



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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That Gift of Love!

This week contains the day that many look forward to every year. I too like the lights, family and fun that surround the Christmas holiday. There’s nothing better these days than seeing the special look on my grandchildren’s faces when they get that gift of love. But more than anything, I love the expression my wife has when she sees those kids light up.

Now some would argue that many have forgotten “The Reason for the Season.” They suggest that Jesus and His birth into the world is the reason people should be celebrating. For most folks, Christmas has become a sacred religious holiday. Others treat Christmas as merely a securely moment to have a day off and exchange gifts. Consequently, the truth surrounding it all gets lost in the evolution of Christmas.

The truth is God never intended for any day, Christmas or Easter or any other time, to become exalted over all others. What He does expect is for the first day of the week, the Lord’s Day, Sunday to be celebrated as a worship and family time every week (See Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, etc.). Every Sunday we are to praise God and remember Jesus! Setting apart these other days may seem innocent, but the innocence is lost when folks exalt them and then ignore the recurring Lord’s Day.

I am a huge believer in capitalizing, but never compromising. While more people are thinking about Jesus at this time of the year than at other times, we should capitalize on those thoughts. Let us speak up about God’s “Indescribable Gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15). **That Gift of Love** (See John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:21, etc.) will lead to conviction and conversion resulting in the Lord’s Day getting its proper exaltation. Take care!

Terry D. Casey
Preaching Minister



Terry’s Tidbits

Today’s Sermons

Sunday Morning

Terry Casey
“You are All Sons of God”
Galatians 3:26-29

Sunday Evening

Devotional Service

Chris' Corner...

Psalm 139:1-6

- 1 You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

It is clear in these verses, and throughout the Bible that God is omniscient – all knowing. He knows all because He has always been in existence and created everything. He knows what has happened and what will happen. He knows me more than I do, and He knows you more than you do (Luke 12:7). As much as God knows us, He loves us even more. This is evident when He sent his son to die for us.

What is even more amazing is that God knew from the beginning that we would fall and that Jesus would have to die on a cross, and yet He still created us (Acts 2:23). God loved us so much that he was willing to let his one and only son, who was with Him from the beginning, leave Him and sacrifice himself on a cross. We didn't deserve to be created, saved, and offered a second chance; but God's love for us is just that great. With this knowledge, we should live our lives as if we are aware of God's love. We should love God back by living for Him daily.

Chris Radcliffe
Youth & Family Minister



West Broward Youth
Celebrating Jesus!



Prayer List

Chuck Johnson; Doriene Garner; Rocio Janer; Margaret & Jerry Ivey & Liebe family; Ben Ross (knee surgery recovery); Olga Sweeney; Elizabeth Allen; Vida Allicock; Joyce Bell (S.Benjamin); John Knox; Henry Bosch; Ethel Bracey; Mary Baskins; Miriam Donald family; Paul Eckley family; Pat Farris; Tresha Fletcher for Sydney; Stuart Giannandrea; Willette Ingraham; Semaj Jackson family; Jacqueline Johnson family; Karen Johnson; LeeAnn Leavitt (Ruth Calvin family); Leslie & Steven (Koch); Jon Lowell (Wilhelmina's family); Sonya & Serenity Mahon; Jean Noel family; Paul Price; George Mibres & Annia Ramos; Edna Schoolcraft (cancer); Yvonne Scouras (Cobham family); Steve Smith; Valerie Smith from Freeport CoC; JoAnn Soero; Darryl Jones (W. Smith family); Darwin Velez (D. Mizell); Cornelia Watson & Baby Simeon; Junior Wiggan family; Gracetta Wilkins; Jeff Williams; Pat Williams; Richard Andy Williams; Marie Perillo & Dennis Family (Jean-Louis); Ed & Vivian Henley (Pennell's friends); Victorine Shepherd family; Lori Paul (E. Davis); David Campbell (Aldrich's friend); Randy Reed & friend Steve DeVries.

Keep in Prayer

Terry Casey, 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.

In the Military

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

Youth Group

January 7 - Thursday Night Hang Out 7 pm at Radcliffe's

January 15-18 - Wintercamp at CFBC in Orlando www.cfbiblecamp.org

January 21 – Thursday Night Hang Out 7 pm at Radcliffe's



IMPORTANT HELP NEEDED

Preparing the Lord's Supper & Locking the Building in 2016

Volunteers are needed for each month of 2016 to do two very important jobs. The first is preparing the Lord's Supper and the other is Locking the Building after services. Training is available and guidelines to follow are provided.

Sign Up sheets are now posted on the Bulletin Board in our foyer. Please place your name on the month that you will serve.

Playground Rules

Parents: Please be reminded that the newly installed playground equipment is specifically designed for children 10 years of age and under. New volleyball, basketball hoop and tetherball is in process for the older kids, but in the meantime let's let the little ones enjoy the playground safely. Thanks for your help!

New Year's Watch Night

Thursday, December 31st at 9 pm plan to bring in the New Year with your Brothers and Sisters. Bring your Bible, your family and friends and a dish to share. Flyers are at the desks. Sign Up at the Information Desk too please and include the number in your family.

Lads to Leaders

All registration forms for our Lads to Leaders program are due in by January 4th. Please see Al Humphreys with any questions. You can also stop by the L2L bulletin board in the foyer for all Lads to Leaders information, forms and updates.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower in honor of **Chris and Kimberly Kennon**, Sunday Evening, Jan. 10th immediately following the worship service. For more information, pick up a flyer and sign up at the information desk. Everyone is Invited!

January 10th & 24th Class Schedule Change

On these two Sundays all the Men will meet in the Auditorium and the Ladies will please meet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You.



December 20, 2015

Song Leader: Jay Vitarelli

Song: 483 Is It for Me?

Welcome from the Elders: Russ Garner

Song Medley: 405; 406; 409; 410; 412; 415

Opening Prayer: Roy Forrest

Song: 454 Rock of Ages

Lord's Supper & Offering: Steve Bails

Scripture Reading: Zak Dempsey

Psalm 15

Song Medley: 469; 467

Sermon: Terry Casey

Song: 492 Only In Thee

Song: 464 Because He Lives

Closing Prayer: Anthony Hugley



Wednesdays, December 23 & 30

Devotional Services will be held-no classes

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Watch Night 9pm – 12:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 9

Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30 am

Sunday January 10 & 24 at 9 am

Men meet in Auditorium

Ladies meet in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 10

Baby Shower for **Chris and Kim Kennon**
following PM service in Fellowship Hall



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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

Secretaries

Risë Smith Anita Pennell

Our Attendance

Bible Class	190	
English		168
Spanish		22
Sunday AM	374	
English		317
Spanish		57
Sunday PM	88	
Wednesday	147	



Living In Faith Every Day

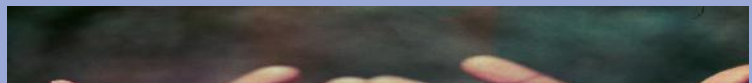
Note: Our Life Group Meetings will take a break for program review. Please watch the bulletin for future announcements. Thank you for your participation in Life Groups.

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**

Jacob Kelley, 6554 NW 70 Ave., Tamarac, FL 33321
(Baptized 11/15/2015)

Brian Clement, 401 NW 87 Dr., Apt. 103, Plantation, FL 33324
(Baptized 11/22/2015)

Shane Baksh, 11840 NW 31st Pl., Sunrise, FL 33323
(Baptized 11/29/2015)

Michael Jeffrey Gasper, 451 Banks Rd., Margate, FL 33063
(Baptized 12/6/2015)