

MESSENGER



CHURCH of CHRIST
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Palm Beaches

Buy the Truth and Sell It Not

Buy the truth, and sell it not” (Prov 23:23, KJV) These words suggest at least three things: truth is a rare and precious commodity, truth is a costly commodity, and truth may be traded away at an even greater cost. These three things certainly apply to the truth of the gospel. However I believe Solomon had a more everyday thought in mind. He had just said, “Listen to your father....do not despise your mother” (v. 22). He follows with: “And he who begets a wise child will delight in him. Let your father and your mother be glad...” (vv.24-25).

That truth is a rare and precious commodity is underscored by the work of Robert Feldman, a professor of psychology at the University of Massachusetts, who says, “Not only do we lie frequently, but we lie without even thinking about it. People lie while they are getting acquainted an average of three times in a 10-minute period. Participants in my studies actually are not aware that they are lying that much until they watch videos of their interactions” (From a 2009 interview in Time).

There may be many costs involved in buying the truth, but one that comes quickly to my mind is that buying it costs time and effort. We are bombarded with information claiming to be the truth about this or that person or this or that thing. It is easy to accept the claim because we like or identify with the person or organization making the claim. However, any untruth we might embrace becomes a part of us and warps our reality. There are a number of online sites, some better than others, that devote themselves to debunking some of the more popular and prevalent lies in our society. However, these “popular” lies may not be as harmful to us as are those we tell ourselves or those we allow friends and family to tell us that we accept without question. We sell the truth when we accept information at face value. This does not mean that we need to be paranoid and go around accusing everyone of lying. It does mean that we need to think for ourselves. The Latin phrase *fides tamen quin* (trust but verify) should be our default mode. We need to always verify something before we repeat it—or act on it. The excuse “I was just repeating what I heard,” is really no excuse for peddling prevarications and propaganda.

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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!

Quitters Never Win

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 has promised faithful Christians our work will be productive, if we will just keep at it. In Galatians six, Paul writes that we will eventually see results, if we will faithfully sow the seed, restore the fallen, and reach out to others in a benevolent fashion. Paul warns that the only hitch to successful church work is the tendency for us to become discouraged and quit before the harvest. By inspiration he admonished, "And let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

One great problem we face in the Lord's church is "faintheartedness." Like the person who can't stand the sight of blood, we "pass out" too quickly. When problems, trials, personality clashes, or discouragement of any kind set us back, the tendency for many brethren is to become depressed and to want to quit. It is so easy to "grow weary in well doing," to wonder "what's the use," to become despondent, and finally to decide there is no profit in trying any longer.

Most of us enter the Christian race with excitement and zeal, determined to give our all to Jesus. Most local congregations are conceived under the same aura of enthusiasm and dedication, where great goals are aimed for, and where plans are made to let no obstacle hinder the way to progress. Likewise, most church work programs are begun with a great deal of fanfare. In the early stages, excitement fills the air and volunteer interest is high. But, then something happens. The newness and excitement begins to wear off. The interest begins to fade and wane. The zealous new convert becomes the complacent old Christian. The exciting, vibrant, growing, new congregation, becomes the stagnant "house keeping" church. The thrilling, new church work program, becomes just so much drudgery, just plain, old, hard, unheralded work.

When this happens, and the going gets tough, many decide to throw up their hands, throw in the towel, and quit. When that time comes, however, we must not quit! We cannot afford to quit, for harvest time will be just around the corner. Like they say in the military, "when the going gets tough, the tough need to get going." How true that is, especially in the spiritual realm. The old adage, "quitters never win," applies to the Lord's work, as much as it does to any other aspect of life.

Jesus warned the church at Sardis, that their greatest problem was quitting too soon. He said, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God" (Rev. 3:1-2). Whether it concerns congregational life in general, some work program, or your own personal commitment to the Lord, when you begin to grow weary, remember that the Lord has promised a spiritual harvest only to those who "keep on keeping on" until they finish the race. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).



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Welcome!

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here!

REMEMBERING JESUS

As we take the bread and fruit of the vine, we remember Jesus. He died on the cross, not because of His sins, but He died on the cross for our sins. 1 Peter 2:24 says, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead in sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

The nails that went through his hands and feet were not for any sins he had done. They were for my sins and for your sins. The crown of thorns was placed on his head so that I might die to sin and live the new life as a disciple of Christ. When you die to something you separate yourself from it.

We separate ourselves from a life dominated by sin to live a life dominated by righteousness (Romans 6:13).

When we die to sin, we do not live in it any longer (Romans 6:1-2). Jesus died so you and I might have that opportunity to live a Christ-like life. Shouldn't that be our goal? Jesus allowed himself to be sin for us. Why? "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who know no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

Let that sink in as we partake of the Lord's Supper today and share in this time of remembering Jesus.

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July Birthdays:

Hermen Vasquez 07/10

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Norman Delong 07/13

Sterling Frederick 07/19

Ginny Gathright 07/30

July Anniversaries:

Richard and Ginny Gathright 07/04

George and Melva Pollard 07/23

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship

Lead Singing: Sterling Frederick

Opening Prayer/Scripture: Angus May

Presiding at Table: Ron Cullom

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

N/A

Closing Prayer: N/A

Wednesday Bible Study

Lead Singing: Norman Delong

Opening Prayer: Jim Rogers

Invitation: Heath Johnson

Closing Prayer: Mike Morakis

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 continues to need our prayers for her health.

Jack Lee is in rehab recovering from a stroke..

Yaney Langson tested positive for COVID-19 and requests prayers.

Maureen Machan is recuperating from eye surgery.

Helen Quintero had a bad bout with Bell's Palsy and has been at home.

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

Dennis MacDougall is having issues with his blood and kidneys.

Donna MacDougall requests prayers that her neuropathy will improve.

Laverne Byzek, has not been doing well and needs our prayers.

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**.



Sympathy is extended to **Sterling Frederick** in the death of his father. Please keep the entire family in hour prayers.



Wednesday Bible study now begins at **7:00pm**. We will no longer be starting at 7:30pm.



Members, please make sure to fill out an attendance card at every worship service, every time.



July pantry items: **Canned meats**, **pasta**, and **cereal**.



The **June 2020** issue of **Seek the Old Paths** is available in the foyer. Make sure to check out our literature rack for back issues of Seek the Old Paths and other gospel publications.



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Our Record

Attendance JUN 28

Sun. Bible study:	N/A
Sun. AM	34
Sun. PM	N/A
Wed. Bible study:	22

Today's Sermons

AM: The World's Most
Neglected Treasure

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

