



West Broward Church of Christ

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:20)

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The Narrow Gate!

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14 ---- NKJV).

Jesus is concluding the *Sermon on the Mount*. All through the “Sermon” He has been elevating God’s word from mere Superficial or outward obedience to genuine heartfelt or inward submission and compliance. For instance, in chapter 5:27-28 He said, “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” He lifted the subject of adultery from the physical act and placed it in the thought process of the heart. The outward matters, but the inward matters much more!

As He concludes, He provides us with a mental picture of two gates. One gate is very “Wide.” It is easy to go through. Less resistance is found there. The majority of people select this gate for these and perhaps many other reasons. The only problem with choosing this gate and this way is that it leads to “Destruction.” The way of the world is away from God.

The other gate is very “Narrow.” It is more difficult to go through. It requires self-control, discipline and in opposition to the other gate and its way. Thus, the respect for God’s commands which conflict with the ways of the world (The Wide Way). Not as many people prefer this direction, this gate because it is much more challenging. When you head through this gateway and continue down this track, you realize that God has expectations for you. These expectations often set you challenge grows!

The great thing about selecting the “Narrow Gate” is that your life is happier (See 5:1-12) and heaven is your home (See 2 Timothy 4:-8). What path are you going down?

Terry D. Casey
Preaching Minister



Terry's Tidbits

Today's Sermons

Sunday Morning

Gary Nix

“God’s Surprising Plans for
You” 1 Peter 1:6-8

Sunday Evening

Devotional Service

Chris' Corner...

Acts 16:14-15 "One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us."

In the Wednesday night youth group class we are covering "unsung heroes" in Acts. One person we recently covered was Lydia. In just two verses we learn a lot from her and her actions. She did two things that were very heroic, which we can do ourselves today.

First, she heard the Gospel and responded. She let the Word affect her, and she and her family were baptized. She not only heard the Word, she acted and had such an impact on her family that they all gave their lives to The Lord. This is very similar to the people who heard the message from Peter in Acts 2. Upon hearing about Jesus they were "cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37) and then asked, "What shall we do?"

Second, Lydia invited Paul and the others to stay at her house. She knew that all she had had come from God, and was very happy to share with His people. These are two things we can do today—be moved by the Gospel and give. Share your biblical knowledge with friends and family. Open your homes for meals and fellowship. Use your vehicle to get a neighbor to the grocery store or bring friends to worship. We don't have to slay giants or build an arch to have an impact in this world and be heroes for God.

Chris Radcliffe
Youth & Family Minister



Prayer List

Terry Casey; Chuck Johnson; Gene Dempsey; Victorine Shepherd; Olga Sweeney; Randy Reed; Sabrina Branch; Shelia Rose; Ruth Calvin; Stephen Watson; Mitch Perlman; Shere Eckley; Ethel Bracey; Ruby Phillip; John & Esther Cormier; Angela Jenkins family; Sherrie Rygh Family; Lola Modeste's Mother; Rita Rynning & Tim Hanze's family (Olga); Stuart Giannandrea; Terry Henderson; James Teague; Hosanna Boothman; Karen Petke; David Rodriguez; John Haney; Miriam Donald family; Sloan Davis; Jeff Gruendel; Jean Noel family; Junior Wiggan family; Jill Cope & Gaila Stagg (Gail Cox); Pat Williams; Willie Brown; Lauren McAfee; Karen Johnson; Antonio Sherman; Grace Lee; Jasmine Burke; Carolyn Bell & Pat Bagley; Steve Smith; Semaj Jackson family; Ronnie & Rodney Reed; Duane Cunningham; Ramona Salmon (Shelia Benjamin); Jackie Taylor (Deborah Mizell's daughter); Kenneth Marshall, Jason Cotto, Joseph Allen, Christian Brand & Jonathan Burke (Conte Center); Eileen Lergie; Zack Koch & Len Spinelli (Diane Koch family); Angela Murphy (niece-Lola Modeste).

Keep in Prayer

Mark Jordan, Todd Gruendel; Janice Goodpasture, Barbara Waters, Irelis Shapple, Marge Logan, Frances Salmon, Cindy Long, Edna & Henry Salmon.

In the Military

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



West Broward Youth
Celebrating Jesus!

July

Thursday, July 23rd - Thursday Night Hang-Out 7 pm at Radcliffe's home

Friday, July 24th - PARENTS NIGHT OUT 6-9 pm Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 26th - Dinner & Devo 7:30 pm at the Aldrich's home

SonQuest is September 4-6th in Orlando. More info at: sonquest.com



Summer Series

Thank you to Dan Jenkins for coming our way on Wednesday night to bring us an excellent lesson from God's word. This Wednesday night at 7 pm we look forward to SINGING followed by the Meet & Greet.

Meet & Greet this Wednesday

Stay around after Bible Study on Wednesday night to get to know Jack & Wendy Khoury. They married back in October and we want to congratulate them. Cake will be served.

Parents Night Out

Are you ready for a few hours out for a quiet dinner or movie? Our Youth Group will host a "Parents Night Out" on Friday, July 24th from 6-9 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza, movie and games are included. Please RSVP to participate at the Information Desk.

School Supplies Drive

It is that time of year again and *Christian Homes for Children* is asking for donations of school supplies. Pick up a flyer today at the desk for a list of what is needed. All donations should be placed in Room 210 (4th/5th Grade classroom) by August 12th please.

Florida Sales Tax Exempt Week

Take advantage of the Florida tax free week August 7-16th on school supplies clothing, book bags and some computers & accessories. See flyer posted on the bulletin board for complete details.



July 19, 2015

Song Leader: Matt Vitarelli
Song: 103 He Has Made Me Glad
Welcome from the Elders: Jay Vitarelli
Song: 144 O Worship the King
Song: 959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Song: 227 On Zion's Glorious Summit
Opening Prayer: Phil Berry
Song: 354 I Gave My Life for Thee
Lord's Supper & Offering: Scott Kelley
Song: 517 Heaven Came Down
Song: 23 Our God, He Is Alive
Scripture Reading: Terry Henderson
1 Peter 1:6-8
Sermon: Gary Nix
Song: 940 Only a Step
Song: 679 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Closing Prayer: Alex Vinogradov



Wednesday, July 22nd

Meet & Greet Jack & Wendy Khoury
8 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 24th

Parents Night Out 6 -9 pm
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 25th

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 am

Wednesday, July 29th

Robert Ball
Summer Series Speaker



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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 Peeples Warren Smith
 James Teague

Ministers

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

Secretary
Risè Smith

Our Record

Bible Class		184
English	149	
Spanish	35	
Sunday AM		357
English	274	
Spanish	83	
Sunday PM		96
Wednesday		153
Offering	\$7,520.00	
Weekly Budget	\$9,900.00	
Difference	-\$2,380.00	

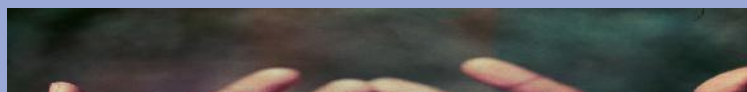


Living In Faith Every Day

Note: Our Life Group Meetings will take a break for summer and 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. Also look at the Members Page on our website at: www.wbcoc.com for opportunities.



Check It Out

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

Church of Christ TV Program

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

Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33315 (loss of mother)

Terry Casey, 1350 SW 70 Terrace, Plantation, FL 33317 (recovery)

Rocio Janer, 5355 NW 173 Drive, Miami Gardens, FL 33055 (cancer treatments)