



West Broward Church of Christ

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV)

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Almost Persuaded

“Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian” (Acts 26:28).

The apostle Paul was in prison because of his faith in Jesus (See Acts 23). Chapter 26 is the third time the historian Luke (the author of Acts) records Paul’s summary of his conversion. (See Acts 9 and 22). This time he stands before Festus (the Roman Governor), Agrippa (the seventh and last King of the family of Herod the Great) and Bernice (Agrippa’s sister and incestuous partner). See Acts 25:23. They conclude, after Paul’s discourse, that had he (Paul) not already appealed to Caesar (Acts 25:11), he would be let go because he had done nothing deserving of death (Acts 26:31-32).

As Agrippa contemplated Paul’s message, having knowledge of the scriptures concerning the Messiah and Jewish traditions (See Acts 26:3, 26-27), he was “**Almost Persuaded.**” He was nearly convinced to surrender and follow Jesus.

In 1871, Philip Bliss (1838-1876) was listening to a sermon based on Acts 26:28 given by a minister named Brundage. Brundage concluded, “**He who is almost persuaded is almost saved, and to be almost saved is to be entirely lost.**” That same year Bliss penned the song *Almost Persuaded*. The opening stanza says, “Almost persuaded now to believe; Almost persuaded Christ to receive; Seems now some soul to say, Go, Spirit, go Thy way, Some more convenient day On Thee I’ll call.”

Don’t be like Agrippa – *Almost Persuaded*. Surrender completely to the Gospel call (Read Romans 6:1-23). Does your life reflect the genuineness of submission to Jesus? Take care.

Terry D. Casey
Preaching Minister



Terry’s Tidbits

Today’s Sermons

Sunday Morning

Terry Casey
“A Convenient Time”
Acts 24:25

Sunday Evening

Terry Casey
“Now is the Time”
2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Chris' Corner...

Acts 2:24-31

24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. **25** David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

These verses can bring many emotions to us as Christians. One of these is confidence. We have confidence because we know that God is bigger than death, and that He can overcome it. Death can be scary, especially if you don't know what is after this life. When Jesus was on earth and was spreading God's word, his enemies thought that pain, suffering, and ultimately death would stop Him. After all, they used that fear of those things to motivate everyone else. Jesus of course was different, He knew God's plan and He knew God's power. He was confident that death couldn't hold Him, and that God wouldn't abandon Him at the grave.

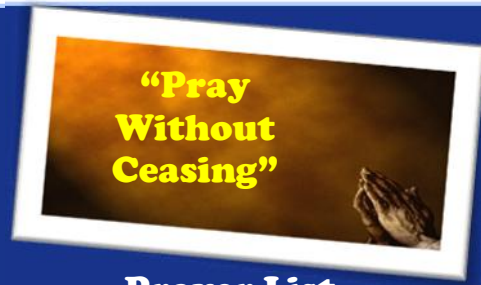
If we are baptized and living the way God wants, we should have the same confidence. That confidence will lead to hope and peace. What greater feeling of peace than knowing that we too will be raised in Christ from the grave, and get to spend eternity with God in Heaven!

Chris Radcliffe
Youth & Family Minister

To be added to the weekly Youth Email list contact Chris at: cradcliffe312@gmail.com or cell: 352-208-8752



West Broward Youth
Celebrating Jesus!



Prayer List

James Teague (loss of Father); Chris Radcliffe (loss of Grandma); Ashley Aldrich (back pain); Dexter Hamilton; Terry Casey, Gene Dempsey; Lester Wolfe; David Rodriguez; Mary Hart; Warren Smith; Ben Ross; Melvern Atencio; Marion Newman; Bell family (illness); Mark Henderson; Linda & Jessica Murphy; Jean Noel; Doug Horton; Kenni Petke; Charles Clark; Rocio Janer; Robert Ball; Chuck Johnson; Henery Bosch; Ethel Bracey; Mary Baskins; Ashley Campbell; Miriam Donald family; Pat Farris; Willette Ingraham; Semaj Jackson family; Jacqueline Johnson family; Karen Johnson; Junior Wiggan family; Gracetta Wilkins; Pat Williams; Iris Halat; Victorine Shepherd & family; David Campbell (Aldrich's friend) Mike Dellow; Jennifer Donet; Toni Rivera (D. Rodriguez); Lynn Haag; Duane Johnson; Subrina Osborne family; Percival Lalah; Aldora Bradford (friend of Jean-Louis family); Junior Wiggan family; Gracetta Wilkins; Ruby Williams family; James Andron; Albert Vereen, Jr.; Tresha Fletcher; Steve Smith; Reta Smith's daughter (surgery).

Keep in Prayer

Hosanna Boothman, Jeff Gruendel, Todd Gruendel, Janice Goodpasture, Mark Jordan, Marge Logan; Cindy Long, Irelis Shappley, Frances Salmon, Edna & Henry Salmon, James Teague, Harrison Waldron; Barbara Waters; Olga Sweeney.

In the Military

Jess Aldred, Kenyatta Battle, Marvin Branch, David Cunningham, Levi Danforth, Greg Davenport, Brandon Edelstein, Ryan Henry, Brandon O'Dell; Ciara Ruiz, JoAnn Soero, Naterika Benton-Strickland.

Youth Group

March 17 – Thursday Night Hang Out 7-9 pm at Radcliffe's

March 25-27 - Lads to Leaders Convention in Orlando

March 31 – Thursday Night Hang Out 7-9 pm at Radcliffe's

April 2 – Church Work Day – Service Hours Available!

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Blood Drive Today

Our quarterly Blood Drive is today from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. The blood mobile is in our parking lot. Please donate if you are able to do so.

The Cookout for Kids Picnic

The annual picnic to benefit foster children at *Christian Homes for Children* is coming up at TY Park next Saturday, March 19th, Shelter 2&3 from 11 am-5 pm. A great fun-filled day at the park for all. Visit the table in the foyer to get your tickets today.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, March 26th at 8 am
in the Fellowship Hall-RSVP at the desk

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, April 2nd from 8 am – Noon volunteers are needed here to do general clean-up of the grounds and interior of our building. Please sign up at the Information desk or see Willie or Diane Koch.

Mission Sunday is April 10th

Plan, pray and prepare for this special day the elders have set aside when a separate Missions collection is taken to continue all Mission work for the year.

West Broward Youth Rally

Friday – Sunday, April 15-17th Theme: ACTION-Ready for the Return! See foyer table to help.

Mt. Dora Food & Supply Drive

Once a year we are called upon to help supply Mt. Dora Children's Home with food and supplies used all year. A Needs List is now available at the Information Desk. The Mt. Dora truck will be here on **Monday, April 18th**. Donations can be brought in at any time and placed in Room 210 on the table. Thank you for your support!

Air & Sea Show

On Saturday, May 7th the Air & Sea Show will be here on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. Michael Hursey is securing a hotel room with balcony. Those who want to attend need to sign up at the desk. Bring food and \$10-\$20 donation to cover hotel costs.



March 13, 2016

Song Leader: Jay Vitarelli

Song: 991 This is My Father's World

Welcome from the Elders: Edwin Davis

Song Medley: 3; 23; 76; 831; 835

Opening Prayer: Randy Reed

Song: 324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Lord's Supper & Offering: Steve Bails

Scripture Reading: Scott Kelley

James 4:13-17

Children's Bible Hour

Song: 871 Beautiful

Sermon: Terry Casey

Song: 908 There's a Stranger at the Door

Song: 166 He's My King

Closing Prayer: Michael Hursey



TODAY

Blood Drive 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Please visit the Blood Mobile to donate

Saturday, March 19

Cookout for Kids Picnic-TY Park 11am-5 pm

Friday – Sunday, March 25-27

Lads to Leaders Convention – Orlando

Saturday, March 26

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, April 2

Church Work Day 8 am - Noon



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Assemblies

English

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Spanish

Sunday Bible Study 11:00 am
Sunday Worship 12:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Shepherds

Edwin Davis Russ Garner
Michael Hursey Gary Nix
Tom Stone Jay Vitarelli
Lester Wolfe

Deacons

Mike Aldrich Luis Alfaro
Allen Bitting Terry Brown
Rodney Cobham Doug Horton
Michael Dow Roy Forrest
Dexter Hamilton Dale Kennon
Bill Peoples Warren Smith
James Teague

Ministers

Terry D. Casey, D.Min. English Pulpit
Ulbert Romero Spanish Pulpit
Chris Radcliffe Youth & Family

Secretary

Risë Smith

Our Attendance

Bible Class	220	
English		195
Spanish		25
Sunday AM	369	
English		308
Spanish		61
Sunday PM	94	
Wednesday	136	



Living In Faith Every Day

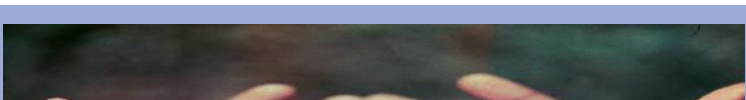
Note: Our Life Group Meetings will take a break for program review. Please watch the bulletin for future announcements. Thank you for your participation in Life Groups.

OPPORTUNITIES

Please check the Employment Board located in the foyer on the west side hallway for new job postings. New Listings are posted each week as they come in.

FOOD PANTRY REMINDER

Your food donations to our Food Pantry are very appreciated. Just a reminder that we have gone to a canned goods only pantry for 2016.



Check It Out

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”

Church of Christ TV Program

**7:00 am EST, Sundays on these channels:
WGN America; U Verse 180 or 1180; Comcast 025;
Dish 239 or Direct TV 307**

Mary Hart, 15834 SW 10th St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33027
(recent loss of sister, 97 in Orlando)

Pearlie & Gary Nix, 1283 NW 108th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33322 (loss of Mother, Rosario Bas, in the Philippines)

James & Tina Teague, 700 SW 78 Ave., #620, Plantation, FL 33324 (loss of James Teague, Sr. in KY)

Chris & Ellie Radcliffe, 12690 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33325 (loss of his Grandmother)