



MESSENGER

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

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Monday—Thursday

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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!

Is it OK to Observe Halloween?

It is believed that most of the ideas behind the night we now call "Halloween" originated with the Celtic religion of Druidism which flourished for around 300-350 years between the second centuries BC and AD. For the Druids, this night meant that the "lighter" part of the year was coming to an end and the "darker" part was beginning. They further believed that on this night the veil between the living and the dead was its thinnest and that Samuin, lord of the dead, would call forth evil spirits to do mischief. In response to this belief, bonfires would be lit and some would dress themselves with masks and/or paint, apparently all in the hope of warding off said spirits. Through the years, such ideas have been intermingled with other fall or harvest festivals from various cultures until we come down to what we have today. What does Halloween night mean for most of us in America? Simply put, it's the fun kind of "scary stuff" we enjoy. It's kids in costumes mooching candy, then going on a hayride and afterwards having popcorn balls and smores. Halloween means jack o'lanterns, fake spider webs and bobbing for apples at parties decorated with orange and black. Sure, there are a few who see Halloween as a special night to dabble in the occult, but no one I know either does or promotes that. That kind of thing just never even comes to mind for most of us. Two questions seem important to me to ask here. First, "Is this, holiday, intrinsically evil?". In my experience, it is not. Even the practices of the Druids were intended to avoid contact with evil. I'd promote that, how about you? My second question would be, "Does Halloween provide any opportunity to do good?". Again, according to my experience, it certainly does. Year after year I see young families enjoying each others' company as they go from house to house with their costumed children who squeal with innocent delight at the haul of goodies happy homeowners dole out. I'm fifty-four, but I still remember how much fun it was when my older brother and sister took me trick-or-treating! Sometimes we simply gather in Christian fellowship around our own bonfires, toasting marshmallows and deepening relationships, warming ourselves both inside and out in the cool night air of early fall. Now if your view of Halloween is different from someone else's, don't despair. Paul said in Romans chapter fourteen that each of us has the freedom in Christ to observe such days according to our own opinions: One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. Romans 14:5-6 So be at peace with others regardless of how you see the day, and give thanks to God for it!

Marty Kessler



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.

It Did not go Like He Planned

G. Gordon Liddy once related a bazaar story about a man, jilted by his girlfriend. Apparently, he tried to commit suicide in front of his rival (the girl's new boyfriend). He pointed the pistol at his chin, pulled the trigger, and fully intended to die. However, the bullet somehow ricocheted off his teeth and fatally struck the other fellow. Intending to "end it all," the young man was charged with manslaughter, third-degree murder, kidnapping, and assault. That was not in his script. He had not planned it to go like that. He was going to show his counterpart, his girlfriend, and the rest of the world that his emotional wounds were so great that he was going to engineer his final exit strategy. How remarkably foolish!

How often, though less dramatically, does this occur? In words or actions, we tell others, "I'll show you! You'll be sorry!" With such haste and waste, we rashly do something we live to regret. We put our souls in jeopardy to get even with actions or words we perceive offensive and injurious to us. Solomon warned, "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding, but he that is hasty of spirit exalts folly" (Proverbs 14:29). When we act without weighing the consequences, we rue the choice we make. Appropriately, the wise man again said, "Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few" (Ecclesiastes 5:2). Spiteful actions are futile and sinful (Psalm 10:14; Luke 18:32). "Get even-ism" is a sickness and a symptom of worldliness. It disregards Christ's mandate for God's children to turn the other cheek (Luke 6:29). It is written, "If you have been foolish in exalting yourself or if you have plotted evil, put your hand on your mouth" (Proverbs 30:32). If everyone practiced this sage advice, fewer would overreact and more would overcome. Think before you speak. Consider the consequences of rash decisions (remember Jephthah?). Avoid the tragedy of thoughtlessness. The failure to control our lives results in a punishment far outweighing a jail sentence. Consider the words of this poem, written anonymously. "Boys, flying kites, haul in their white-winged birds, But you can't do that when you're flying words. Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes drop back dead, But naught can kill them when they've once been said."

Author Unknown



PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman Delong

OPENING PRAYER/ SCRIPTURE

READING: Chuck Canteen

PRESIDING: Ron Cullom

SERVING: Gary Lester & Justin Ford

CLOSING PRAYER: Terry West

Sunday Evening Worship

SONG LEADER: Norman Delong

OPENING PRAYER/SCRIPTURE

READING: Joe Lewis

PRESIDING: Angus May

SERVING: Gary Lester

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard Gathright

Wednesday Bible Study

SONG LEADER: Daniel Wagner

OPENING PRAYER: Jim Rogers

CLOSING PRAYER: Chuck Canteen



Keep in your prayers...



COCOPB Members

Robin Landen, is still recovering from her stroke.

Norma Golaub, continues to need our prayers.

Lena Morris, continues to need our prayers.

Kay Vaughn, continues to recover and is undergoing therapy.

Jon Jordan, needs our prayers.

Gail Lewis, is having problems with her back.

Monica Sinclair, is having health issues and needs our prayers.

Jessica Romano in the passing of her brother Reuben Romano last Tuesday.

Carlos Echeverria has been sick with 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.

Anna Parrish, Rick Reitano's mother, is now in Home Place.

Tony Flegert, Maureen machan's son in-law, may be moved to a hospital in Tampa. Pray he can be closer to home.

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

Friends of COCOPB Members








Tina Wagner had an outpatient procedure last Thursday and is being treated for breast cancer.

COCOPB Members Traveling this week

Fabian Gordon (TN), **Nancy Sparks**, (cancun)



NOVEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				 PBL	 PBL	 PBL
	1	2	3	Lectureship 4	Lectureship 5	Lectureship 6
 PBL  Lectureship David Peck 7	 Johnny Belden 8	9	10	11	12	13
14	 George Pollard 15	16	17	 Joe & Gail Lewis 18	19	 Emily Mendieta 20
21	22	23	24	 Halle Johnson 25	26	27
28	 Carlos Echeverria 29	30				

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Oct. 31st	Esther 3-6	1 Thess. 1-2:12
Nov 1st	7-10	2:13-3
2nd	Job 1-2	4
3rd	3-5	5
4th	6-8	2 Thess. 1
5th	9-12	2
6th	13-15	3

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



News and Notes



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



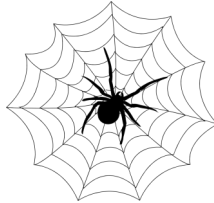
BIRTHDAYS

HEATH JOHNSON 10/13

URIEL DE LA ROSA 10/13

RUDY QUINTERO, JR. 10/20

MIKE MORAKIS 10/29



ANNIVERSARIES

**NORMAN & CRISIBEL DELONG
10/16**



ATTENDANCE Oct. 24th

Sun. Bible Study: 17

Sun. A.M. 52

Sun. P.M. 23

Wed. Bible Study: 22

Contribution: \$4,210.00

Weekly Budget: \$4,147.00

Variance: -\$63.00

TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM: "IS YOUR HOUSE
HAUNTED?"**

PM: "Q&A"



Our second annual **Send & Save Sunday** is **Today!!!!** Our donations will go towards the work of brother **Ronnie Gootam** in Kakinada India!!! A newsletter is on the round table in the foyer.



Calling all Spanish speakers. We are needing volunteers to proof read bulletin materials that will be printed for our Spanish speaking brethren. See Halle to volunteer.



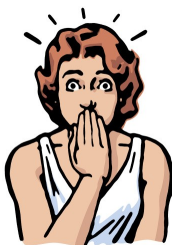
There's a 2022 sermon topic request form on the table in the foyer! Fill it out and give it to Heath or Halle. Sermon planning for 2022 is well underway.

Q&A

Our 5th Sunday Q&A is **Today!!** There are question slips in the foyer!!

You Tube

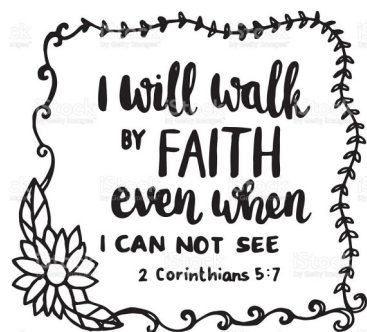
If you have not already, please subscribe to the congregation's YouTube channel. You can find a link to our channel on the homepage of our website at **www.cocopb.org**.



IT JUST SLIPPED OUT ...OF WHAT?

When excusing themselves for uttering profanities or curses, the kind of words which should never escape our mouths (Ephesians 4:29), many will say, "I'm sorry; it just slipped out". But what did those corrupt words slip out of, exactly? Jesus explained, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things" (Matthew 12:34-35). That is to say, bad words don't "slip out" of good hearts; they come from bad hearts. Therefore, "Purify your hearts!" (James 4:8).

Bryan Dockens



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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