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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!

There is Nothing so Powerful as Truth

Henry David Thoreau once stated, “Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth.” Imagine the difference it would make in our world if that theme were heard as often as those catchy advertising jingles produced by Coca-Cola or McDonald’s. Truth is essential to all our interactions—in our halls of government, the classroom, the workplace, and the home. Truth-telling builds trust among people. There are many reasons to support the idea that telling the truth is best for us and for our society, but the most vital reason is that it honors God. Truth is at the heart of who He is (Deuteronomy 32:4 KJV; Psalm 31:5 KJV), and it is how He wants us to interact with others (Ephesians 4:25; cf. Zechariah 8:16). Throughout the book of Proverbs—a book that clearly gives us God’s thinking about moral and ethical principles—the standard of truth is held high. We find statements such as these: “He who walks with integrity walks securely” (Proverbs 10:9). “The truthful lip shall be established forever” (Proverbs 12:19). “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord” (Proverbs 12:22). A more modern teaching might be, “If we tell a lie about one thing, it will be tough to believe us about anything.” Truth cannot be refuted—it never grows old—it never has to be retracted—it never fails. It is the language of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13). Daniel Webster once stated: “There is nothing so powerful as truth” Indeed, there’s nothing better for us to do than to always tell the truth.

Mike Riley

THE POWER OF ONE

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.

During the war between the states, a young woman learned the truth and obeyed the gospel. Her sweetheart, J. H. Halbrook, was a confederate soldier. He was captured by the union army and kept a prisoner in Michigan until the war was over. He was given a ticket to Nashville, Tennessee, and \$2.50. From there, he returned to Centerville and found what was left of his home and family. He found his girlfriend and they were married. His wife studied the Bible with him, and he soon became a Christian. He thought the truth was so good and so simple that he began to teach and baptize many of his friends and neighbors. He began to preach, but he recognized his need for more training, so he came to the original Mars Hill Bible School, taught by T. B. Larimore. Upon completing his studies there, instead of going back to Tennessee, they moved farther south, coming into Walker, Marion, Fayette, and Lamar counties in Alabama. One of his many converts was Charley Alexander Wheeler. His wife taught him to read from the Bible. Along with his wife, C. A. Wheeler obeyed the gospel and soon began preaching to others. He started more than 100 congregations and baptized more than 6,000 people. But wait, the story is not ended! One of those 6,000 was my father, the late Gus Nichols! Twelve thousand were baptized under his preaching. Among those baptized by Gus Nichols, no one knows, nor can know, how many began to preach "the glorious gospel of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:3-4); but I personally know several. I, Flavil Nichols, am ONE who he baptized and whom he encouraged to preach the truth. And under my preaching, about three thousand have been baptized. A few among them preach the gospel, also! Only eternity can reveal the total results of the conversion of that one girl nearly one hundred and fifty years ago. The results are not yet all in! But this shows that TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND people have become Christians through this single thread in the fabric of her influence. "Go, and do thou likewise" (Luke 10:37). YOU are important, too! Dear reader, if you go to heaven, others probably will be saved by you! "For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" (1 Cor. 7:16). "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 5:16). Each ONE is very important.

Flavil Nichols

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman Delong

OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE

READING: Ron Cullom

PRESIDING: Joe Lewis

SERVING: Chuck Canteen, Brett Gray, Mike Morakis & Justin Ford

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard Gathright

Sunday Evening Worship

SONG LEADER: Daniel Wagner

OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE

READING: Chuck Canteen

PRESIDING: Heath Johnson

SERVING: Jim Rogers

CLOSING PRAYER: Terry West

Wednesday Bible Study

SONG LEADER: Jim Rogers

OPENING PRAYER: Richard Gathright

CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Bowman



Keep in your prayers...

COCOPB Members

Robin Landen, is still recovering from her stroke.

Kay Vaughn, continues to recover and is undergoing therapy.

Jon Jordan, needs our prayers.

Monica Sinclair, is recovering from her surgery.

Helen Quintero, is having surgery on the 18th of December.

John Smith, is recovering from a procedure.

Family of COCOPB Members

Penny Hinton, Michelle Hinton's mother, is struggling with her health.

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

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

Anna Parrish, Rick Reitano's mother, is in Hamlin place.

Tony Flegert, Maureen machan's son in-law, is in the hospital in Sebring.

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

Charles Maden, Nancy Sparks brother, is in rehab.

Friends of COCOPB Members

Tina Wagner, continues to need our prayers.

COCOPB Members Traveling this week

Jenny Jordan, (OH), **Terry Mann** (Fort Myers), **Sterling Fredrick** (NY)

Shut-ins

Jack Lee

Lena Morris



THE PREACHER'S FILES



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If the living knew what the dead know, our church buildings would be full of people who would be in a frantic, desperate search for the truth.”

-Steve Higgenbotham

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

A hypocrite is not himself on Sunday.

GEMS FROM GREEK

Kainon (Adj). Gr. κάινον

“New, of a different nature.”

Jesus, when instituting the Lord’s supper, told the apostles he would drink it “Kainon” with them in his Father’s kingdom (Matt. 26:29). The translation of this word indicates Jesus would drink it again in a new way or manner. Jesus did this starting on the day the kingdom (Church) was established on Pentecost (Acts 2.). It is figurative of the idea that each time the church partook of the Lord’s supper Christ is partaking with them.

PEARLS FROM PROVERBS

“Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.”

Prov. 27:1

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Dec. 5th	Psalms. 45-48	2 Cor.4:7-5:10
6th	49-51	5:11-6:10
7th	52-55	6:11-7
8th	56-59	8
9th	60-63	9
10th	64-67	10
11th	68-69	11

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

NEWS & NOTES



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

GARY LESTER 12/7

ROBERTO NARANJO POLLARD 12/10

JIM BOWMAN 12/12

GEYDI VASQUESZ 12/20

RANDY CRAMBLET 12/28



ANNIVERSARIES

NONE



ATTENDANCE Nov. 28th

Sun. Bible Study: 20

Sun. A.M. 50

Sun. P.M. 26

Wed. Bible Study: 15

Contribution: \$3,676.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: -\$471.00

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "GUEST SPEAKER
JOHN ORR"

PM: "LESSONS FROM A
BASKET OF FRUIT"



The newest newsletter from one of our missionaries, brother Ronnie Gootam in Kakinada India, is on the bulletin board in the foyer!!



Some of our recent visitors addresses are on the bulletin board in the foyer! It would be appreciated if you sent them a note of appreciation for visiting with us!



The **pantry** is in need of: beef stew, ramen soup, ravioli, canned ham, solid white tuna, toiletries such as toothpaste, brushes, hand soap, shampoo, etc. Also no canned vegetables at this time please! We would also like to add additional items for such as instant mash potatoes, stuffing, mac & cheese, canned yams, canned cranberry sauce, gravy (jar or pack), and turkeys! There is a donation bin in the foyer! Thank you for all your help!



There's a **2022 sermon topic request form** on the table in the foyer! Fill it out and give it to Heath or Halle. Sermon planning for 2022 is well underway.



Why Go to Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

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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