



## MESSENGER

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### Prepared and Ready

"And have mercy on some, who are doubting; save others, snatching them out of the fire" (Jude 1:22-23). Just the other day, I finally took a Red Cross first aid course that included CPR, AED, and other critical responses to life and death situations. It was an intense four hours of training, and it will require re-certification every two years. I want to be prepared if a situation arises and make a difference for someone who might die without immediate intervention. Since this article is about spiritual matters, you know where this is going. The lost or erring Christians have different conditions that demand specific treatment. Just as you wouldn't give the Heimlich maneuver to a burn victim, you don't teach the book of Revelation to someone who doesn't know the gospel. One must know the needs of the unbeliever and erring Christian to bring them to a spiritually healthy state with the Lord. Speaking of the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts), it's used to remove obstacles to provide a clear airway. We must make a clear path in reaching the lost and erring. We must show them our love and concern. Although helping to save a life doesn't demand that we even know the person, the most effective way to reach others with the gospel is to develop friendships. This is not an underhanded method to reach the lost, but a sincere effort to get acquainted and show the person we really care about them. We must care for the whole person. I have performed the Heimlich maneuver twice, and it has given me such a blessing to have possibly saved a life. Why don't we realize that saving souls gives an even greater blessing than saving lives? Daniel writes, "Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever" (12:3). Those who are attentive can spot a person in trouble and in need of intervention. What about those who are lost or erring? Let's prepare ourselves and look for opportunities to lead others to everlasting life! We might just snatch souls out of the fire

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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 Does Not Parade Itself

## 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.**

Love does not parade itself. The word translated 'parade itself' is also defined as "vainglorious, braggart; to boast one's self" (Thayer's Greek Lexicon, p. 507). Love does not focus attention on self, and does not promote selfish interests. So what does love promote? Love promotes truth and righteousness. The context of Paul's comments is important. Those who had the more honorable gifts of the Spirit were not to parade themselves. More abundant honor was to be placed on the less honorable parts of the body, upon those gifts of the Spirit which were not seen as 'desirable' as others (12:22-25). This point was further illustrated in Paul's regulation of the use of gifts in the assembly of the church (14:1-40). The gifts were to be used for the encouragement [edification] of the church rather than person use - in the assembly. So, some were to be silent while others were encouraged to speak. The focus was on the building up of the body of Christ rather than the individual. In our current setting we need to hear this lesson again. When some are promoted as good singers and are given microphones while others are not, do we not put aside this description of love and the application of 1 Corinthians 14? If you say no, then give the microphone to any person and rotate it [not that I recommend a microphone to any but the leader, and this just for the leading of the congregation for its edification]. The solos and the praise teams are more for the individuals, and the entertainment of the group, than the caring of each member. In the Lord's church we must guard against repeating that which Paul reproved, thinking we are guiltless because we are not abusing the supernatural gifts peculiar to the first century. Look at the principles given in these passages, and apply them diligently. The application goes further. In the family, there should not be a person who calls attention to themselves. All should be treated equally. Parents who 'brag' on their children need to be careful that they do not make a 'braggart' of their child. In our family, in our daily activities, in the body of Christ let us behave properly. Praise the praiseworthy, but let us exercise care even in that praise so we do not go too far. Love does not parade itself.

**Greg Weston**

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### Sunday Morning Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Sterling Frederick

**OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Chuck Canteen

**PRESIDING:** Ron Cullom

**SERVING:** Richard Gray, Carlos Echeverria, Tom Ramsey & Justin Ford

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Brett Gray

### Sunday Evening Worship

**SONG LEADER:** Norman Delong

**OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE**

**READING:** Jim Bowman

**PRESIDING:** Joe Lewis

**SERVING:** Warren Sparks

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Chuck Canteen

### Wednesday Bible Study

**SONG LEADER:** Terry West

**OPENING PRAYER:** Chuck Canteen

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Heath Johnson



## Keep in your prayers...

### COCOPB Members

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

**Kay Vaughn**, is doing well, and continues to need our prayers.

**Jon Jordan**, needs our prayers.

**Monica Sinclair**, is doing well, and continues to need our prayers.

**Helen Quintero**, had her surgery, and is recovering.

**Javon Reed**, has been sick.

**Tom & Benita Ramsey**, have COVID-19.

### 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 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.

**Keith Ford**, Justin Ford's Father, Has COVID-19.

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

### Friends of COCOPB Members

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

**The Family of Glenda Smith**, a friend of Heath and Halle's Family, Glenda Smith Passed away.

### COCOPB Members Traveling

**Brett & Richard Gray** (AZ)

### Shut-ins

**Jack Lee**

**Lena Morris**



# THE PREACHER'S FILES



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you don't let the past die, it won't let you live."

-Unknown Author

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

A part-time Christian cannot defeat a full-time Devil.

## GEMS FROM GREEK

merimnao (Verb). Gr. μεριμνάω

"To be anxious about, worried about a particular object or situation."

In Matt. 6:25 Jesus stated "take no thought for your life, what you shall eat or drink."

Jesus was not saying we are never to think about our physical needs. The phrase "take no thought" comes from Merimnao - "do not be anxious about your life." "Be careful for nothing" in Phil. 4:6 it is translated from this same word.

## PEARLS FROM PROVERBS

"Whoever digs a pit will fall into it; if someone rolls a stone, it will roll back on them."

Prov. 26:27

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Jan. 16th	Prov. 26:13-28	Eph. 4:1-16
17th	29-31	4:17-32
18th	Eccl. 1-2	5:1-21
19th	3-5	5:22-6:9
20th	6-8	6:10-24
21st	9-12	Phil. 1:1-20
22nd	S. of Sol. 1-2	1:21-2:11

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



## NEWS & NOTES



### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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MAUREEN MACHAN 1/8

ERIBERTO VASQUEZ 1/21

WARREN & NANCY SPARKS 1/17

MICHELLE HINTON 1/9

BRETT GRAY 1/23

ANNA IGLESIAS 1/14

VERA GRAY 1/28

RON CULLOM 1/18

DONNA MACDOUGALL 1/19

#### ATTENDANCE Jan. 9th

Sun. Bible Study: 21

Sun. A.M. 44

Sun. P.M. 24

Wed. Bible Study: 23

Contribution: \$5,173.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: + \$1,026.00

#### TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "TBD"

PM: "TBD"



The pantry Needs no more donations at this time!! Thank you to those who donated!



The Minister and Mocha is starting back this month!! If you didn't get a chance to sign up last year, look for new sign up sheets coming soon on the table in the foyer!



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.



## Becoming a Good Doubter

The famous engineer and inventor, Robert Fulton, returned to America from Paris in 1805 to test his invention of the steamship. In 1807, he was ready to take the "Claremont" on a trial run up the Hudson River between New York City and Albany. In the excited crowd, watching the proceedings was a negative, pessimistic, doubtful old man. While preparations were being made to start, the old gentleman kept repeating... "They will never get her started." The steamship, however, was started, and began its trip up the river to the cheers of the crowd. The doubter was then heard to say... "They will never get her stopped." You see, there are two kinds of doubters: the active, investigative doubters who are willing to study evidences before reaching a conclusion, and the lazy, prejudicial, doubters who are unwilling to consider any possible evidences. We are called to be a good doubter. Consider the reasons we should believe the Bible is an inspired Book and become a member of the Kingdom we read about therein. It was Jesus who said: "Come Learn of Me" (Matthew 11.29).

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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