

# 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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## What Does the Bible Say?-About Being Faithful to God

~ Part Two

Last time I described from scripture what it means in general to be faithful to God. Today we begin the discussion of what everyday faithfulness looks like.

Hebrews 10:24-25 reads, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

The writer of Hebrews begins with, "Let us." This is an inclusive statement. He is essentially saying that this message is intended for every Christian. It is not a message that applies to some and does not apply to others. Every person who belongs to Christ (See Galatians 3:26-29) is under the umbrella of this imperative.

Now, the "Let us" is connected to a command to "Consider" your brother and sister as to how you can spur them on to greater love and good works. In other words, I should be thinking of ways, praying about ways, coming up with ways to build them up in their relationship with Christ. My desire should be to see them grow up into Him who is the head, Jesus (See Ephesians 4:11-16). I want them to prosper. I want to make their life better. I want to see them be victorious and enter heaven.

The writer then provides a look at an avenue whereby this kind of encouragement and building up can happen – assembling with the brothers – consistent, loyal, unrelenting attendance. By "Assembling" (It is plural in the original, meaning every time the church assembles) I encourage my brothers and sisters toward "Love and Good works." Do I get something from faithfulness attendance? Absolutely! I get the same thing my presence and fellowship and praise to God provides – I grow in love and good works.

The very first image of a faithful person is someone who is in Christ (See Romans 6:1-7) and who is obedient regarding meeting with God's people. He doesn't have to be persuaded. He doesn't have to be begged. He doesn't have to be prodded. He or she is present every time the doors are open simply because they love God and they love His people. Faithfulness means YOU just can't wait for "The Day!" Does this describe you? Take care.

Terry D. Casey Preaching Minister



Terry's Tidbits

# **Today's Sermons**

# **Sunday Morning**

Terry Casey Unbreakable-The Truth About Marriage "An Unbreakable

Logic" Romans 1:26-27

# **Sunday Evening**

Terry Casey
"These Are Written"
John 20:30-31

## Chris' Corner...

Luke 14:16-24 (NIV)

16 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' 19 "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' 20 "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' 21 "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 22 "Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' 23 "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet."

Just like the invited guests, we too make excuses why we can't accept God's invitation. They blame their possessions, work, and family for not being able to attend the banquet. We must be careful not to fall into the same trap and allow other things and people to keep us from being with God. He wants us to join the Kingdom now and eventually be with Him in heaven. But we must respond to his invitation now before it is withdrawn and we miss out on the feast.

Chris Radcliffe Youth & Family Minister



## **Prayer List**

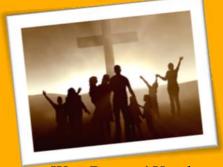
Elizabeth Allen; Leonor Romero (hospitalized, now home);Rodney Cobham (loss of cousin); Diane Koch (loss of Aunt); Cornelia Watson; Carol Urguhart; Iris Halat (Lois' Mom); Henry Bosch; Deborah Mizell; Yvonne Scouras; John & Esther Cormier; Elvis Alfonso: Widlyn Daniels; Pat Farris; Giannandrea; Rocio Janer; Chuck Johnson; Victorine Shepherd; Randy, Ronnie & Rodney Reed; Ruby Phillip; Miriam Donald family; Jean Noel family; Junior Wiggan family; Era Pennell; Lauren McAfee; Steve Smith; Semaj Jackson family; Ronnie & Rodney Reed; Dianne West (Shelia Benjamin); Jacqueline Johnson family; Mary Baskin; Ethel Bracey; Pat Williams; Richard Andy Williams; our college students; Michael & Ardenia Lozanna (Ingrid's family); Eula Hunt (Charles Gibson's sister); Tangela Jackson family; Krystal Sikorski; Brenden Miller (Willette's brother); Wesley & Ralphy (Elvis Alfonso's friends): Cynthia Lutchman (pregnancy); Grace Wilkins; Donna Newman; those in the Bahamas.

## Keep in Prayer

Harrison Waldron; Jeff Gruendel; Terry Casey, James Teague, Hosanna Boothman, Mark Jordan, Todd Gruendel; Janice Goodpasture, Barbara Waters, Irelis Shappley, 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!

# **Youth Group**

Friday-Sunday, October 9-11th – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Girls' Retreat Weekend Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> –Dinner & Devo at the Allen's 7:30 pm Thursday, October 22nd – Thursday Night Hang-Out 7 pm at Radcliffe's Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Bowling with Spanish Youth Group 3-6 pm Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival - Trunk or Treat 6-9 pm



#### **Welcome Girls Retreat Participants**

We hope you have had an inspirational weekend here. Come back to visit us soon! Thank you to all the ladies of our congregation who worked so hard to put this event together.

### **Prayer Breakfasts in October**

This month's Men's Fellowship Breakfast is planned for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 am, F. Hall. The topic will be: Praying for things that scare us.

The Ladies Breakfast this month will be held at Lester's Diner, 1393 NW 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sunrise, FL on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. RSVP is required for restaurant seating - sign up at the desk.

#### Lads to Leaders /Leaderettes Program

Please visit the L2L table in our foyer today. You will find there both Adult and Student Commitment forms for this year. All those interested please pick up your forms and begin filling them out.

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 18<sup>th</sup></u> a L2L <u>Wrap Up</u> <u>Luncheon</u> will be held at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come learn about the excellent L2L program, have your questions answered and turn in your forms. See Al Humphreys or Edwin Davis.

#### **COME HOME Weekend ~October 24-25th**

A Saturday Sandwich Supper and Talent Show is planned just for fun and fellowship at 6 pm and then a Luncheon on Sunday after morning worship for all to enjoy. The object is to invite spouses of members and others who are not here, for whatever reason, back to visit. Mailings have been sent out.

#### Fall Festival – Trunk or Treat

Here on Friday, October  $30^{th}$  from 6-9 pm, safe fun for Toddlers  $-5^{th}$  Grade, including games, snacks and trunk or treating from car to car. Invite friends and neighbors! Wrapped candy donations are needed. Please see the Information Desk to help or sign up to participate with your children.

<u>Reminder</u> – Turn in your *Coins for Kids* cans by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Door prize donations needed also.



## October 11, 2015

Song Leader: Jay Vitarelli Song: 303 O Worship the King Welcome from the Elders: Tom Stone Song: 332 Lead Me to Calvary Song: 316 Jesus Paid It All Song: 337 Hallelujah! What a Savior Song: 334 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow Opening Prayer: Bill McDaniel Song: 324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? Lord's Supper & Offering: James Teague Scripture Reading: Alex Garner 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Song: 346 He Lives Sermon: Terry Casey Song: 909 There's a Fountain Free Song: 376 He Paid a Debt



# Saturday, October 17th

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 am
Fellowship Hall
Ladies Prayer Breakfast
8:30 am at Lester's Diner-RSVP required

## Sunday, October 18th

Lads to Leaders Wrap Up Luncheon 11:15 am Fellowship Hall

## Saturday-Sunday, October 24-25th

COME HOME Weekend

Sat. - Sandwich Supper & Talent Show 6 pm Sun. - Worship 10 am & Luncheon 11:30 am

## Friday, October 30th

Fall Festival - Trunk or Treat 6-9 pm



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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
Allen Bitting
Rodney Cobham
Michael Dow
Dexter Hamilton
Bill Peeples
James Teague

Luis Alfaro
Terry Brown
Royr Forrest
Doug Horton
Roy Forrest
Dale Kennon
Warren Smith

#### **Ministers**

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

#### **Secretaries**

Risë Smith Anita Pennell

# **Our Attendance**

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Bible Class	204	
English		168
Spanish		36
Sunday AM	364	
English		296
Spanish		68
Sunday PM	91	
Wednesday	136	



# 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. New Listings are posted each week as they come in.



#### **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

**Arianna & John Allen,** 401 NW 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Plantation, FL 33325 (Both were baptized last Sunday by Dad, Winn Allen)

**Rodney Cobham,** 3212 NW 89<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Coral Springs, FL 33065 (recent loss of cousin in NY)

**Diane Koch,** 11860 NW 39<sup>th</sup> Street, Sunrise, FL 33323 (recent loss of her Aunt Delores)