

To The Work

In June of 2014 21st Century Christian publishing company released data concerning the number of churches of Christ in the United States. According to their research, there are 502 congregations in Florida. These congregations reported having 55,329 members and actual attendance numbers of 52,722. The state with the most congregations was Texas (2,006), with a reported attendance of 245,090. The states with the lowest number of congregations were Rhode Island (7) and North Dakota (7).

I would like all of us to consider that Florida, according to 2012 government numbers, has a population of just over 19,300,000 souls. Broward County reports 1,815,000. Dade County has a population of 2,591,000. And Palm Beach has 1,357,000. Over 5.7 million people in the tri-county South Florida area!!! These numbers are staggering when compared to the number of churches and church members in Florida!

Now, we can either see the numbers/task as unapproachable or we can see it as a huge spiritual challenge. I choose to see it as a spiritual opportunity! There is much work to do! Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

It is kind of like a story I read about a shoe salesman many years ago who was sent to Africa. Some time after arriving he cabled his company and said, "This is useless. Nobody over here wears shoes." He came home and the company sent another man to take his place. After a while, he cabled the main office and said, "This is great! Nobody over here wears shoes. The opportunities are endless." It's all in the mindset.

Saints of God, our Father has presented us with an enormous opportunity. We live in an area approaching 6 million people. The fields are white for the harvest. When we open our hearts to the power of God's word (See Isaiah 55:11), and then open our eyes and discovery the endless opportunities, great things will happen.

It is my prayer that God's family will step forward and fully embrace the task that is set before us. Remember, with God "All things are possible" (Luke 1:37). Now, *To the Work!*

Terry D. Casey
Preaching Minister



Attendance/Offering/Last Week

Bible Class: 150/45 Sunday AM: 372/75 Sunday PM: 95 Wednesday: 129/17
Budget: \$8,950. Last Week's Offering: \$7,289. (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

12550 W. Broward Blvd.
Plantation, Florida 33325

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 August 17th, 2014

PRAYER LIST

Chip Monk; Janice Goodpasture; Ben Ross; Anna Bell Williams; Barbara Waters; Henry Bosch; Carolyn Bell; Judith Mahon; Rosemary Jimenez; Chuck Johnson; Randy Reed; Willie Koch; Alex Garner; James Teague family; Arias Family; Brandon O'Dell; Doug Kelley; Mary Gosnell; Mitch Perlman; Connie Bell; Mellissa Smith; Krystal Sirorski; Dwight Jackson; Trovan Donald; Kwasi Donald; Julie Aldrich; John Cormier; Anna Bell Williams; Pat Farris; Joan Johnson; Bob Middleton; Jack Bilello; Meada Jonas; Hank Liebe; Naomi Benton-Brown; Yvonne Scouras; Maureen Montantine; Evelyn Cobham; Veronica Wilson (Joan Johnson); Pat Williams; Willette Ingraham; Erica Schimek; Diana Rodriguez; Michael Parrish; Junior Wiggan family; Steve Smith; Jacqueline Johnson family; Nellie Clayton; Doris Price; Harold Barbara & Felicia Brunson; Jean Noel; Karen Johnson; Joyce Parrish; Gracetta Wilkins; Polly Owens & Courtney Cowser; Kathie Lunsford; Phyllis Day-Bowers (B. McDaniel); Robin Ledbetter; Anthony Hugley; Heather Smith; Vickie Osbourne (Derenoncourt Mom); Ethel Brace; Ron & Rodney Reed; Glenda Jones; Louise Cran (S. Benjamin); Anna (T. Biting); Stephen Watson family; Joseph Stickel (T. Stone coworker's husband, cancer).

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

Remember Our Military:

Jess Aldred, David Cunningham, Levi Danforth, Brandon Edelstein, Ciara Ruiz, Naterika Benton-Stickland.



BABY SHOWER LUNCHEON

Today we honor 'soon to be' parents Yale & Stasha Eichner with a potluck luncheon and baby shower after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU VBS VOLUNTEERS!!

We had 80 children each day and our volunteers were amazing! You should be proud of a job well done. Thank you for shining HIS light so brightly.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

When was the last time you served as a teacher in our Children's Ministry? The fall quarter begins in September and teachers are needed to fill classes. Others need a break. Please see Nick Duarte today to help. Materials are prepared for you. Is it your turn?

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 23rd at 8 am
Theme: "Praying for Emerging Adults"
Please RSVP at the Information Desk



HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

Sept. 22-25 Phil Berry, Russ Garner & Mike Aldrich along with two others will be in Honduras working with Mission UpReach. Phil has set a personal challenge to raise \$5,000. to help offset the cost of parts needed for vehicle repairs. You can help by giving a tax deductible donation to Mission UpReach Mechanic Brigade. Monies can be given to any of these men prior to Sept. 21. Thanks for considering this opportunity in addition to your regular giving.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ will host their 19th Annual South Florida Lecture-ship the weekend of November 6-9th, 2014. The theme is: "Part of the Family." 16 lessons designed to emphasize the FAMILY aspect of the Lord's church and our responsibilities within this family. Flyers & Speakers Lists are available at the desk and on our website Members Page.

INFORMATION PAGE:

SUMMER SERIES

2014

Theme:

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

Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm

August 20th

Rex Morgan

"You Can Be A Christ-Like Example"

Auditorium Class



AUGUST

18 Back to School

29 - 31 SonQuest/Orlando, FL



COMING EVENTS

August

Today Baby Shower Luncheon for Yale & Stasha Eichner 11:30 am Fellowship Hall
Wed. Aug. 20 Rex Morgan, Speaker
Summer Series
Sat. Aug. 23 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
8 am Fellowship Hall - Please RSVP
Wed. Aug. 27 Jason Waller, Speaker
Summer Series

Today's Sermons

10 am *Party Crashers-Drop From the Roof*

Order of Services

Sunday, August 17th

Welcome From the Elders: Edwin Davis
Song Leader: Antonio Shappley
Song: 2 We Praise Thee, O God
Song: 38 Awesome God
Song: 57 Great is Thy Faithfulness
Scripture Reading: Marvin Branch
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Opening Prayer: Scott Kelley
Song: 332 Lead Me to Calvary
Song: 334 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow
Lord's Supper & Offering: Terry Brown
Children's Bible Hour
Song: 349 Ten Thousand Angels
Sermon: Jason Waller
Song: 903 There is Power in the Blood
Song: 560 Living By Faith
Closing Prayer: Bill McDaniel