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ASSEMBLIES

English

Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Sunday Bible Study 10:30 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Spanish

Sunday Bible Study 10:30 am
Sunday Worship 11:30 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

SHEPHERDS

Rodney Cobham Russ Garner
Michael Hursey Gary Nix
Jay Vitarelli Lester Wolfe

DEACONS

Luis Alfaro Mike Allen
David Bozdogan Terry Brown
José DáVila Mike Dow
Gumer Gonzalez Steve Lee
Juancarlos Martinez Danny Molina
Bill Peeples Warren Smith
Matt Vitarelli

Ministers

Kevin Patterson English Pulpit
Ulbert Romero Spanish Pulpit

Secretaries

Risë Smith Lourdes Allen



Take a Gift Bag

Our Sewing Ministry Group led by Lois Paisley have put together some wonderful gift bags for you to use when you make a home or hospital visit. They are wrapped and ready for pick up at the Information desk located in the lower cabinets behind the desk. You are welcome to select a bag at any time to take to those you are visiting.

This is a nice way to leave them with something hand made by ladies here at the church that is useful. It may also be a reminder of you, the good friend that visited when they were sick or in need of encouragement.

A very special thank you to our Sewing Ministry for the good work they are doing. See Lois to join the sewing group.

They meet each third Saturday morning of the month. The next meeting is Saturday, 2/21/26 at 10 am in the Hospitality Room.



Home & Hospital Visits

Bible Classes

Sunday 10:30 AM

Auditorium/Adults-Kevin Patterson "The Truth Can Be Offensive!"
Room 402-D-Bozdogan/S.Smith "New Christian Class"
Room 110-TNT (20s & 30s) Chris Malcolm "Discerning God's Voice"
Room 111 Ladies Class-Marcie Malcolm "Women in the Book of Acts"
Fellowship Hall-Ulbert Romero "Spanish Speakers"
Room 104 Youth Boys-Michael Hursey "A Christian Young Man Living in Today's World"
Room 202 Youth Girls-Patti Brown "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens"

Children PTP Classrooms-Children's Wing

Wednesday 7 PM

Adults
Auditorium:
Kevin Patterson
Genesis 1-11: Fact or Fiction?

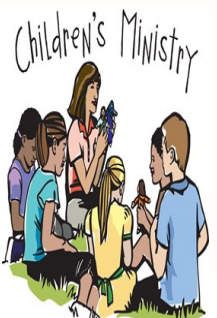
Youth Group:
Zachary Koch
"Overcoming Challenges"

Children:
Toddlers - Room 203
K-5th Grade - Room 208
Kane De La Torre



Children's Ministry Update

Starting on March 1st a return to grade level teaching is taking place in our Children's Ministry *Passport to Paradise* area. There will no longer be class rotations or teaching to multiple grade levels. You may choose your preferred grade level, stick with your classroom and your group of children, even team up in pairs. Materials will be prepared for you and ready-to-go from 21st Century Christian for Sundays and Wednesdays. You can volunteer for either teaching opportunity, whichever works best for your schedule. A substitute teacher will be available to fill in should you be ill or out of town. Steve & Joan Lee are coordinating the Children's Ministry until a new Youth Minister is on board. Please visit the SERVE table in the foyer today or see Steve or Joan to offer your help. Who will step up to the challenge?





Song Leader: Jay Vitarelli

Song: 904 Have You Been to Jesus?

Welcome: Michael Hursey

Song: 381 Years I Spent in Vanity

Song: 264 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Song: 189 Master, the Tempest is Raging

Opening Prayer: David Bozdogan

Song: 968 Oh, They Tell Me of a Home

Scripture Reading: Michael Joseph

Matthew 15:7-14

Sermon: Kevin Patterson

Song: 908 There's a Stranger at the Door

Song: 332 Lead Me to Calvary

Lord's Supper & Offering: Lowrie Simon

Song: 450 Give Me the Bible

Shepherd's Prayer: Michael Hursey



SUNDAY ~ 9:00 AM

"The Verbal Offender"

Kevin Patterson

Bible Classes 10:30 AM

Adults - Auditorium - Kevin Patterson

"The Truth Can Be Offensive!"

New Christians Class/Room 402

Ladies Class "Women in the Book of Acts"

Marcie Malcolm/Room 111

TNT "Discerning God's Voice"

Chris Malcolm/Room 110

Youth Group Boys

Michael Hursey/Room 104

Youth Group Girls

Patti Brown/ Room 202

Children - Passport to Paradise Classes

WEDNESDAY ~ 7:00 PM

Adults

Genesis 1-11: Fact or Fiction? – Auditorium

Kevin Patterson

Youth Group

"Overcoming Challenges"

Zachary Koch/Room 104

Children

Toddlers Room 203/ Lourdes Allen

K-5th Grade Room 208/ Kane De LaTorre

Think About It...

When the Bill Collector Calls

We live in a society of indebtedness. In 2024, the average household debt was well over \$100k. Our nation's debt has climbed into the trillions of dollars. Being in debt seems to be an inescapable part of life for most of us. If not for getting a loan, most of us would have never been able to purchase a vehicle or a house. When it comes to our spiritual lives and service to God, how does the Lord feel about our indebtedness?

First, the Lord expects His people to pay their debts. "Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor." (Rom. 13:7) The thought is continued in the following verse, "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law."

If we are to control our debt, we must first control our personal desires. Learning to be content with what we have will prevent us from accumulating more debt. (Phil. 4:11-13; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5) We must remember the wise man's words concerning debt, "The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender." (Proverbs 22:7) If we are enslaved to debt, then we are not able to serve the Lord with generous giving. Christians should strive to have as little debt as possible, which may mean doing without some of the luxuries of life.

Jesus told a story of an indebted servant who owed his master an astronomical amount of money. There was no possible way he could pay it back. However, the master showed mercy and forgave the servant his debt. (Matt. 18:22-35) How would we feel if someone came and paid in-full the loan balance on our house or car? You and I have been shown mercy and love by God in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8) thus our debt for sin has been paid by the sacrifice of Jesus. He paid a debt that wasn't His and it was a debt we could never pay. Because of this great gift, we are now God's children and heirs. (Rom. 8:16-17; 1 John 3:1) And as God's children, we have an obligation to keep ourselves free from the enslavement of indebtedness.

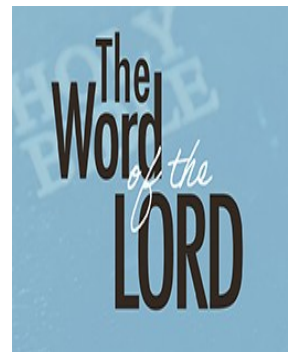
Jay Launius – 2025

Daily Bible Reading

Traits for Godly Living: "Be Discerning"



- Feb. 15 Genesis 41:1-40
- Feb. 16 Judges 4
- Feb. 17 1 Kings 3:16-28
- Feb. 18 Matthew 7:15-23
- Feb. 19 Acts 8:9-25
- Feb. 20 James 1:1-18
- Feb. 21 1 John 4:1-6



Calling All Men

You Are Invited to the
Men's Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast

on

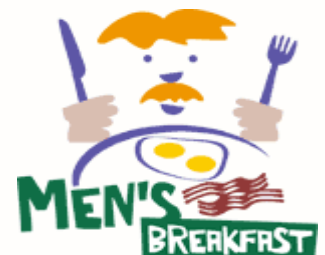
Saturday, February 28th

10:00 am in the Hospitality Room

Host: David Bozdogan

Topic: "A Desire to Make One Wise"

Bring along a friend!



Kevin's Korner

Talking the Talk or Walking the Walk?

The story is told of a man who preached on Sundays and drove a bus during the week. One day, a rider boarded the bus, paid his fare, and walked to the back of the bus. The preacher, upon counting the fare, realized the man had paid too much. He shouted back to the man to come up and receive his change. When the man came forward he said, "I paid you too much on purpose. I heard your sermon on honesty last Sunday, and I just wanted to see if you practiced what you preached!"

One of the hardest things we will ever do is try to live our lives like Jesus Christ lived His. I am not referring to living without sin as the Son of God perfectly lived His life. Instead, I am suggesting that we live our lives in ways that reflect Jesus to the world around us. How do we do that? By studying the Bible and obeying its commands, we each can grow in a knowledge and wisdom that only comes from God in Heaven above. During that growth process, we can expect to see changes in our lives that draw us closer to the Father through a more Christ-like behavior in the things that we think, say, and do. Then, those around us will start seeing that example of the Savior in us.

Colossians 3:17 reads, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." In other words, live your life like Jesus Christ who always sought the pleasure of His heavenly Father in everything He thought, said, or did. To the best of your ability, try to live for the Lord a life that is better today than the one you lived the day before.

Young people have a saying today that is similar to the "practice what you preach" that has been around for so long. It states, "You can talk the talk, but can you walk the walk?" Anyone can speak the words of Jesus. That is easy. But, can you take those words, listen to them, believe them, obey them, and live them? If you can do that, then you are "walking the walk" of Jesus, and you are pleasing in the eyes of Almighty God. Remember, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter." (Matthew 7:21)

~Kevin Patterson

Ulbert's Perspective

"LORD, I LOVE YOU BUT..." (Hebrews 6:10-12)

We are in the month of love, supposedly the month of love for the world, which shouldn't be the case for Christians, but I leave you with this verse so that we can be more mindful of what we express. I understand that most of us are quick to say we love God, but sometimes our willingness to serve Him is another story. Think honestly about whether you have ever thought or said, "I love you, Lord, but don't call me to do that!" Or perhaps you served Him, but with the wrong attitude... **What makes us reluctant servants?**

Our busy schedules: Sometimes our schedules are so full that there is no room to obey the Lord when He calls us to serve. We all need to have "margins" of time in our lives if we want to submit to God's will.

Feelings of inadequacy. Perhaps you don't feel qualified to serve, and you think, "Surely there's someone more talented than me who could do that job." But that's just an excuse; the Lord promises to equip those He calls (**2 Corinthians 3:4-6**).

Selfishness. Service that involves sacrifice is never comfortable. It may require us to change our plans, give up our comforts, or even make financial sacrifices.

Lack of love. What we find most difficult to recognize is that we simply don't care enough. Our reluctance to serve others reveals a lack of love for the Lord. Those who love Christ with all their heart will joyfully serve Him by helping people in their family, at work, in their community, and in their church.

My question is: **Are you quick to obey the Lord when a need arises, or are you a reluctant servant concerned only with your own plans and desires?** Any service you do in the name of Jesus will not be in vain. Brother, I guarantee you will experience the joy of giving and the assurance that the Lord will not forget your sacrifice. Your Brother in Christ, Ulbert Romero



February Schedule

TODAY Workshop is Cancelled

Saturday, 2/21 Bible Bowl Bootcamp
12:00-2:00 pm Room #210

Sunday 2/22 Bible Bowl Practice

L2L Parents: We encourage parents to practice with their children at home for individual events, aiming for at least 30 minutes to one hour a week, to help them feel confident and prepared. Thank you!

Coming Events

Wednesday, February 18 & 25
Bible Class Series
Genesis 1-11 ~ Fact or Fiction?
Kevin Patterson

Friday, February 20 & 27
Ladies Bible Class
10 am Hospitality Room

Sunday, February 22 & March 1
Financial Peace University 3-6 pm
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 28
Men's Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast
10 am Hospitality Room

Saturday, March 7
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Set Clocks Forward One Hour



Youth Group

Contact: Russ Garner, russ.garner@yahoo.com 954-789-2478

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!!

Website @wbcoc.com
Facebook @West Broward Church of Christ
X @WestBrowardCOC
Instagram @westbrowardyouth
YouTube @West Broward Church of Christ

Youth Group Activities:

Sunday Girls Bible Class: Room 202/Patty Brown
Sunday Boys Bible Class: Room 104/Michael Hursey
Wednesday Bible Class: Room 104/Zachary Koch





CONNECT

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY The first of 9 sessions **STARTS TODAY** at 3 pm in the fellowship hall. Fee due of \$75 per family. (Cash or check payable to Kevin Patterson for materials)

LADIES BIBLE CLASS meets each Friday morning. The next meeting is on **February 20** with a study of: Lessons From the Kings ~ "Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times." All ladies are invited!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER BREAKFAST-will be held on **Saturday, February 28th** at 10 am in the Hospitality Room. David Bozdogan is your host and the topic will be: "A Desire to Make One Wise." All men are encouraged to attend.

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST meets on **Saturday, March 14th** at 9:30 am in the Hospitality Room. All ladies are welcome!

Our ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be on **Saturday, March 14th** from 11-4 pm at Volunteer Park-Everglades Pavilion. Fun for all ages!

Financial Peace University

Classes will be held on **Sundays** from 3:00-6:00 PM.

The materials fee is only \$75 per family.

Fee to be collected at the first class which starts **TODAY** Cash or Check payable to **Kevin Patterson**

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT



Kevin Patterson is available on **Wednesdays from 1:00 PM on.** Contact Kevin at 863-471-7000



Sunday Attend Total	276
Sunday English Worship	201
Sunday Spanish Worship	75
Sunday English Classes	158
Sunday Spanish Classes	36
Wednesday Attend Total	89
Wednesday English	73
Wednesday Spanish	16

Remember in Your Prayers...

WB MEMBER

- Bob & Carolyn Bell
- Millie Bonilla
- Eli Gonzalez Family
- Joan Johnson
- Paula Johnson
- Carol Mitchell
- Eddie Murphy
- Pearl Nixon
- Sheri Patterson
- Betty Pennington
- Salvador Ramis
- Antonio Shappley Family
- Cornelia Watson
- Yvonne Worndle

RELATIVES/FRIENDS

- Hayley Allen (L. Allen)
- Alicia Beltran (L. Allen)
- Kim Clemons (B. Middleton)
- Glenn DeRosa (V. DeRosa)
- Joseph Henry (J. Lee)
- Laura Hursey (M. Hursey)
- James T. Ingram (M. Keel)
- Robert Middleton (B. Middleton)
- Megan Allen Nesbitt (L. Allen)
- Billie Patterson (K. Patterson)
- Burns Rutty (W. Smith)
- Ann Stone (B. Stone)
- John & Sonya Warchol (Bonilla)
- Donna Williams (R. Cobham)

MILITARY

- Jess Aldred
- DJ Cunningham
- Jehoshua Evans
- Duane Johnson
- Stephen Johnson
- Ciara Ruiz
- Josephina Silva
- JoAnn Soero
- **SHUT IN**
- David Burgess
- Mary Gosnell
- Jan Haney
- Joan Johnson
- Paul Jordan
- Irelis Shappley

Canned Goods Needed

- Sweet Peas, Tuna, Chick Peas,
- Pinto Beans, Red Beans, Chili, Blackeye Peas, Pasta Sauce,
- Yams,
- Jellies, Peanut Butter, Potatoes, Carrots



MISSIONS Offerings

Are you remembering your Mission Pledges?

Online at:

wbcoc.com for PayPal & Vanco
 PayPal address: office@wbcoc.com
 or Zelle App / Address:
 ZelleSunday@wbcoc.com
 Contribution Plate on Sunday
 Mail to Church Office
THANK YOU!



Bless Someone Today With A Card:

- ELISEO GONZALEZ FAMILY, 860 West 81st Place, Hialeah, FL 33014 (recent loss of Eli's father)
- SALVADOR RAMIS, 6901 Southgate Blvd, Margate, FL 33068 (in hospice care)
- SHERI PATTERSON, 2208 Clifton Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (living with ALS)
- BOB & CAROLYN BELL, 3505 Oaks Way, Apt. 306, Pompano Beach, FL 33069 (health concerns)
- PAUL JORDAN, 3800 North 48th Ave., Hollywood, FL 33021 (shut-in)
- MARY GOSNELL, Coral Plaza Senior Living, 5850 Margate Blvd., Margate, FL 33063 Rm #259 (shut-in)
- JOAN JOHNSON, 390 NW 30th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 (shut-in)
- DAVID BURGESS, Deerfield Beh Health & Rehab, 401 E. Sample Rd, Pompano Bch, FL 33064 (shut in)
- IRELIS SHAPPLEY, 12070 NW 49th Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33076 (shut in)