The Palm Beaches

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!

When Christians Sin

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and we are born again (John 3:3,5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4). But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been. 1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins: (1) We must "walk in the light," that is, we must be following God's Word in the Bible; (2) We also must "have fellowship one with another", that is, we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians. The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are no longer receiving forgiveness of their sins. Then we continue to read the next verse 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven. This is very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed.

Ron Boatwright

Eternity to Think

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. He had planned on dying, not at 36. Like the rest of us, he had planned on living and those plans centered around the things which, to him, were more important and more pressing than others. He had not planned on leaving two little children and a wife alone to rear them. Yet, he did. His funeral was yesterday, and he did leave those little children and her. He left everything else in this world. We did not know him nearly as well as we would have liked. The church had helped obtain medicine he needed, and we had taken the opportunity to invite him to learn about Jesus, the Great Physician. Telephone conversations ensued. Letters and tracts were sent with hope. Numerous visits made, seemingly had no effect. Time went by too quickly and he was not saved. You see, he was always too busy. Too busy to come to worship. Too busy to bring his family. Too busy to study the Bible. Too busy to save his soul. Too busy to serve the Lord. It seemed he was always working, or he had just come from work and was tired, or he was just about to go to work. He was busy so, in his mind, he justified his actions and reasoned away his and their souls' needs. There was just no time then— and there is not time now, but now there is, for him, eternity. Eternity. Endless ages to think about time, 36 years of time to be exact, and its rejected opportunities. Eternity to think about a home into which Christ never was invited; to think about a spouse with whom he never sought the joy of salvation; to think about two little children for whom he never had the time to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph.6:4); and eternity to think about his soul, his most prized possession, which he sold for earthly wages and earthly pleasures. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mat. 16:26). His funeral was yesterday. He died without Christ and without hope (Eph. 2:12). For him, eternity is sealed. There is nothing I, the church, or anyone else on earth can do for him now. The burden of that thought is why, at 3:00 A.M., I am writing this article. Perhaps, someone will read it and realize the worth of their soul, the brevity of life and the eternity before them. For those still living, there is yet time and opportunity to obey God, but one day, it will be too late. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Friend, do not let death find you "too busy." Render obedience to the Lord today. Believe in Him (John 8:24). Repent of your sins (Acts 17:30). Confess Him as Christ (Mat. 10:32-33). Be baptized (Mark 16:16). Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10). Heaven will surely be worth it all.

Bobby Liddell

PRIVILEDGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship
SONG LEADER: Sterling Frederick
OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE
READING: Angus May
PRESIDING: Joe Lewis
SERVING: Richard Gathright, Jim
Bowman, Gary Lester & Brett Gray
CLOSING PRAYER: Mike Morakis

COCOPB Members Traveling

None

Sunday Evening Worship **SONG LEADER: Norman Delong OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE READING: Chuck Canteen PRESIDING: Jim Rogers SERVING: Gary Lester CLOSING PRAYER: Terry West**

Wednesday Bible Study SONG LEADER: Tom Ramsey **OPENING PRAYER: Heath Johnson CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen**



COCOPB Members Robin Landen, is still recovering from her stroke. Jack Lee Kay Vaughn, is doing well, and continues to need our prayers. Lena Morris Jon Jordan, needs our prayers. Monica Sinclair, is doing well, and continues to need our prayers. Helen Quintero, had her surgery, and is recovering. 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. Jan Richardson, Marsha Morakis's mother, was diagnosed with lung cancer. Jace Blackshear, Joel Blackshear's grandson, needs our prayers. 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.

Shut-ins



THE PREACHER'S FILES



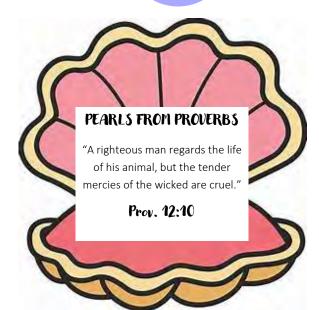
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Faith alone" is as lethal as "ye shall not surely die."

-David Thorpe

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

When a man is honestly mistaken and hears the truth, he will either quit being mistaken or he will cease being honest.



WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Jan. 23rd	S. of Sol. 3-5	Phil. 2:12-30
24th	6-8	3-4:1
25th	Obadiah	4:2-23
26th	Joel 1-3	Col.1:1-20
27th	Jonah 1-4	1:21-2:7
28th	Amos 1-4	2:8-3:4
29th	5-9	3:5-4:1

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

GEMS FROM GREEK

Diabolos (Adj). Gr. διαβόλους

"Slanderous, accusing falsely, the slander, the Devil."

The Devil is called "the tempter" in Matt. 4:3. And it is used to describe one who makes proof of, or puts on. to the test. The Devil put Jesus to the test! The Devil had devices (2 Cor. 2:11), he will take advantage of us if we let him. Resist the slander and he will flee from you (Ja. 4:7).



NEWS & NOTES



👂 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES 💖

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BIRTHDAYS 🏓

MAUREEN MACHAN 1/8

- ERIBERTO VASQUEZ 1/21
- 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. 16th

Sun. Bible Study: 22 Sun. A.M. 52 Sun. P.M. 30 Wed. Bible Study: 23 Contribution: \$4,276.00 Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00 Variance: + \$129.00 TODAY'S SERMONS AM: "THE SUFFERING SERVANT OF JEHOVAH" PM: "WHEN WORSHIP BECOMES A BURDEN"



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 <u>do not</u> 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.



WARREN & NANCY SPARKS 1/17



"Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, And cause it to give off a foul odor; So does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor" (Ecclesiastes 10:1 NKJV). Dead flies are the best kind, if you ask me. The live ones buzz around, irritating us, making us reach for the flyswatter. The ancients didn't like flies either. I wonder: Did they have flyswatters, too? While dead flies are usually welcome, there are certain places we wouldn't want them. Solomon offered an example—in perfume. Imagine reaching for a bottle of your favorite perfume, ready to apply a little, and you notice, floating there on the top, a big (but very dead) fly. Still want to put some on? Suddenly, that perfume doesn't smell as good. As a matter of fact, that perfume stinks! So, what was Solomon's point? He was noting a fact of life: A relatively small defect can ruin a good thing. This proverb is a call for clearheadedness. It is a plea for us to think-think about what we do and think about what we say. The fact is, one careless word or deed can quickly ruin a lot of good and wise actions. Solomon noted, "...so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom and honor." One fly ruins a big bottle of perfume, and one foolish act ruins a lifetime of wise and honorable acts. This demonstrates just how powerful foolishness is. Therefore, let us walk carefully. We must use God's Word as our lamp and guide. By so doing, we can avoid foolish acts and maintain our positive influence on those around us (Ephesians 5:15-17). **Denny Petrillo**



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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