



## MESSENGER

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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!**

## Love Bears all Things

The word Paul used in this text, which is translated "bears" in the New King James translation means "to cover" (Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon, p. 586). Thayer gives the varied usage of this word as "1. to protect or keep by covering, to preserve... 2. to cover with silence; to keep secret; to hide, conceal... 3. By covering to keep off (something which) threatens, to bear up against, hold out against, and so endure, bear, forbear..." Paul did not intend that we hide the sins of others, in a sense of promoting sin. For he had just noted that love "does not rejoice in iniquity". And, the hiding of sin was not the goal of Paul but the forgiveness of sin. This does not mean we make public every man's fault, but simply emphasizes that Paul's purpose here is not to cover one's faults. The word is used four times in the New Testament. Twice Paul used it in the first letter to Corinth (9:12; 13:7) and he used it twice in his first letter to the Thessalonians as well (3:1, 5). In the letter to Thessalonica Paul spoke of a time when he could no longer endure, or bear the fact that they had not heard how the saints in Thessalonica were doing. So they sent Timothy to see how these disciples were doing. Paul was frustrated with this burden, the anxiety for the disciples and took action. He endured it as long as he could. In addition, the reference in the Corinthian letter - apart from this context - is Paul's discussion of his work of preaching. He said he did not use the right of having the Corinthians support him to preach. He endured all things in order not to hinder the gospel of Christ. He made a choice to bear his own financial burden, apart from the help of the Corinthians, due to the circumstances with the Corinthians. He did receive support at other times, but not from the Corinthians as he was with them. The idea of bearing then is to endure the challenges present, in each of the passages where Paul uses the word. Love bears all things. Love then will look to others and assist them in enduring the difficulties of life, the challenges of resisting Satan. As a parallel thought, consider John's encouragement. "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 Jn 3:16). In our love for one another we will bear all things individually, and will help others endure all things for the goal of their eternal salvation. This application is to be extended to all, for we must love as God loves. This is a refreshing teaching. It is from the Lord and we see its value to all as it is applied universally. Again, the Lord's way is the best way!

**Greg Weston**

## How Little the Apostles Knew

### 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.**

To read the account of the life of Jesus is to see how often He was either frustrated or amazed at the apostles' lack of understanding about what He was saying. He was with them almost daily for over three years, but their words even at the ascension show just how little they had comprehended. Those apostles struggled to understand even the simple truths He taught. Think of how easily you grasp the parable of the sower. Yet after Jesus told the story of the man who sowed seeds on four kinds of soil, the disciples privately came to Him and asked for help in understanding it. Jesus' response was, "Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?" (Mark 4:13). After Jesus had fed the 5,000 and the 4,000, the disciples had forgotten to take bread with them as they were crossing the sea of Galilee. When Jesus gave a stern warning to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, they misunderstood, thinking His words were about the fact they had brought only one loaf with them. Jesus said, "Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember" (Mark 8:17-18). Think of how readily we understand His words about the leaven of the Pharisees. Note amazement as He rebuked them. They did not understand the simple things He said. They did not understand the most fundamental truths of why Jesus came. When He foretold His betrayal, death and resurrection on the third day, "But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him" (Mark 9:32). On another occasion when He taught this simple truth, Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. Jesus turned and rebuked him saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men" (Mark 8:33). It is remarkable to think they did not comprehend the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. They did not understand the nature of the kingdom. He spoke of the bread and the fruit of the vine in the kingdom, but they failed to see its nature. Just minutes before He ascended into heaven they still thought the coming kingdom had to do with the reestablishment of the Jewish earthly kingdom (Acts 1:6-8). Jesus selected the twelve, spent years with them and they still did not see why He came and the work He was doing. Now think about what you understand compared to them. They grasped so little of the heart of the gospel, but they were used by Him to change the world. They knew so little but took what they knew to the lost. We know so much more. What are we doing with what we know?

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### Sunday Morning Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Sterling Fredrick

**OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Norman Delong

**PRESIDING:** Joe Lewis

**SERVING:** Mike Morakis, Brett Gray, Warren Sparks & Chuck Canteen

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ron Cullom

### Sunday Evening Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Norman Delong

**OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Tom Ramsey

**PRESIDING:** Jim Rogers

**SERVING:** Fabian Gordon

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

**Jon Jordan**, had 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.

**Monica Sinclair**, is going through a very difficult time and needs 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 Fords Step Father, is Having Health issues and Needs prayers for spiritual guidance.

### Friends of COCOPB Members

**Tina Wagner**, continues to need our prayers.

**Robin Landen**, is still recovering from her stroke.

### COCOPB Members Traveling

**Helen Quintero** (Kissimmee), **Jim & Wynona Bowman** (North Carolina)

### Shut-ins

**Jack Lee**

**Lena Morris**



# THE PREACHER'S FILES



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Jesus died for you in public so don’t live for him in private.”

– Unknown

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Satan cannot destroy the Gospel, he only lies about it by adding, subtracting, and twisting the scriptures.

## GEMS FROM GREEK

stene (Adj). Gr. πέτρα

“Narrow, limited, small, abbreviated.”

In Matt. 7:13,14 Jesus said the way to eternal life is a stait (stene) gate. The gate and road to heaven are equated in the Bible with obeying the gospel and becoming a Christian, so the gate to the way to heaven is limited to just what God required of one in becoming a Christian, and there is only one gate to the one way to heaven.

## PEARLS FROM PROVERBS

“The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who watches his way preserves his life.”

Prov. 16:17

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Apr. 3rd	Jer. 41-43	Jn. 13:31-14:14
4th	44-47	14:15-31
5th	48-50:34	15:1-16
6th	50:35-51:58	15:17-16:15
7th	51:59-52	16:16-33
8th	Lam. 1-2	17
9th	3-5	18:1-27

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 Mar. 27th

Sun. Bible Study: 21

Sun. A.M: 55

Sun. P.M: 36

Wed. Bible Study: 36

Contribution: \$5,620.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: +\$1,473.00

#### TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "CREATE IN ME A  
CLEAN HEART"

PM: "ONE THING LEADS TO  
ANOTHER"



**Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ's** 39th annual ladies day is on **April 21st!** If you would like to attend please let **Halle** know **before April 11th!** There is more information on the bulletin board in the foyer!



The newest news letter from one of our missionary's, Ronnie Gootam in Kakinada India is on the bulletin board in the foyer!



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



If you are enrolled in our text service to receive scheduled worship serving texts, **please respond your availability to the text!** It is very important for us to have the knowledge of who will be unable and able to serve! Thank you.



## Good Reasons to Attend Every Service

An elderly lady, dreadfully crippled with arthritis, would hobble painfully to church on two crutches. It was an agonizing ordeal for her, and someone asked her how she managed to be at every service. Her answer was, "My heart gets there first, and my legs just follow after." Can it be that we really do not have an attendance problem, so much as we have a heart problem? Consider these good reasons to attend every service: \* To maintain our spiritual fervor (Matt. 24:12). A coal of fire alone on the hearth will die; so we, by ourselves, will grow cold and lifeless. \* To have the Scriptures opened to us (Luke 24:25). \* To receive the comfort and encouragement which is found in Christian fellowship (Heb. 10:24). \* To feed and exercise our faith (Rom. 10:17). \* To maintain our spiritual fervor (Matt. 24:12). A coal of fire alone on the hearth will die; so we, by ourselves, will grow cold and lifeless. \* To set a good example for others to follow (Matt. 5:13-16). \* To seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33). \* To prevent backsliding (1 Cor. 11:20-30). Absenteeism is invariably one of the first warning signs of apostasy. \* To obey God's command not to forsake the assembling of His saints (Heb. 10:25). \* To cast your vote for righteousness and godliness, and against the closing of the church building (Matt. 12:30).

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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