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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!

Restoring our Memory

A new doctor had arrived in town. He could cure anything and anybody. Everyone was amazed with what he could do - everyone except for Mr. Thompson, the town skeptic. Grumpy old Mr. Thompson went to visit this 'miracle doctor' to prove that he wasn't anybody special. When it was time for his appointment he told the doctor, "Hey, doc, I've lost my sense of taste. I can't taste nothin', so what are ya goin' to do?" The doctor scratched his head and mumbled to himself a little, then told Mr. Thompson, "What you need is jar number 47." So the doctor brought the jar out, opened it, and told Mr. Thompson to taste it. He tasted it and immediately spit it out, "This is gross!" he yelled. "Looks like I just restored your sense of taste Mr. Thompson," said the doctor. So Mr. Thompson went home.... very mad. One month later, Mr. Thompson decides to go back to the doctor and try once again to expose him as a fake, by complaining of a new problem. "Doc," he started, "I can't remember anything!" Thinking he had the doctor stumped now, he waited as the doctor scratched his head, mumbled to himself a little, and told Mr. Thompson, "What you need is jar number 47, it's....." But before the doctor could finish his sentence, Mr. Thompson was cured and fled the room! As we begin a new year, we come to the "Great Physician" for healing -- healing not so much in the form of physical ailments (though many of us have those) but spiritual ailments. We come with regret, with guilt, with disappointment over mistakes made in the past year. We are tempted to want to put those negative things out of our mind altogether, but as we find healing and forgiveness at the hands of Jesus Christ, one of the things that needs to be restored is our memory. George Santayana once said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Wisdom teaches us to learn from our mistakes, so that we don't continue to make them. The challenge for us is to remember the past and to learn from our past without living in the past. Jesus said to the church of Ephesus, "Remember how far you have fallen. Return to me and change the way you think and act, and do what you did at first." (Revelation 2:5) At this, the beginning of 2018, may God help you to remember your failures of the past year, but don't dwell on them. Find forgiveness and move forward with the wisdom gained from your mistakes to live more faithfully for God this year.

Alan Smith

Holy Priesthood

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.

Peter told the church that “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5). He also said that the church is “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:” (1 Peter 2:9). When the Law of Moses was handed down on the mountains of Sinai and the tabernacle was constructed and finally assembled, God authorized specific people from the tribe of Levi to be the priests of the tabernacle. Moses was told to, “take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron’s sons.” (Ex. 28:1). It was the responsibility of these priests to offer sacrifices to God on behalf of the people of Israel (Leviticus 1:17). The priests were also made to wear special clothing that would set them apart from others. We are told, “And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a brodered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office.” (Exodus 28:4). But both the Law of Moses and the Levitical priesthood was taken away when Jesus died on the cross for mankind. Paul wrote, “But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:” (Ephesians 2:13-16). Thus, since the priesthood had changed, it was necessary to change the law (Hebrews 7:12). Under the Christian time, Jesus Christ is our “great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.” (Hebrews 4:14). Under his teachings, there is no special class of priest among the people. Under Christ, every Christian is a priest and is authorized to go directly to God through Jesus Christ to confess HIS sins and to OFFER up his worship for the Hebrew writer said, “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:15-16). How blessed Christians are today to be able to be a priest under our great high Priest!

Robert Notgrass



THE PREACHER'S FILES



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties.”

– C.S. Lewis

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Dear Lord,
“You keep track of all my sorrows.
You have collected all my tears in
your bottle.” (Psalm. 56:8)

GEMS FROM GREEK

Epithumia (Noun). Gr. επιθήμια

“Desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust.”

When the desire is for evil thing; or to an inordinate degree, it is usually translated into English as “lust.”

Peter warned “Abstain from fleshly lusts (epithumia) that war against the soul.” (1 Pet. 2:11).

PEARLS FROM PROVERBS

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”

Prov. 19:17

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Mar. 20th	Jer. 9-10	Jn. 6:41-7:1
21st	11-12	7:2-30
22nd	13-14	7:31-8:11
23rd	15-16	8:12-30
24th	17-18	8:31-59
25th	19-22	9:1-17
26th	23-25	9:18-41

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

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

SONG LEADER: Sterling Fredrick

OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE

READING: Tom Ramsey

PRESIDING: Joe Lewis

SERVING: Richard Gray, Carlos Echeverria, Justin Ford & Norman Delong

CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen

Sunday Evening Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman Delong

OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE

READING: Jim Bowman

PRESIDING: Heath Johnson

SERVING: Fabian Gordon

CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen

Wednesday Bible Study

SONG LEADER: Tom Ramsey

OPENING PRAYER: Heath Johnson

CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen



Keep in your prayers...

COCOPB Members

Robin Landen, is still recovering from her stroke.

Monica Sinclair, is going through a very difficult time and needs our prayers.

Helen Quintero, is doing better but continues to need prayers.

Jon Jordan, had his second neck procedure.

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

Richard Gray, is recovering from hernia surgery.

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 home from the hospital but continues to need prayers.

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

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

Bryan Ogden, Shea Ogden's husband, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is starting treatments.

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

Chuck & Maggie Canteen (Orlando)

Shut-ins

Jack Lee

Lena Morris

NEWS & NOTES

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

CHARLES VAUGHN 3/7

SARA FORD 3/7

OLGA DE LA ROSA 3/8

MELVA POLLARD 3/18

DON BRADBURY 3/25

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

ATTENDANCE Mar. 13th

Sun. Bible Study: 24

Sun. A.M: 55

Sun. P.M: 34

Wed. Bible Study: 28

Contribution: \$5,471.25

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: +\$1,324.25

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "FOUR KINDS OF SOIL:
THE GOOD SOIL"

PM: "I.O.U'S"



Today we will be announcing the board nomination results! The results will be announced before Sunday morning worship service! Thank you for participating in this years nomination!



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.



THANK YOU, LORD

Even though I clutch my blanket and groan when the alarm rings loudly each morning, I thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are those who are deaf. Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, I thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind. Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the physical effort of rising, I thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedfast. Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the ladies' magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord for the food we have. There are many who are hungry. Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no work. Even though I grumble and gripe and bemoan my fate from day to day, and I wish my modest circumstances were not quite so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

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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