

MESSENGER



CHURCH of CHRIST
of the
Palm Beaches

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West Palm Beach, FL 33415

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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!

I Prayed, But Nothing Happened

Have you ever prayed and nothing happened? Have you ever prayed and prayed and prayed, and nothing happened?

When we say, "nothing happened," we mean your prayer was not answered.

Perhaps you are praying about things right now and nothing seems to be happening. Sometimes it seems that the opposite happens.

This happened to a very spiritual man by the name of Paul. In fact, he prayed three times about something that troubled him. "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given unto me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that is might depart from me" (II Cor. 12:7-8). Three times Paul prayed about his thorn in the flesh. Three times nothing happened. The thorn was not taken away.

Paul, however, was given some insight by God as to why his prayer went unanswered. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12:9a).

God wanted the power of His grace manifested in the life of Paul. God wanted His strength to shine through Paul's weaknesses. God wanted others to see a man who could withstand even when He alone did not have the ability to do so.

Question: Could God say, "No," to your prayers so He can manifest His grace in your life? That could be a real possibility.

Once Paul understood this, his whole perspective changed. "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (II Cor. 12:9b-10).

My friend, when you pray and nothing happens, look for God's grace manifesting itself in your life. Look for the strength that you are given to endure and be faithful to God. Look for God living through you in powerful ways. Then, do as Paul. Suffer gladly and take pleasure in your struggles.

Remember, when you are weak, then are you strong.

Victor Eskew

Evidence of Christians

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)

Words obviously have definitions and it is important to use words with a full understanding of what each word means. One of the problems which has led to religious division is a failure to define words of the New Testament as they were used in the first century. One would never come to the conclusion that sprinkling is baptism if we understood that the word “baptism” in the first century always meant “to dip, to submerge.”

I recall years ago when knocking doors in New Zealand that we asked the man who came to the door what he was religiously. He knew he was something but had no idea what he was. So, he shouted out to his wife and asked her what he was. In the broadest sense, he might have said he was a Christian, but had no idea beyond that.

New Zealand was an amazing place in so many ways. They viewed themselves as being a Christian nation, but only 3% of the people regularly went to worship. Obviously almost no one in there sang praises to God. Few of them had Bibles and even fewer read the Bible regularly. Their absence from assemblies meant they rarely gave anything to God. The Lord's Supper was rarely observed. There was little evidence in their lives of Christ, yet they saw themselves as a Christian nation.

If a doctor has no office, has no patients, prescribes no medicine, diagnoses no illness, does no medical exams, and receives no pay, is he a doctor? Whenever he has stopped doing those things which doctors do, he is no longer a doctor.

If a farmer plows no land, buys no seed, plants no crops, feeds no animals, never harvests anything, is he a farmer? Whenever he has stopped doing those things which farmers do, he is no longer a farmer.

Now make the spiritual application of this principle. If a Christian stops attending worship, sings no hymns of praise, never bows his head to pray with others, never gives, never reads the Bible, never sits in Bible classes or hears sermons, is he a Christian? Whenever he has stopped doing those things which Christians do, he is no longer a Christian.

Let me make this same point in another way. Suppose our government were overthrown and all Christians were put on trial. Those found guilty were immediately slain. If this were to happen, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Think about this, what evidence is there to those around you that you are a Christian? If Christianity were outlawed, would you be alive or dead.

Remember the words of Jesus: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father.” Do others know that you are a Christian?

Dan Jenkins

EVERY MAN'S BOOK

The Bible is every man's book. To know the Bible and to handle it aright is the greatest accomplishment within the reach of any person. One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy; but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into their proper relationship and that enables one to know life at its best.

It is not intended for some special group. But not only is the Bible every man's book, it is written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written necessarily with scholars in mind. No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible is a book which enables one to look into eternity. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is to be found between its covers.

No one will ever be a useful Christian unless one is a student of the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints" (handling aright) the Word of truth, that he might be an approved workman before God (2 Tim. 2:15).

The Bible acknowledges man's faults, it is patient with man's weaknesses, and it is honest with his virtues and his hopes.

To own the Bible is to be rich. To study, to know and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, is to be strong.

Franklin Camp



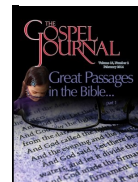
Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, "In Search of the Lord's Way."

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

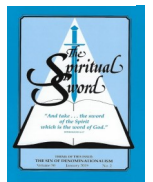
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AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
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DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.



Watch your mailbox...



For your copies of The Gospel Journal and The Spiritual Sword.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning

Lead Singing:
Prayer/Scripture:
Presiding Table:
Serving:

Closing Prayer:

Sunday Evening

Lead Singing:
Prayer/Scripture:
Preside Table:
Serve Table:
Closing Prayer:

Wednesday Evening

Lead Singing:
Prayer:
Closing Prayer:

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve please notify Angus May no later than 1 hour prior to scheduled service. Please arrive at the church building no later than 10 minutes prior to scheduled service. 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.

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

Gail Lewis is struggling with back pain.

Lena Morris requests prayers for her health.

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.

Sandy Mann, continues to recover and is doing better.

Wayne Sparks has been moved to a nursing home and is not doing well.

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

Pray that the COVID-19 situation will soon pass. It has infected many people. Pray that we will be able to meet together again very soon!



Check us out on Facebook! Video classes and sermons are being uploaded on the **Church of Christ of the Palm Beaches Facebook page**. Give us a "like" and tune in each Sunday and Wednesday for new videos.



We have begun a congregational phone tree in order to send Covid-19 updates as well as a **Verse of the Day** in order to keep the congregation informed and connected during this time. If you have not been receiving them contact Heath Johnson and give him your cell phone number. He may be reached at **386-479-5886**.



Our food pantry has been depleted. A lot of brethren are in need at this time, if able, please contact Heath and arrange a drop off time at the church building. Canned meats, veggies, and shelf stable foods would work best at this time.



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Our Record

Attendance APR 05

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

Today's Sermons

AM: N/A

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

