Sun. Bible Study: 22

Sun. A.M: 53

Sun. P.M: 26

Wed. Bible Study: 29

Contribution: \$2,674.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: -\$1,473.00

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "THE EVIDENCE OF
FORGIVENESS"

PM: "MONEY MYTHS"



Our annual Send and Save Sunday will be on **May 29th, 2022!** All donations will be going to Missionary John Grubb in Indonesia! There is a donation bucket on the round table in the foyer if you would like to donate any loose change!



We will also be having our annual 5th Sunday Q&A on **May 29th, 2022 Sunday evening!** There are question slips out on the table in the foyer!



If you have been keeping up with the weekly Bible reading on the preacher's files page of the bulletin you will have read the entire Bible this week!



President Garfield's Appointment

James A. Garfield was a gospel preacher, Civil War general, Congressman, Senator, and President of the United States. History will never be able to judge what kind of leader he might have been because he was shot by a crazed office seeker and died after only six months in office. However, the following story might be the standard one should use in judging his conduct as President. Early one Sunday morning, a group of party leaders came by the White House to see him and discuss a bill they thought should be passed by Congress. They were surprised when President Garfield said he had a very important appointment and would talk to them later that afternoon. "But Mr. President," one man asked, "What could be more important than this?" Garfield arose and walked to the door, turned to look at the party leaders, and said, "Gentlemen, I have an appointment at the Lord's table." He then left with Mrs. Garfield and went to a Sunday morning worship service.

Author Unknown



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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