



Happy Birthday America!

James L. Swanson, *Bloody Crimes* (William Morrow, 2010, P.46), wrote, "In the last days of the Civil War, the Confederate capital, Richmond, Virginia, fell to the Union army. Abraham Lincoln insisted on visiting the city. Even though no one knew he was coming, slaves recognized him immediately and thronged around him. He had liberated them by the Emancipation Proclamation, and now Lincoln's army had set them free. According to Admiral David Porter, an eyewitness, Lincoln spoke to the throng around him: 'My poor friends, you are free—free as air. You can cast off the name of slave and trample upon it ... Liberty is your birthright.' But Lincoln also warned them not to abuse their freedom. 'Let the world see that you merit [your freedom],' Lincoln said, 'don't let your joy carry you into excesses. Learn the laws and obey them.'"

Abraham Lincoln, in my humble opinion, was one of, if not the greatest presidents to have ever served the American people. His wisdom coupled with his compassionate spirit propelled him to heights that are rarely achieved. His leadership during a very dark period in American history is unmatched. He was truly a great American!

Although Lincoln never really committed to a religious group, it was obvious that He believed in a higher power. He often quoted the Bible and was said to have read the Bible every day. He committed himself to prayer and the constant seeking of the Creator's guidance and help. In his later years he would often quote the Bible in his major speeches. Essentially, he believed that America existed by the grace and power of God, and that all people should reverence God for the blessings of the same. In my view, it was the continued influence of God through prayer and study that led Mr. Lincoln.

As Lincoln told those freed slaves that day in Richmond, Virginia, Freedom comes with responsibilities. Since God is the author of personal freedom (the right to choose your course in life), we should respect God and His way in our choice about how we live. This freedom we enjoy and celebrate today is to be cherished and appreciated. That appreciation is shown in what we do with it.

As free people may we always acknowledge and embrace the one from whom our freedom comes. May God always be at the forefront of our thinking and decision-making! May His inspired word (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17) be the driving force in our lives! May we forever reverence Him in everything! Happy Birthday America! Take Care!

Terry D. Casey
Preaching Minister

Attendance/Offering/Last Week

Bible Class: **149/40** Sunday AM: **302/63** Sunday PM: **137** Wednesday: **142/8**
Budget: **\$8,950**. Last Week's Offering: **\$8,099**. (Spanish attendance in blue)



WELCOME VISITORS !!

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 Peeples, Warren Smith,
James Teague

Ministers

Terry Casey, D. Min., Pulpit
Ulbert Romero, Spanish
Jason Waller, Youth & Family

Secretary:

Risë Smith

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AWAKEN!



"You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober."

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

West Broward Church of Christ

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Schedule of Assemblies

English

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

Spanish

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

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News & Notes for July 6th, 2014

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Johnson; Andrea Davenport & Baby Abigail; Mitch Perlman; Leandra Rolle; Sandra Alfaro; Connie Bell; Mellissa Smith; Krystal Sirorski; Betty Newbold; Dwight Jackson (tests); Trovan Donald (leg); Kwasi Donald; DJ Hamilton; Julie Aldrich; Al Humphreys; Seldon Teague; John Cormier; Ty Daniels family; Anna Bell Williams; Pat Farris; Era Pennell; Henry Bosch; Joan Johnson; Garrett Gruendel; Meada Jonas; Hank Liebe; Naomi Benton-Brown; Yvonne Scouras; Maureen Montantine; Evelyn Cobham; Veronica Wilson (Joan Johnson); Pat Williams; Wilberto Alegria; (G. Jones' son); Willette Ingraham; Erica Schimek; Linda Murphy; Diana Rodriguez; Michael Parrish; Joey Ambrosino; James Andron; Bill Lockhart; Robin Wise; Keith Chatman; Jennie Telus; Betty Smith; Joyce Parrish (Gracetta's sister); Junior Wiggan family; Steve Smith; George & Jordan Newman; Jacqueline Johnson family; Nellie Clayton; Ciara Ruiz; Doris Price; Harold Barbara & Felicia Brunson; Pam (K.Petke sister); Jean Noel; Karen Johnson; Gracetta Wilkins.

Keep In Prayer: Rory Caskey; Gloria Louis; Chip Monk; Mark Jordan, Marge Logan, Todd Gruendel, Irelis Shapple, Ray Ivey, Noah Casey, Frances Salmon, Cindy Long, Amy Horton.

Remember Our Military:

David Cunningham, Levi Danforth, Brandon Edelstein, Ciara Ruiz (going to Afganistan), Naterika Benton-Stickland.

WE REJOICE!

These have put on Christ in baptism recently.

Heather Parritt; Jerry Cook; Abi Rios; Roger Gordon and Kevin Nunnery.

Please congratulate & welcome them soon!



COMING SOON ~ AUGUST 4-8th Vacation Bible School

Register Online at www.wbcoc.com

'Special Agents' are needed to volunteer for VBS Week. See Jason Waller.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS

Old costume jewelry, quart & gallon ziplock bags. Please place donations in the VBS blue tub in the foyer.

MEET & GREET LUNCHEON



Plan now for a special opportunity to Meet & Greet Christina Hursey & her fiancé Chad Martin next Sunday, July 13th. We will host a potluck luncheon after morning worship. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy their company. Many here helped Christina grow up and others have not yet had the pleasure of getting to know this couple. All are welcome!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 19th at 8 am

In the Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Terry Casey

Theme: "Breaking the Bonds of Sin"

Please RSVP at the Information Desk



GREETERS

Please stop by the Desk and pencil in your availability for July and August. Thank you.

URGENT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help finish the painting at Driftwood Church on Saturday, July 12th. See Michael Hursey.

INFORMATION PAGE:

SUMMER SERIES

2014

Theme:

"What Can You Do To Help Save Your Family?"

Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm

July 9th

Congregational
Singing

Auditorium Class



JULY

Today Beach Devo 11:30 am

Tues. 8th Teen Night 6 pm @ Jason's

Sun. 13th DEVO—Fellowship Hall

14th-17th Miami Work Camp

COMING EVENTS

July

Wed. July 9 Congregational Singing

Sun. July 13 Meet & Greet Luncheon 11:30 am
for Christina Hursey & Chad Martin

Sat. July 19 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 am

Sun. July 20 PM Devotional Service 6 pm

Wed. July 23 Robert Bell, Speaker
Summer Series

Wed. July 30 Dan Jenkins, Speaker
Summer Series

Today's Sermons

10 am "An Exhortation Regarding Our Nation"

1 Timothy 1:1-7; Matthew 7:7-11

Order of Services

Sunday, July 6th

Song Leader: Bill McDaniel

Song: 849 Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer

Welcome From the Elders: Michael Hursey

Song: 731 Take Time to Be Holy

Opening Prayer: Steve Smith

Song: 763 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Offering: Russ Garner

Song: 318 O Sacred Head

Lord's Supper: Russ Garner

Song: 595 I Come to the Garden Alone

Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Terry Brown

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11

Song: 496 O Listen to the Wondrous Story

Sermon: Terry Casey

Song: 934 Softly and Tenderly

Song: 1007 America the Beautiful

Closing Prayer: John Schulz