## 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!

### Fabulous Facts and Figures

One of the biggest arithmetical miracles in the world – Moses and the people of Israel were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed, and feeding 3 to 3-1/2 million people would require a lot of food.

According to the Quarter-Master General in the Army, it is reported that Moses would have to have 1500 tons of food each day. Do you know that to bring that much food each day, 2 freight trains, each a mile long, would be required?

Besides you must remember, they were out in the desert, and they would have to have firewood for use in cooking the food. This would take 4,000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for 1 day. And just think they were 40 years in transit.

Then they would have to have water. If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 1,000,000 gallons each day which would be the equivalent of a freight train of tank cars 1,800 miles long just to bring water. They had no lakes, and only a few wells. How did they get that much water?

Another thing, they had to get across the Red Sea in one night. Now if they went on a narrow part, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would take 35 days and nights to get through. So there had to be a space in the Red Sea 3 miles wide and they would have to walk across 5,000 abreast to get over in 1 night.

But then, another problem. Every time they camped at the end of the day, a campground 2/3 the size of the state of Rhode Island,

or a total of 750 square miles was needed.

Did Moses figure this out before they left Egypt? I think not.

You see, Moses believed in God, and God was going to take care of these things for him. Let us be encouraged; we have the same God. We think our problems are big. Remember what God can do.

**Dave Hart** 

#### **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)

#### A Sermon Seen is not a Sermon Heard

Perhaps you have heard someone say, "I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day!" While the intention behind the statement may be good, one must be careful that he does not over-emphasize morality while minimizing the power of God's Word. Yes, God condemns hypocrisy and commands His children to do good works and live holy lives (Matthew 7:1-5, 21; Romans 2:1, 21-23; 12:1, 2; Galatians 6:10; 1 Peter 1:14-16). However, Christ did not simply command His disciples to go forth and live good moral lives before the lost to save them—He commanded them to go preach the Gospel and baptize people! (Mark 16:15, 16). Romans 1:16 does NOT say, "For I am not ashamed of a good moral life, because it is the power of God unto salvation..." It seems that some members of the Lord's church have convinced themselves that as long as they refrain from immorality and are kind to others, they have done their duty to God.

The truth is that any religious person (or even an atheist) can generally live a moral lifestyle; therefore, simply doing this does not really set us apart from the lost (cf. John 17:17). The Lord's church has the most precious Message man has ever heard, but if we are not spreading that unique Message, we have failed! (Matthew 13:44-46). Living a morally pure lifestyle may get someone's attention in a positive way, but that alone is not enough. They will never be converted from lost to saved without being exposed to the rightly divided Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15-18; cf. Romans 6:17, 18; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:22).

Perhaps some Christians who live morally are not as evangelistic as they should be, because they know how controversial the Truth is. Among other things, the lost need to hear that the divine Son of God really did die on the cross for all people, and that He was raised from the dead (Hebrews 2:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). That is controversial to people like atheists, Jews, and Muslims. The lost need to hear that baptism really is necessary for salvation, which is controversial to those in denominations (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21, etc.). They need to hear that there is only one church purchased by and authorized by Christ, which is also very controversial (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:4; 5:23). They need to know about the New Testament pattern for worship, that God hates sins like homosexuality and abortion, and many other Truths that will very likely upset them because of their current beliefs or lifestyles.

Teaching people such things is much more difficult than simply living a moral lifestyle. Most people will not get upset with you for living a good moral life, but many will get upset when they realize that what you are teaching implies that their beliefs and practices are wrong. This controversy and threat to personal relationships is a risk Christians must be willing to take, even if it leads to their deaths! (Matthew 10:32-39; Mark 8:38; John 8:40; Revelation 2:10). However, it seems many have convinced themselves that this is not a part of their responsibility as Christians (cf. Ezekiel 33:8; Colossians 1:28).

Brothers and sisters, the Lord's church needs to come to life and be evangelistic! Simply living morally and being kind to others is not being evangelistic. The word "evangelism" has the word "angel" in the middle of it. An angel is a messenger, and if children of God are not spreading the Message of God's Word, they are not evANGELizing! Christians must both live pure lives and teach people how to be faithful Christians. May we never consider ourselves faithful by simply living in moral (or even doctrinal) purity. We must teach the lost the Truth that will make them free!



Once an old gray-haired farmer received a letter from his son and daughter-in-law asking for financial help. Since the farmer had not received any formal education and could not read, he asked one of his neighbors to read the letter. The neighbor was rough, discordant and a harsh spoken individual. When he finished reading the letter the farmer doubled his fist and exclaimed, "I'll never send them a cent!"

A few days later the farmer began to think about his children and decided to have the letter read once more. Again he approached a neighbor. As the neighbor began to read, the farmer thought, "This does not sound like the same letter." And when the letter had been read the farmer turned to his neighbor with tears streaming down his cheeks and said, "Sell my farm and send them all I have."

Does this not illustrate why we many times fail to make a sale, win a friend or convert a soul? We need to concentrate on speaking in kindness and in love. This is the Christian way.

Cold words freeze people, and hot words scorch them, and bitter words make them bitter, and wrathful words make them wrathful. Kind words also produce their image on men's souls; and a beautiful image it is. They soothe and quiet and comfort the hearer."

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one (Col 4:6).

Glenn Hitchcock

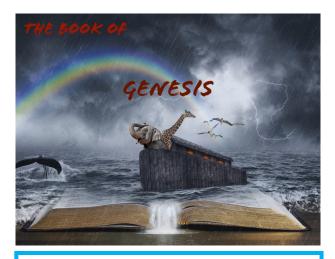


#### Welcome!

're glad you are here!



Come study with us on Wednesday nights at 7:30 as we study...





#### June Birthdays:

Linda Martin 06/15 Richard Gathright 06/18 Reanna Johnson 06/28 Tom Ramsey 06/28 Richard Gray 06/30

#### June Anniversaries:

Eriberto and Cande Vasquez 06/16 James and Vicki Claiborne 06/24 Tom and Benita Ramsey 06/27

#### PRIVILEDGED TO SERVE

#### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**Lead Singing:** Sterling Frederick Opening Prayer/Scripture: Jim Bowman

Presiding at Table: Angus May Serving at Table: Richard Gray

**Chuck Canteen** 

N/A N/A

Closing Prayer: Joe Lewis

#### **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

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

**Wednesday Bible Study** 

Lead Singing: Norman Delong

**Opening Prayer:** Jim Rogers

Invitation: Heath Johnson

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

**Albert Sparks** 

**Helen Quintero** 

Betty Vaughn,

Ricky Johnson,

**Dennis MacDougall** 

Jack Lee

Donna MacDougall /

Laverne Byzek,

Dixie Griffith,

Several of our members have family members who are part of law enforcement, please pray for the following that they will be safe during this time of unrest: **Michael** and **Marshall Morakis**, **Dink Bowman**, and **Dan Wilson**.

Upcoming Events

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ will be having a Vacation Bible

**School** on **Saturday June 20th from 10:am until 2:00pm**. Register online by **June 13th**. A flyer is on the round table in the foyer.



Reanna Johnson's new address is



James and Vicki Claiborne are moving back to California.



Everyone should be receiving their first issues of **The Spiritual Sword** and **The Gospel Journal**. If you do not receive yours by the end of the month please notify Heath asap.

#### Our Record

#### Attendance JUN 07

Sun. Bible study: N/A

Sun. AM

44

Sun. PM

N/A

Wed. Bible study:

18

**Today's Sermons** 

AM: Are We in the Last Days?

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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