



MESSENGER

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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!

A FALSE BALANCE IS ABOMINATION

“A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight...” (Proverbs 11:1). Solomon advises us to be just in our business dealings with other people. Most business transactions relied upon the barter system. For instance, if someone had a bag of salt they wanted to trade for some leather, then both parties would agree on a certain weight of salt in exchange for a certain amount of leather. The fairness of the trade would depend, in some part, upon the accuracy of the scale, which was merely a balance bar with a known weight on one side and a space on the other for the thing weighed. Using a lighter than advertised counterweight, a dishonest trader could then take advantage of the gullible. This practice is an abomination to the Lord. The word abomination, according to the Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Dictionary means, “(1) a disgusting thing; in a ritual sense or in an ethical sense...” An abomination is something that makes God “sick” at His “stomach.” Dishonesty in business or in any other realm of our lives makes God disgusted with us! On the other hand, when we are honest and do right by our fellow man, God takes delight and pleasure in it! The word “delight” here is the opposite of abomination. God looks favorably upon morally upright and godly business ethics. Christians are to be “wise as serpents...” – there is nothing wrong with sharp business acumen, but this also must be counterbalanced by being “as harmless as doves...” (Mat 10:16) We should go out of our way, if necessary, to be just and fair in all our dealings with other people. It may be a temptation to “fudge” the numbers a bit, to take advantage of another, but we must refrain from all forms of dishonesty. Read Romans 12:17-18, 2 Corinthians 8:20-21; 1 Peter 2:11-12.

Jack Mcniel

EAGLES...FISH...CHILDREN

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.

We cannot cut down a tree because an eagle has a nest with eagle eggs in it. We do not want to KILL the eagles. We cannot put in a dam because there is a rare species of fish in the river. We do not want to KILL the fish. We must keep Roe v. Wade in place. Mothers must be allowed to KILL their babies. What are the people who take these positions saying? 1. Eagles and fish are more important than babies. 2. An eagle in the egg is an eagle, but a human in the womb is not a human. 3. If you kill an eagle or a fish you are evil, but if you kill a baby you are just practicing your "right to choose." 4. If you seek to save an eagle or a fish, you are righteous, but if you seek to save a child in the womb you are a moron. 5. Science applies to eagles and fish, but we are only allowed to apply emotions and convenience to human life in the womb. How did our nation ever get conditioned to think like this? Who convinced us that a human life is not in the womb of a mother? Who made people think that a baby is just a lump of cells? Who changed our vocabulary from baby to embryo and fetus? Who helped us harden our hearts to the point that endless murders can take place daily with no public outcry? I am not opposed to protecting eagles. I am not opposed to protecting fish. I am opposed to killing babies. "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them" (Ps. 139:13-16). The psalmist reveals to us that God is watching all that is happening in the womb of the mother. God knows a human being is there. Humans do, too. They have to harden their hearts to truth to believe anything else. Sadly, many hearts have been hardened and many minds have been blinded by lies.

Victor M. Eskew

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

SONG LEADER: Sterling Fredrick

OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE

READING: Ron Cullom

PRESIDING: Jim Bowman

SERVING: Mike Morakis, Norman Delong, Tom Dinetta & Warren Sparks

CLOSING PRAYER: Brett Gray

Sunday Evening Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman Delong

OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE

READING: Richard Gathright

PRESIDING: Chuck Canteen

SERVING: Carlos Echeverria

CLOSING PRAYER: Terry West

Wednesday Bible Study

SONG LEADER: Terry West

OPENING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen

CLOSING PRAYER: Heath Johnson



Keep in your prayers...

COCOPB Members

Mike & Marsha Morakis, tested positive for COVID-19.

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

Kristina Machan, Maureen Machan's daughter-in-law, had gastric surgery and is home recovering.

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

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

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.

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

None

Shut-ins

Jack Lee

Lena Morris



THE PREACHER'S FILES



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Man times our prayers are answered best when they are denied.”

– John Chowning

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

“Character is what a person does when he is alone.”

GEMS FROM GREEK

Kurios (Noun). Gr. κύριος

“He is whom a person or thing belongs; Master; Lord.”

The thought behind the word Kurios is supremacy and authority. It is used many different ways in the NT; I can mean “sir” (Matt. 27:63), master/owner (Matt. 10:24). Paul used the word to refer to idols (1 Cor. 8:5) but many times throughout the NT it is translated “Lord” in reference to God (Acts. 15:40).

PEARLS FROM PROVERBS

“Like a muddied spring or polluted well are the righteous who give way to the wicked.”

Prov. 25:26

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

May. 15th	Gen. 1-2	Matt.1
16th	3-5	2
17th	6-8:19	3
18th	8:20-11:26	4
19th	11:27-14	5:1-20
20th	15-17	5:21-48
21st	18-19	6:1-18

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 May. 8th

Sun. Bible Study: 24

Sun. A.M: 52

Sun. P.M: 25

Wed. Bible Study: 24

Contribution: \$4,810.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: +\$663.00

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "THE DEADLIEST FLOWER TO EVER BLOOM"

PM: "AMAZING GRACE"



We want to give a big thank you to **Carlos Tax**, who provided the beautiful roses for mother's day! Thank you for the beautiful flowers Carlos!



We also want to give another big thank you to **Wynona Bowman**, who took the time to redecorate and tidy up the woman's bathroom! Thank you Wynona!



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 spare 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!



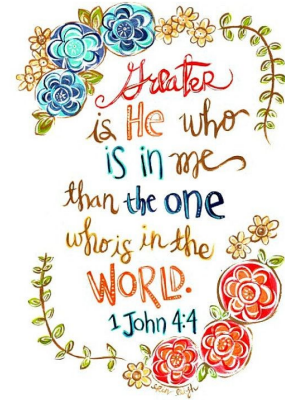
NOBODY IS A NOBODY IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

If you have ever read Romans 16:1-16, you will see a list of people Paul wished to commend for their work in the church. The vast majority of them are individuals of whom we have no additional details concerning their lives or service in Christ. But Paul wanted to honor them for their dedication and contribution to the advancement of the gospel. In the early church we see the membership actively engaged in the work of the Lord. Paul reminded the church at Corinth that the church is a body made up of many different individual parts – all with important functions (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; see also Romans 12:4-8). It is so well worded in Ephesians 4:16; “From whom the whole body, fitly joined and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” The bottom line is this: Nobody is a nobody in the family of God. Everybody is important and everybody has something to contribute. Let us all find our place and do our part. You are an essential worker!

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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

