

**MESSENGER**

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ISSUE 16

Happy Bunny Day!1014 South Jog Rd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33415**OFFICE:**

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Hours: 9:00am—1:00pm

Monday—Thursday

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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!

Heaven: The Home of The Soul

Heaven will be a sweet type of home (cf. Ecc. 12:5). It is the home that awaits us beyond the grave, a place of eternal bliss. Where the friendships on earth, which cruel death has severed, will never more be broken. In heaven, parted loved ones and friends shall meet again, never to be separated. It is an inspiring hope that when we become separated here on earth by death, and when a few more years have rolled over the heads of some of us remaining, that we, if we have been faithful Christians "unto death" (Rev. 2:10), shall meet again in heaven. This will be our eternal home. There we will dwell in the presence of our heavenly Father forever. Death will never knock on the door of those mansions. In that land there will not be a single grave or a funeral service. Aged parents rejoice very much when on special days, like birthdays or holidays, they have their children back home for visits. There is almost always a son or a daughter absent, absent from the country, or perhaps absent from the world. But how our Heavenly Father, who created the earthly home, will rejoice in that day in heaven, the eternal home of the soul, when He and all His faithful children are with Him in glory! How glad parents, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and cousins will be to meet again after a long separation. That will really be a great "family reunion." Perhaps a score or two years ago they parted at the grave. Now they meet again, never to be separated. May the circle be unbroken. Jesus is now preparing a place for us. He said to His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2-3). Home! "O, think of the home over there." No sorrow, no crying, no tears, no death (cf. Rev. 21:4-5). Home sweet home! Beautiful home! Glorious Home! Home with each other! Home with the angels! Home with God and Christ, our dear Savior: Home! Through the rich grace of our Lord and by our obedience to His will, may we all reach our heavenly home (Rev. 22:14).

Perry B. Cotham



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.



Missing Scriptures

The trend with many today is to concentrate less on the Holy Scriptures, and more on other things in the pulpit and in Bible classes. Serious listeners are made to wonder: “Where is the Scripture?” In visits to congregations in recent years, I have left saddened because preachers or teachers used very little Scripture in the pulpit or Bible classes. In one instance, the preacher did not read or quote even one Scripture in his Bible class. How could this be called a “Bible class” at all? We also see this problem when preachers do not give the plan of salvation from the Scriptures when they extend the invitation. Do we assume that everyone knows what to do to be saved? Or, do we think that members no longer need to be put in remembrance of these important truths? This cannot be the case, according to Paul (1 Tim. 4:6) and Peter (2 Pet. 1:13-15; 3:1-2). Do children and youth—and adults as well—not need to be grounded in the “first principles” in this matter? Have some lost confidence in the Gospel to convert and to convict? Paul certainly did not. He said, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16). Does not God command us to “Preach the word” (2 Tim. 4:2)? Sadly, book, chapter, and verse preaching is rapidly vanishing from many pulpits today. Could it be that some actually think that their words are greater than God’s Word? This sad situation can only be remedied by returning to a “thus saith the Lord.” Precious souls need to frequently hear the plan of salvation preached, because the Word of God is “able to save your souls” (Jam. 1:21). “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple” (Psa. 19:7). One who thinks so little of the Bible, and so much of himself, that he will fill his lessons with human sentiments, while leaving his audience starving for the Truth, ought to humble himself and repent. When men who have a genuine reverence for God and His Word fill our pulpits and teach our Bible classes, then church members will be encouraged to “Fear God, and keep his commandments” (Ecc. 12:13), but not otherwise. Church leaders (and every member) ought to demand this kind of preaching/teaching. In the long ago, God commanded Jonah: “Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee” (Jon. 3:2). The preaching that God has always demanded is the preaching of His Word, and not man’s: “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God” (1 Pet. 4:11).

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

SONG LEADER: Sterling Fredrick

OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE

READING: Ron Cullom

PRESIDING: Norman Delong

SERVING: Mike Morakis, Chuck Canteen, Richard Gray & Warren Sparks

CLOSING PRAYER: Brett Gray

Sunday Evening Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman Delong

OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE

READING: Jim Bowman

PRESIDING: Chuck Canteen

SERVING: Carlos Echeverria

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard Gathright

Wednesday Bible Study

SONG LEADER: Terry West

OPENING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen

CLOSING PRAYER: Heath Johnson



Keep in your prayers...

COCOPB Members

Ginny Gathright, has been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and is beginning treatment.

Jon Jordan, is recovering from cataract surgery.

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

Richard Gray, is recovering from hernia surgery.

Roberto Naranjo, Has been in pain and need our prayers.

Helen Quintero, is doing better but continues to need prayers.

Family of COCOPB Members

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

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

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.

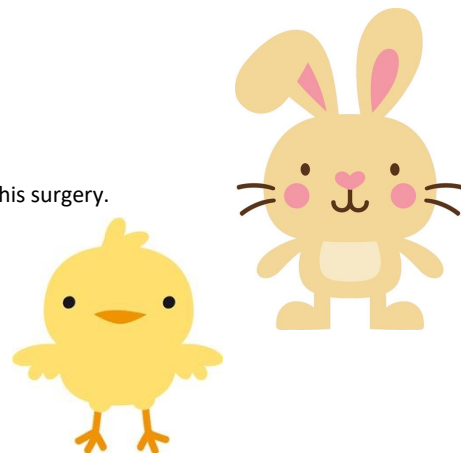
COCOPB Members Traveling

Helen Quintero (Kissimmee), **Maggie Curet** (Puerto Rico)

Shut-ins

Jack Lee

Lena Morris





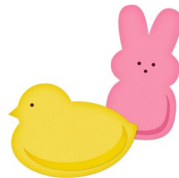
THE PREACHER'S FILES



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is not our business to make the message acceptable, but to make it available. We are not to see that they like it, but that they get it.”

– Unknown



GEMS FROM GREEK

Apeithon (Verb). Gr. απειθῶνας

“one not persuaded, uncompliant, disobedient, to not obey.”

Jesus said “ He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not (apeithon) shall not see life. Many appeal to this verse to teach faith only salvation, however, this word shows us that believing on the son includes obedience to the son. This is why the ASV translates this passage more accurately : “...and obeyeth not the son.”



FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

What is the use of being famous on earth when heaven doesn't know your name?

PEARLS FROM PROVERBS

“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

Prov. 18:24

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Apr. 17th	Ezek. 17-19	1 Jn. 3
18th	20-21	4
19th	22-23	5
20th	24-26	2 Jn.
21st	27-28	3 Jn.
22nd	29-30	Rev. 1
23rd	31-32	2:1-17

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



NEWS & NOTES

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

ROBERT GAUCIN 4/2

STEVE VASQUEZ 4/30

JANET MORELAND 4/14

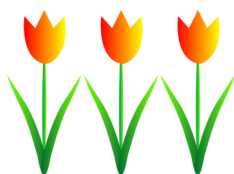
ANGIE GAUCIN 4/15

MAGGIE CURET 4/18

JOE LEWIS 4/22

ANNIVERSARIES

ROBERT & ANGIE GAUCIN 4/6



ATTENDANCE Apr. 10th

Sun. Bible Study: 24

Sun. A.M: 62

Sun. P.M: 24

Wed. Bible Study: 27

Contribution: \$6,332.30

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: +\$2,185.30



TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "THE RESURRECTION"

PM: "LESSONS LEARNED AT PHILIPPI"



The newest issue of seek the old paths is out on the round table in the foyer!



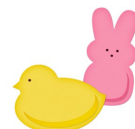
The newest news letter from Ronnie Gootam in kakinada India is on the bulletin board in the foyer!

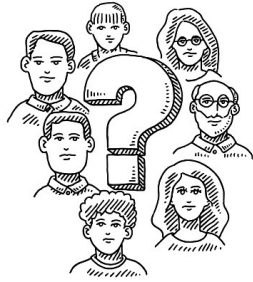


Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ's power up event for Christian men will be on **April 30th, 2022 at 11:am-2:00pm!** If you would like to attend Please let [Halle](#) know! There is more information on the bulletin board in the foyer!



The newest Lupo Letter from Robert Lupo, attending at Southeast institute of biblical studies is on the bulletin board in the foyer!





Who Will be Saved?

There is a false doctrine being taught that says all mankind will be saved eternally. This is a doctrine that is not taught in the Bible. There is no doubt that God wants everyone to be saved. He does not want anyone to be lost eternally but notice God does desire everyone to make a change. He is “longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9). God wants us to choose Him and His way of salvation, but we are told many will not make that choice (Matthew 7:13-14). So, the truth is many will be lost, and few will be saved. Why? • Because God is not respected and His Word not followed. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 • Because false doctrine has been believed. Acts 17:11 • Because many are not willing to make salvation a priority. Matthew 6:33 The idea that everyone will be saved gives a false sense of security in anything we want to believe. The good news is that we do have a choice. May the choice be to trust in God and His Word and follow His way to the best of our ability.

Rob Albright



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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