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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 Sign Read “Church of Christ”

In times past, an individual could walk into any church building that displayed the sign “Church of Christ” and feel confident that it was the church of the New Testament, the same church that our Lord and Savior purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28). Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. Today, when one enters the church of Christ, one is likely to witness numerous things that are not patterned after the New Testament church. A question must come to the mind of every member of the Lord church, “Where I attend, is it really the Lord’s church that is patterned after the New Testament?” Departure from the Faith As members of the Lord’s body, it is of extreme importance to be aware of any deviation from the divine pattern and to stand fast in the faith (1 Cor. 16:13). Sadly, many of our own brethren no longer seem to care if the New Testament pattern is followed. One such deviation, from the divine pattern, is women taking active roles during the worship period. These active roles, such as leading songs, praying publicly, serving at the Lord’s table, and preaching, are contrary to God’s pattern (1 Tim. 2:11-14). Women serving or holding the office of elder or deacon depicts a blatant disregard of apostolic authority. In 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9, one can clearly read the qualifications of elders and deacons given by the inspired apostle Paul. After careful study of these passages, the honest Bible student must conclude that women are not authorized to hold such offices. Within the sacred pages of God’s Word, the theme of obedience rings aloud in both the Old and New Testaments (Deu. 10:12-13; 12:30-32; Jos. 1:7-8; Acts 5:29; 2 The. 1:7-9; Heb. 5:8-9; John 8:31; Acts 14:22, Col. 1:23; 1 Pet. 1:13-15; Rev. 22:18-19). In the Holy Scriptures, one cannot find the existence of denominations or the existence of an “almost” church of Christ. In the New Testament, one can read of only churches of Christ (Rom. 16:16). Today, individuals become members of the church of Christ in the same manner as did individuals in apostolic times, by obeying the plan of salvation. Today, congregations of the Lord’s people, “churches of Christ,” are established in the same manner as in apostolic times by following the divine pattern found in the sacred text. When a congregation of the Lord’s people add or take away from that divine pattern, they forfeit the right and privilege of being called the church of Christ. The congregation that deviates from the true pattern becomes just another denomination. The sign read “Church of Christ,” how depressing, disappointing, and doleful it is that some congregations engage in public deception.

Monte L. Evans

Taking Control of the Time God has Given us

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 all have 24 hours in our days. How do we use them? Do we use them selfishly for our own pleasure and glory, or do we use our time for the glory of God? I would like to mention just a few ways we can spend our time. "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established." {Proverbs 4:26} We need to think about where we are going each day, month, and year, and for eternity. Are we pleasing to God? "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he ..." {Proverbs 23:7} We need to take time to work. "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." {1 Timothy 5:8} Women are to be busy about keeping their homes. [see Titus 2:5] We need to study. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." {2 Timothy 2:15} If we do not study, we will not have our armor on, and we will be easy prey for Satan. And we will be spending our time on the road to hell instead of heaven. We need to "search the scriptures daily." {Acts 17:11} We need to take time to be friendly. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." {Proverbs 18:24} "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." {Romans 12:15} "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." {Ephesians 4:32} "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." {Matthew 7:12} Are we being friendly like God wants us to be? Take time to pray. We need to let God talk to us through His word, but we need also to talk to our Father in heaven to cast our cares upon him, and to express our thanksgiving and praise to Him. (1 Thessalonians 5:17) "Be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." {Philippians 4:6} "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud, and he shall hear my voice." {Psalm 55:17} God is our refuge and our strength. If we don't turn to Him in study and prayer, how strong are we as Christians? I heard someone say that prayer is a measuring stick of how strong or how weak we are as Christians. If we don't pray to God daily, and often throughout the day, are we strong and trusting in God? Take time to worship God. If humanly possible, be at services every time the doors open. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together ..." {Hebrews 10:25} Do we look forward to Bible study and worship, or is it drudgery? Remember, God knows what is in your heart. Are we like David who said "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." {Psalm 122:1} Take time to be kind to those in need. There are times when visiting the sick is all that is needed. But there will be other times when much more is needed, like taking meals, cleaning, mowing the yard, laundry, and the list goes on. It may be that someone has a spiritual need. I have talked to many who were so encouraged when someone reached out to them in their times of need. (James 1:27) We will keep ourselves unspotted from the world if we are busy applying this Bible principle. Take time to teach others. The church at Jerusalem was scattered because of persecution, but they did not let the persecution stop them from teaching God's word. (see Acts 8:1-4) Aquila and Priscilla did some of this work. (Acts 18:26) Do we take advantage of opportunities when they are before us, or do we let fear and lack of knowledge stop us? Each one of us is part of the Lord's church. One of our main jobs is teaching the lost and edifying the saved. May we ask God to help us, whatever the reason we are lacking in this area of our service. Let us be committed to God. (Read John 14:15 and Matthew 5:13-16) Solomon told us our duty--"fear God and keep His commandments." (Ecclesiastes 12:13) Join with me in working to improve how we use the time God has given us!

Jan Hepner

December 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7  Gary Lester	8	9	10	11
12  Jim Bowman	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20  Geydi Vasquez	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28  Randy Cramblet	29	30	31	

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Nov. 27th	Esther 7-10	1 Thess. 2:13-3
28th	Job 1-2	4
29th	3-5	5
30th	6-8	2 Thess. 1
Dec 1st	9-12	2
2nd	13-15	3
3rd	16-19	1 Cor. 1

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

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

SONG LEADER: Sterling Frederick

OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE

READING: Jim Bowman

PRESIDING: Ron Cullom

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

CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen

Sunday Evening Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman DeLong

OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE

READING: Richard Gathright

PRESIDING: Chuck Canteen

SERVING: Gary Lester

CLOSING PRAYER: Terry West

Wednesday Bible Study

SONG LEADER: Terry West

OPENING PRAYER: Jim Bowman

CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen



Keep in your prayers...

COCOPB Members

Rick Reitano, continues to need prayers.

Family of COCOPB Members

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

Troy McQueen, Tiffany Harts Grandfather, is in hospice with heart and breathing issues.

David Compass, Nancy & Warrens Sparks nephew, had his foot and leg amputated.

The family of Jan Richardson, Jan Richardson, Marsha Morakis' mother, passed away.

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

Roberto Naranjo, Melva Pollard's father, continues to need prayers.

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

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

Tony Flegert, Maureen Machan's son in-law, continues to need prayers.

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

Friends of COCOPB Members

Monika Sinclair, is going to have surgery on December 2nd.

Doug Barnhart, Friend of Tom Dinetta, is in ICU.

The Family of Richard and Judy Lerro, Richard and Judy Lerro Passed away.

Tina Wagner, continues to need our prayers.

COCOPB Members Traveling

Lena Morris (PA), **Tiffany Hart (Atlanta)**

Responses to the invitation

Catherina Zacaria

Missions We Support

John Grubb (Indonesia)

Ronnie Gootam (India)

Joshua Ankiah (South Africa)

Memphis School of Preaching

Shut-ins

Jack Lee

NEWS & NOTES

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

JOHNNY BELDEN 11/8

GEORGE POLLARD 11/15

HALLE JOHNSON 11/25

CARLOS ECHEVERRIA 11/29

ANNIVERSARIES

JOE & GAIL LEWIS 11/18

ATTENDANCE Nov.20th

Sun. Bible Study: 26

Sun. A.M: 63

Sun. P.M: 29

Wed. Bible Study: 18

Contribution: N/A

Weekly Budget: \$4,252.00

Variance: N/A

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "THE HEART OF A
SERVANT"

PM: "THE GREATEST GIFTS
OF ALL"

No News this week!



'Abiding in Christ'

Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD
-PSALM 46:10

An important New Testament word is “abide.” Jesus said we must “abide in His word” if we are to be one of His disciples (Jn. 8:31). It is possible to “believe in Jesus” (Jn. 8:31a), but not “abide in His word (Jn. 8:13b). Abide can have different senses in the New Testament. It can refer to abiding in a certain place (Acts 27:31) or enduring something (Acts 20:23). The usage in Acts 27:31 is especially important for those who profess to be Christians. Unless we “abide in God’s word,” we will not be saved. Abiding in the scriptures means every facet of our life is controlled by God’s word. The places we go, the decisions we make, the way we think and act are all governed by God’s word (the Bible). Jesus made a similar point in Jn. 15: John 15:4: Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. John 15:6: If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. John 15:7: If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:9: Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you: abide ye in my love. John 15:10: If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. God’s word gives us all we need (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Are you abiding in God’s word and thus abiding in Christ?

Mike Riley

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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