## The Palm Beaches

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## 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: 7:30pm

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!

#### Restoration

What do we think when we hear the word "restoration"? Old furniture? Antique cars? Simply put, restoration is bringing something back to its original condition.

Spiritually, whenever there is a departure from God's will, there stands a need for restoration. Sometimes, even people need restoration. Humanity was created to glorify God (Isaiah 43:7; Ecclesiastes 12:13; 1 Corinthians 10:31), but "all have sinned" and have fallen short of that glory (Romans 3:23). From the first sin (Genesis 3:6), accountable human beings have needed restoration. The fulfillment of this need began very shortly after the first sin. It was in the promised "seed of woman" (Genesis 3:15). The remainder of the Old Testament shows the coming answer to real restoration. The New Testament reveals the reality of that answer. Thanks be to God who provided His image-bearer, mankind (Genesis 1:26-27), with a way to be restored (John 3:16). Jesus Christ is the one who "washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation 1:5). Thus, Jesus Christ is "the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9). For restoration to be a reality, the Word of God must take precedence (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Restoration can only occur when the Bible is learned, respected and applied. When the right attitude is present along with a proper understanding of God's Word, restoration will take place (Acts 8:30-31; 10:33). May we all "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matthew 5:6), taking advantage of the opportunities we have to hear God's Word. Let us examine ourselves, for we might find that we stand in need of restoration.

**Brian Kenyon** 

# **Welcome New Members!**

#### Reanna Johnson

Reanna will be moving down the second week of June.

**Robin Landen** 

#### 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.

# "... the churches of Christ salute you." (Romans 16:16)

### God is Calling but the Line is Busy

God has a desire for all men to be saved, and He calls men to Him by the Gospel of Jesus Christ: "Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:14). God only speaks to men today through the Holy Scriptures, but what if God were "calling us" via the telephone? When God calls us today:

Are our lines busy? (Are we too busy for God?)

Do we misuse Call Waiting? (Do we make God wait on hold while we are doing other things?)

Do we often see "GOSPEL\_CALL" on the Caller ID, yet refuse to answer the call? (Do we sit idly through Gospel sermons when we know we need to answer the Gospel call?)

Have we "stopped our ears," or turned the ringer off? (Do we no longer pay attention to sermons or Bible classes? Have we removed any possibility of hearing the Gospel call by refusing to attend worship services and study our Bibles?)

Are we too busy talking to let God get a word in? (Are we more concerned about what we have to say to God in our prayers than what God has to say to us through His Word?)

What if there were static on the line? Would we be willing to move to a better spot? (Are there areas of our lives that are separating us from God? Are we willing to leave those areas behind to be closer to God?)

Would we dare hang up on God? (Knowing God's supreme authority and power, would we deliberately choose to defy Him and serve the enemy? Knowing God's abounding love for us, would we callously "hang up" on Him and reject the ultimate loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ?)

What about when we call on God through prayer? What if His line were always busy? What if He would not take our calls, or what if He hung up on us? Of course, God would never do those things to us because He loves us, and we should never do such things to Him!

Jason Hilburn



When Elijah fled from the threats of Jezebel, he was asking God to take his life (1 Kings 19:4). The Lord then led Elijah to Mount Horeb (Sinai). where Elijah confessed to the Lord that he was the only prophet left. All the others had been killed (1 Kings 19:10).

Even though Elijah had just been given an immense victory over Jezebel and her prophets; in a matter of days he thought the battle was lost. His world had seemed to turn upside down, but God was not finished. He had plans to finish this particular battle, and Elijah was a key player.

We too, can observe the world around us, and become frantic due to all the chaos and upheaval, but we need to remain faithful. Men will always cause problems on this earth, but God is steadfast, immovable. Jesus said; "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). Don't become frantic. Be faithful. The Lord knows what He is doing.

**Rick Laing** 







#### May Birthdays:

Manoella Mendieta 05/04 Jack Lee 05/16

Danny Machan 05/21 Helen Quintero 05/31

**May Anniversaries:** 

Chuck and Maggie Canteen 05/20—30 years!

#### **PRIVIDEGED TO SERVE**

#### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**Lead Singing: Sterling Frederick** Opening Prayer/Scripture: Joe Lewis Presiding at Table: Ron Cullom Serving at Table: Richard Gray

**Chuck Canteen** 

N/A N/A

Closing Prayer: Mike Morakis

#### **Sunday Evening Worship**

Lead Singing: N/A

Opening Prayer/Scripture: N/A

Preside at Table: N/A Serve at Table: N/A

Closing Prayer: N/A

#### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Lead Singing: Norman Delong **Opening Prayer:** Jim Bowman Invitation: Heath Johnson Closing Prayer: John Smith

#### **THOSE TO SERVE:**

If you cannot serve, notify Angus May as soon as possible. Please arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to service start and meet in front of auditorium no later than 5 minutes prior to service start.

#### **NEWS and NOTES**



#### Keep in your prayers...

Jack Lee is at Hamlin Place, 2180 Hypoluxo Rd. Lantana, FL 33462. He is in Room 203. Hamlin Place is still under lock down and brother Jack is unable to come today.

Donna MacDougall continues to request prayers that her neuropathy will improve.

Jan Richardson is struggling with her health and is in need of prayers.

Laverne Byzek, John Smith's sister, has been dealing with stomach cancer.

**Dixie Griffith,** requests prayers for her health.

Betty Vaughn, Linda Martin's sister, fell and fractured her shoulder and wrist and is dealing with much pain.

Ricky Johnson, Heath's father, had carpal tunnel surgery last Friday.

Bill Langdon, son of Francis Langdon, still struggles with his health.

Continue to pray that the COVID-19 situation will soon pass.



Check us out on Facebook! Visit the Church of Christ of the Palm Beaches Facebook page and give us a "like"!



We will continue the congregational phone tree in order to send Covid-19 updates in order to keep the congregation informed and

Connected curing this time. If you would like to receive them give Heath your cell phone number and you will be added to the list.

The food pantry has been going through extensive use. We are still in need of supplies. Please bring canned meats, veggies, and

shelf stable foods. See Maureen Machan if you have any questions. Also, the pantry area is being cleaned out and reorganized, if you have any personal items stored there that you would like to keep, please retrieve them by June 30th.



We express our deepest sympathy to **David Thorpe** in the passing of our beloved sister Marie Thorpe. If you would like to send David a note you may write to 1400 Village Blvd. #211 WPB, 33409.



#### Our Record

#### Attendance MAY 17

Sun. Bible study: N/A

Sun. AM 45

Sun. PM N/A

Wed. Bible study: N/A

#### **Today's Sermons**

AM: The Vine and the **Branches** 

PM: N/A

The 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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