



# 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!

## Three Things Sin will Always do

The Hebrew writer warned those to whom he wrote about the deceitfulness of sin. He said: "But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3:13) Sin deceives its victims. It hardens the heart and can result in a heart that cannot be penetrated, or at the very least, is difficult to penetrate. Think about the alcoholic - there had to be a FIRST drink. The drug addict - there had to be the FIRST "hit." And, the chronic gambler - there had to be the FIRST bet. Such sins deceive all who fall victim to them. If you ask those who have been deceived by these sins, they will quickly admit (if they are honest) that they gave little or no thought to the consequences of their actions (Genesis 3:1-23). Let us consider the question: What will sin do? 1. It Will Take You Farther Than You Wanted Or Intended to Go! The first drink of alcohol, the first "high," the first bet--many planned to go no farther! But all who end up as alcoholics, drug addicts, and chronic gamblers had to take the first step. Involvement in one sin often leads to involvement in others, and the consequences usually come as part of a packaged deal (2 Samuel 11,12). 2. It Will Keep You Longer Than You Wanted to Stay! Those who fall victim to sin are blinded by the pleasure of the first drink, the first high, or the first win (Hebrews 11:25). It was so pleasurable the first time that they are "sucked in" and overcome by the temporary pleasure. Then, they pursue it again and again and again. Many think, "just one more time won't hurt." They intended to drink alcohol only to be social, or smoke marijuana socially, or place a bet just "once in a while." Then they found themselves entangled and overcome, thus deceived and unable to resist sin's urges (2 Peter 2:20). 3. It Will Cost More Than You Wanted to Pay! Many never consider the consequences of their sinful actions. How many alcoholics planned to kill or maim innocent people with their motor vehicles? How many drug addicts planned to contract AIDS or become thieves to support their habit? How many considered the physical pain, mental suffering, wrecked marriages, neglected children, broken homes, and destroyed lives they would engender through their involvement in sin. And most importantly, how many consider the fact that their souls are at stake (Acts 5:1-10)? True are these words, "...but the way of transgressors is hard." (Proverbs 13:15) CONCLUSION: Some might think, "this can't happen to me...I'm a good Christian, and I don't participate in such sins!" But what about brethren who smoke, or seek out pornographic materials? What about those who dabble in the lottery? What about those who dress immodestly, not giving a thought to whether their immodesty causes someone to lust and sin? What about those who are involved in adultery and fornication, religious error and compromise, etc. (see Galatians 5:19-21)? Can these sins take you farther than you wanted or intended to go, keep you longer than you wanted to stay, and cost more than you wanted to pay? YES! Any unconfessed, unrepented-of sins will cost you your soul (Romans 6:23)! Heed the words of the Psalmist who wrote: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." (Psalm 1:1,2). Also read Proverbs 4:14,15 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. My beloved brethren-do not be deceived!!

Glendol McClure

## Returning Thanks

### 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.**

Many years ago two boys were working their way through Stanford University. Their funds got desperately low, and the idea came to them to engage Paderewski, the great Polish pianist, for a piano recital. They would use the funds to help pay their board and tuition. The great pianist's manager asked for a guarantee of \$2,000. The guarantee was a lot of money in those days, but the boys agreed and proceeded to promote the concert. They worked hard, only to find that they had grossed only \$1,600. After the concert the two boys told the great artist the bad news. They gave him the entire \$1,600, along with a promissory note for \$400, explaining that they would earn the amount at the earliest possible moment and send the money to him. It looked like the end of their college careers. "No, boys," replied Paderewski, "that won't do." Then, tearing the note in two, he returned the money to them as well. "Now," he told them, "take out of this \$1,600 all of your expenses, and keep for each of you 10 percent of the balance for your work. Let me have the rest." The years rolled by -- World War I came and went. Paderewski, now Premier of Poland, was striving to feed thousands of starving people in his native land. There was only one man in the world who could help him - he was in charge of the U.S. Food and Relief Bureau. He quickly agreed to help and soon thousands of tons of food were sent to Poland. After the starving people were fed, Paderewski journeyed to Paris to thank the man for the relief he had sent.... "That's all right, Mr. Paderewski," was his reply. "Besides, you don't remember it, but you helped me once when I was a student at college, and I was also in trouble." The man's name? Herbert Clark Hoover, 31st President of the United States of America." Paderewski, with great generosity and kindness, was able to help a couple of struggling college students. Years later, one of those college students was able to say "Thank you" by assisting Paderewski and his people in a great time of need. It is a wonderful thing to be able to return thanks for a noble action done on behalf of another. Friend, something has been done for YOU! You didn't ask for it, but you desperately needed it. It happened long before you were born, but you may still benefit greatly by the action of a loving, generous Person. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Because of OUR grievous condition due to our sin, the kind and loving Heavenly Father gave us His Son to die on the cross for our sins (Romans 5:8). Because of this great Sacrifice, we may have forgiveness from our sins (Ephesians 1:7) and the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23). How can we return thanks for this indescribable Gift and receive those blessings? By our humble submission to His will: believing and trusting Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then we can continue to show our gratitude by seeking to live obediently to His will for the rest of our lives (John 14:15). Friend, a great thing has been done for you: Jesus died for you so that you might live. Won't YOU "return thanks" by giving your life to Him?

David A. Sargent

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### Sunday Morning Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Sterling Frederick

**OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Tom Ramsey

**PRESIDING:** Ron Cullom

**SERVING:** Richard Gathright, Jim Bowman, Gary Lester & Brett Gray

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Mike Morakis

### Sunday Evening Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Norman Delong

**OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Richard Gathright

**PRESIDING:** Tom Ramsey

**SERVING:** Carlos Echeverria

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Terry West

### Wednesday Bible Study

**SONG LEADER:** Jim Rogers

**OPENING PRAYER:** Heath Johnson

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Jim Bowman



## Keep in your prayers...

### COCOPB Members

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

**Monica Sinclair**, has started chemotherapy.

**Helen Quintero**, is still recovering from her surgery.

**Jon Jordan**, had a procedure on his neck.

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

**Young Dinetta**, was injured by a car.

### 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.

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

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

**Katie Goodell**, Terry & Sandy Mann's niece, had a very successful brain surgery and is recovering.

**Jan Richardson**, Marsha Morakis's mother, was diagnosed with stage 1 lung cancer.

**Robert Martin**, Linda Martin's husband, had a stroke and is home recovering.

### Friends of COCOPB Members

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

**Patti Jaquot**, a former member, is struggling with her health and needs our prayers.

### COCOPB Members Traveling

None

### Shut-ins

**Jack Lee**

**Lena Morris**

# 2022 MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
 Palm Beach Lakes Hungering for truth	 Charles Vaughn   Sara Ford	 Olga De La Rosa 	 Palm Beach Lakes Hungering for truth			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					 Melva Pollard	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					 Don Bradbury	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

# NEWS & NOTES

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

ANGUS MAY 2/9

JOHN SMITH 2/17

ROBIN LANDEN 2/20

### ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN & VALENTINA SMITH 2/14

BRETT & VERA GRAY 2/21



### ATTENDANCE Feb.20th

Sun. Bible Study: 22

Sun. A.M. 55

Sun. P.M. 30

Wed. Bible Study: 28

Contribution: \$3,310.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: -\$837.00

### TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "THE BREAD OF LIFE"

PM: "CAN'T TOUCH THIS!"



Today is the last day to nominate for the board nomination! The nomination slips are located on the black table in the foyer. Please put your finished nomination slips in the mail box outside or in the secretary inbox located next to the office door. Thank you! The nomination day will take place on March 6th, 2022!



The pantry is in need of **bagged rice**. No other items are needed. Thank you.



Please do not take any pantry items out of the donation bin in the foyer! Please see **Maureen Machan** if you need assistance with the pantry! Thank you.



## Profitable Bible Study

involves more than just opening to a chapter and reading the words on the pages. The following are seven guidelines to help us make the most of our study of God's word: Set aside a regular time — Unless we schedule a specific and uninterrupted time for Bible study, we will more than likely neglect Bible study. Before we start reading — Let's ask God for help in understanding the text. Carefully think about what we are reading — Not all of the Bible's treasures lie like pebbles on the surface. To mine the gold, we have to dig. Seek to understand what the author was communicating to the people who first read the book or letter before we decide how to properly apply it today. Write down at least one truth or principle we can put into everyday practice. Try different translations of the Bible — If we find ourself skimming over familiar words, a new translation might focus our mind on a passage in a new way. Let's not get discouraged — Some parts of the Bible are more interesting than others, and some we may not understand immediately. But there's enough that we can understand, revolutionizing our life if we apply it. Let's read Proverbs 2:1-9 with the above guidelines in mind. Then try studying again tomorrow, remembering that the Bible's treasures are found by those who dig for them.

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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