

# West Broward Church of Christ

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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

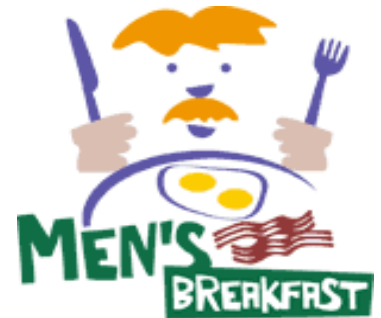
### Secretaries

Risë Smith	Lourdes Allen
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## Men's Breakfast

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!



## Bible Classes

### Sunday 10:30 AM

**Auditorium/Adults**-Kevin Patterson "The Prelude to Violence"  
**Room 402-D**-Bozdogan/S.Smith "New Christian Class"  
**Room 110-TNT (20s & 30s)** Rotating Teachers "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



## Pray, Plan, Prepare for ...

Once a year we have MISSION SUNDAY. This year's date is March 29, 2026. A day set aside by our Elders to take a special collection to fund all of West Broward's Mission work for the year. We currently support mission work in Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba, the Bahamas and Venezuela. We also support Christian Productions International (Latin America) and Atlantic International Bible Institute.

Now is the time to begin to pray for the success of Mission Sunday and to plan and prepare for your giving to support our many missionaries and to help continue the good works of spreading God's word. (Mark 16:15) "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."





Song Leader: Rodney Cobham  
 Song: Great Are You Lord  
 Welcome: Gary Nix  
 Song: 458 Redeemed  
 Song: 792 My Eyes Are Dry  
 Opening Prayer: Steve Bails  
 Song: I'm Going that Way  
 Scripture Reading: Stephen Watson  
 Ezekiel 25:15-17  
 Sermon: Kevin Patterson  
 Song: 943 Do You Know My Jesus?  
 Song: 354 I Gave My Life for Thee  
 Lord's Supper & Offering: Michael Hursey  
 Song: Holy Spirit  
 Shepherd's Prayer: Gary Nix



**SUNDAY ~ 9:00 AM**

Who is Jesus?  
 "The Violent Aggressor?"  
 Kevin Patterson

**Bible Classes 10:30 AM**

Adults - Auditorium - Kevin Patterson  
 "The Prelude to Violence"  
 New Christians Class/Room 402  
 Ladies Class "Women in the Book of Acts"  
 Marcie Malcolm/Room 111  
 TNT "Discerning God's Voice"  
 Rotating Teachers/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...**

**The Buddy System**

When I was a boy and taking swimming lessons at the local Boy Scout camp, we were taught to use the "Buddy System." The practice was simple and fundamental, always take a partner with you and look after each other when participating in outdoor or water activities. It taught us accountability, responsibility, and made sure we would stay safe while enjoying life's adventures. The buddy system has been adapted and used in many aspects of life and by various organizations like the military and our schools.

Unfortunately, one area that we may fail to use the buddy system is within our own congregations of the Lord's church. For some strange reason, we seem to think we are invading each other's privacy, being too pushy, or meddling in another's business if we attempt to watch out for each other's spiritual welfare. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The concept of the buddy system is found in the ancient wisdom of God. Consider the creation account, "And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." (Genesis 2:18) From the wisdom writings of Solomon we learn that "two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up." (Eccles. 4:9-10) When Jesus sent out His disciples, He sent them two by two. (Luke 10:1)

If we will but take a few of the key principles of the buddy system and practice them in the church, we will see a renewed enthusiasm to truly "love one another."

- **Companionship** – Get a buddy, make a friend to assure that no one is alone. (Acts 2:44-47)
- **Accountability** – Buddies are responsible for each other's well-being. (Romans 15:1-2; Philippians 2:4)
- **Safety** – There is safety in numbers. The predator looks for the lone and weak wanderer. (1 Peter 5:8-9)
- **Stay Together** – If a buddy wanders off, go and get them. (Gal. 6:1-2; James 5:19-20)

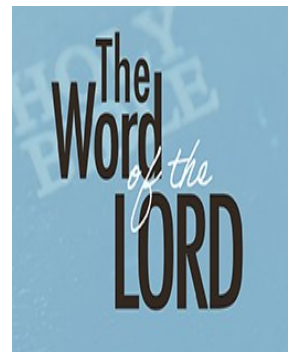
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**Daily Bible Reading**

**Traits for Godly Living: "Be Devoted"**



- Feb. 22 Genesis 7
- Feb. 23 Ruth 1
- Feb. 24 Daniel 6
- Feb. 25 Luke 10:38-42
- Feb. 26 Acts 2:42-47
- Feb. 27 Philippians 3
- Feb. 28 1 Timothy 4



**Church Picnic - March 14th**

You are invited to the **Annual Church Picnic** On Saturday, March 14th 10 am-3 pm to be held at **Volunteer Park** in Plantation **Camp Everglades Pavilion**

Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be provided, Members please bring a side dish or dessert **Please Sign-Up at the Information Desk**



## Kevin's Korner

### What letter is above your door?

Soon after entering school, a student at a local university put the letter "V" over the door of his dormitory room. Because of the mysterious letter, he endured all sorts of ridicule and withstood constant questioning. Nevertheless, he paid no attention to either, nor would he disclose the secret of the letter.

When the student's four years of college were over and graduation day came, the student was appointed to deliver the valedictory address. Then the mystery of the letter "V" was revealed. It stood for "Valedictorian." That letter hanging over his door reminded the student each day for four whole years of the ideal that he had set for himself.

Not every student puts a letter over the door of his or her dormitory room or house. Yet, somewhere, if only in the student's mind, there is a letter that is used to establish his or her ideal.

We also have the tendency to put up letters that stand for the ideals in our lives. Some put up the letter "M", which stands for their love of money. Others put up the letter "F", representing their desire for fame. Still, others put up the letter "S", standing for the importance of self.

Acts 4:12 reads about Jesus, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." If the name of Jesus is so great, and if our eternal salvation depends upon of Him, then, perhaps, we need to have the letter "J" placed above our doors to remind us of the ideal that God wants for us. However, whether we place a letter above our door, a window, or the mailbox, let us all ensure that we have the name of Jesus Christ written plainly on our hearts by doing all that He has commanded us to do. Then, we can be reminded with confidence of the eternal salvation that is found only in Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Remember, it is a good idea once in a while to step outside the door of your life and look at the letter you have placed there. It may be that when you see what it is, you might just want to change it.  
~Kevin Patterson

## Ulbert's Perspective

### "The Unconditional Love of God" (Romans 5:6-11)

The Holy Scriptures tell us that love is the very essence of who God is (1 John 4:7) ... **Love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God...** So, if you don't believe that He loves you unconditionally, you will never truly know Him or have genuine peace in your relationship with Him.

**How do we define love?** I want to describe it to you this way: It is Jesus generously reaching out to humanity, giving Himself to us and bringing good into our lives, whether we accept Him or not. This is true love.

In **Romans 5:8**, we are told that His love and concern for us are so immense that He gave His life for us when we were still His enemies. The Bible says that He began to express His love for us even before the foundation of the world (**Ephesians 1:3-5**). This means that our actions had absolutely nothing to do with the love He has for us!

God's interest in us has no conditions or restrictions, and it is not based on our reciprocating His love. Nor does He love "good" people more than those who might seem more worthy to us. He loves us even in our sin, even if we haven't repented.

**Does this give us license to disobey?** "**No**", it empowers us to live in holiness, walk in obedience to the Lord, and learn to love Him in the way He deserves. To obey Him is to receive the love God has been offering from the beginning.

But to experience this wonderful and absolute love that God has for us, you must accept it. Say yes to this extraordinary gift He wants to pour out on you, and delight in allowing His love to overflow onto those around you.  
Your Brother in Christ, Ulbert Romero



#### Schedule:

**TODAY** Song & Speech Workshop  
Hospitality Room

**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

**Today**

**Financial Peace University 2-5 pm**  
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, February 25**  
**Bible Class**

Genesis 1-11 ~ Fact or Fiction?  
7 pm Kevin Patterson

**Friday, February 27**  
**Ladies Bible Class**

10 am Hospitality Room

**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





**Event Schedule:**  
 Friday 2/27 Art Event  
 6-9 pm Room #110

Friday, 3/13 Hang-Out  
 6-9 pm Room #110

Wednesday 3/18  
 Bolero Bowling after  
 Bible Study \$20

Friday, 3/27 Hang-Out  
 Off Campus TBD

**CONNECT**

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Note Time/Location change: **TODAY at 2:00-5:00 pm** in the Auditorium for those that registered.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS** meets each Friday morning. The next meeting is on **February 27** 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!



**BLOOD DRIVE HERE**  
**Sunday, March 8th**  
**9 am to Noon**

Donors receive: \$20 eGift card,  
 T-shirt and Wellness checkup



Sunday Attend Total	304
Sunday English Worship	216
Sunday Spanish Worship	88
Sunday English Classes	167
Sunday Spanish Classes	40
Wednesday Attend Total	97
Wednesday English	79
Wednesday Spanish	18

**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



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



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 or Zelle App / Address:  
[ZelleSunday@wbcoc.com](mailto: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)