

MESSENGER



CHURCH of CHRIST
of the
Palm Beaches

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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!

The Cross

What does the cross mean to you? To me, it means VICTORY!!!! The cross gives us the victory over our enemies. Paul said, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Galatians 6:14). Paul glories in the cross of Christ. Let us examine the importance of the cross, which gives US the victory over our enemies.

The cross gives victory over sin. The little word sin reveals mans' basic failure and problem. Sin has always been a problem for the whole human race (Romans 3:23). Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). All unrighteousness is sin (1 John 5:17). Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Sin brings death (Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:4). The cross of Christ reveals the tragedy of sin. Christ died for the ungodly (Romans 5:6-10). God made His Son a sin offering (2 Corinthians 5:21). It wasn't the nails that held Christ to the cross, but our sins and His love for us! Through Christ's blood, men may now be redeemed from the rule of sin (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19); cleansed from the guilt of sin (Hebrews 9:14). As Christians "walk in the light" of God's word (Psalms 119:105), they are kept cleansed from sin (1 John 1:7; 2:2).

The cross gives victory over self. Sin is basically selfishness. The selfish nature of sin is seen in the personal desires of the prodigal son (Luke 15). One of the most difficult things is denying self. Because of the power of selfishness, Christians must "deny self" (Matthew 16:24), and give ourselves to the Lord. "Crucify self" (Galatians 2:20). One must be willing to surrender to the Lord to serve Him; give of them selves (2 Corinthians 8:5).

The cross gives victory over Satan. Satan is identified as the "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:1-2). He uses enticements to lead men into the fulfillment of lust (James 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 2:11). Christians, by the power of Christ's blood, can be delivered from the world (Galatians 1:4; 6:14). There is power in Christ's death to motivate men to flee sinful, worldly lusts and live for the Lord (John 12:32-33). Men can cease to be Satan's servants (Romans 6:17-18). Christ gives us the victory if we will follow Him!

Jimmy Pettigrew

Welcome New Members!

Charles and Kay Vaughn

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Birthdate

Three Bridges the Evolutionist Cannot Cross

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.

Evolutionists contend that the earth is billions of years old and has evolved to its present form and shape. According to Charles Darwin: "All the organic things which ever lived on this earth may be descended from one primordial form" (n.p.). Creationists, on the other hand, contend for a much younger earth, brought into being by the work of a greater Power, as per Genesis 1. As Bible believers, we vigorously defend the Genesis account, and rightly so. There are three bridges which the evolutionist cannot cross. First, consider the origin of life. They cannot explain how non-life produced life. Even renowned British astronomer, Sir Fred Hoyle, an avid evolutionist, conceded in light of the creationist's argument from design that "the chance that higher forms have emerged in this way is comparable with the chance that a tornado sweeping through a junk yard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein" (n.p.) More and more, scientists realize they are being dishonest when they claim non-living matter produced living matter, violating one of the basic laws of science—the Law of Biogenesis. This law, stating that life comes only from pre-existing life, was firmly established long before modern evolutionary theories. As evolutionist Loren Eiseley observed, with regard to spontaneous generation, "science created a mythology of its own" (201-202). Life begets life! Second, consider the fixity of the species. In Genesis 1, God created certain kinds of animals and species; and they never become another. There is mutation within a species, but never transmutation. Genesis 1:11 is a very scientific statement, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so." Here we find a locked-in-law—every seed must produce after its own kind. Some turn to the fossil records to find evidence of transitional forms, yet in the fossil records none have ever been found. As Dr. Bert Thompson has noted: "All mammals are equally separated in their distinct features from all non-mammalian forms, and all birds are recognizably and fundamentally different from all nonavian species—the boundaries are that clear" (55-56). He then goes on to say, "The parts of an organism operate together in such a wonderful, functional way that to change a single component in one organ or body system would destroy the whole mechanism." God developed the fixity of the species. Third, evolutionists cannot explain the nonphysical properties found in creation. Where did man get his appreciation for beauty, music, art, morality, etc? Why does he have a hungering for God? Evolution cannot explain this. Evolution is a fanciful theory that many have chosen to follow because of their rejection of the only other alternative. Since the universe exists, and non-life cannot produce life, there must have been something or someone anterior and superior to this universe that brought it all into existence. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

Barry Grider

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



THE FIVE FINGERED PRAYER

The five finger prayer is a great way to teach someone to pray, or a good model for anyone to use to pray. Remember, James 5:13-16 teaches us to pray for one another.

First, your thumb is nearest you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you.

Second, the next finger, is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and offer comfort. This can include teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.

Third comes the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide the public in many different ways. They need God's guidance.

Fourth comes our ring finger. We could pray for marriages and families. We could also pray for those who are weak, because our ring finger is the weakest of the five. You cannot pray too much for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.

Fifth comes our little finger. It is the smallest of the five. It should remind us of our place in relation to God and others. God's Word teaches us that, "the least shall be the greatest among you" (Matthew 23:11). Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Are you praying?

Lance Morrisett



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May Birthdays:

Manoella Mendieta 05/04

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May Anniversaries:

Chuck and Maggie Canteen 05/20—30 years!

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

Lead Singing: Sterling Frederick

Opening Prayer/Scripture: Chuck Canteen

Presiding at Table: Angus May

Serving at Table: Richard Gray

Chuck Canteen

N/A

N/A

Closing Prayer: Jim Bowman

Sunday Evening Worship

Lead Singing: N/A

Opening Prayer/Scripture: N/A

Preside at Table: N/A

Serve at Table: N/A

N/A

Closing Prayer: N/A

Wednesday Bible Study

Lead Singing: Norman Delong

Opening Prayer: Jim Rogers

Invitation: Heath Johnson

Closing Prayer: Jim Bowman

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...

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

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 and will be having the same surgery performed on his other hand.

Dennis MacDougall is having issues with his blood and kidneys.

Jack Lee is at Hamlin Place, . He is in Room . Hamlin Place is still under lock down.

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

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

Dixie Griffith, requests prayers for her health.

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 during 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**.



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Our Record

Attendance MAY 24

Sun. Bible study:	N/A
Sun. AM	41
Sun. PM	N/A
Wed. Bible study:	18

Today's Sermons

AM: Seeing Through the
Eyes of Jesus

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