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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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March is Missions Month

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” ~ Mark 16:15

Mission Sunday 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 broadcasting) 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.



Bible Classes

Sunday 10:30 AM

Auditorium/Adults-Kevin Patterson “Our Struggle to Forgive”
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-Terry Brown “7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens”
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



Blood Drive Next Sunday

Our Quarterly Blood Drive comes up next Sunday morning. Look for the *One Blood* Big Red Bus in our parking lot from 9:00 am to Noon. Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a St. Patrick’s Day T-Shirt and a Wellness Check Up. Appointments are encouraged by visiting oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 2583. Please donate blood if you are able to do so. The need in Broward County is great. Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood. Thank you.





Song Leader: Antonio Shappley
 Song: 23 Our God, He Is Alive
 Welcome: Lester Wolfe
 Song: 57 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
 Song: 60 He Is Exalted
 Song: 63 I Will Call Upon the Lord
 Opening Prayer: Scott Kelley
 Scripture Reading: Brett Wilkewitz
 Ephesians 4:30-32
 Sermon: Kevin Patterson
 Song: 918 Out of My Bondage
 Song: 313 The Old Rugged Cross
 Lord's Supper & Offering: Steve Lee
 Song: 611 Heavenly Sunlight
 Shepherd's Prayer: Lester Wolfe

Think About It...

Can I Be Guilt Free?

The weight of guilt can bear down on the soul of the carrier and diminish the spirit so that one becomes unfruitful. We're all guilty of something at one time or another. "There is none righteous, no, not one" and "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:10, 23) It was guilt that caused the people of Acts 2 to be "cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37) and inquire about obedience to the gospel message. Guilt can cause a heavy heart and it is through the emotion of "godly sorrow" that a person will seek repentance (change) and turn toward God and His will. (2 Cor. 7:10)

In the act of gospel obedience, the past is washed away, leaving us to walk in a refreshing "newness of life" (Rom. 6:4) where our sins are remembered no more (Heb. 8:12). Romans 8:1 states, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." Therefore, if one is not condemned, then one is free from guilt of the past infraction. However, we must remember, that we are never free to live sinfully just because of the blessing of God's grace (Rom. 6:1-2) and that we can willfully choose to return to the mud and mire of the world (2 Pet. 2:20-22) and when we do so "there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (Heb. 10:26). But as stated earlier, we no longer walk (live) according to physical desires but "walk in the light as He is in the light," and where "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

Can I be guilt free? Can I forget the things of the past and press forward to the goal of eternity? (Phil. 3:13-14) Yes, I certainly can, because of the gift of God's grace received through faith in Christ (Eph. 2:4-10).

Jay Launius – 2021
 Maud church of Christ
 Maud, Texas



SUNDAY ~ 9:00 AM

Who is Jesus?
 "Forgiveness Personified"

Bible Classes 10:30 AM

Adults - Auditorium - Kevin Patterson

"Our Struggle to Forgive"

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

Terry Brown/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

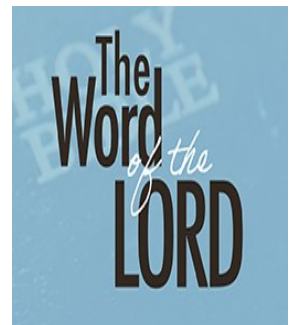
K-5th Grade Room 208/ Kane De LaTorre

Daily Bible Reading

Traits for Godly Living: "Be Encouraging"



- Mar. 1 Exodus 17:8-16
- Mar. 2 1 Samuel 23:7-29
- Mar. 3 Isaiah 40:21-31
- Mar. 4 Acts 11:19-30
- Mar. 5 2 Corinthians 4
- Mar. 6 Hebrews 3:12-19
- Mar. 7 1 Thess. 5:16-22



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

Are WE helping God answer prayers?

A man once planned a boat trip to Europe. When his friends found out, they all came asking him to buy something for them while he was there. When they had gone, he looked over their lists and found, to his dismay, that if he made all of their purchases, he would have no money left over to pay for the trip. In fact, of all his friends, only one had brought money to purchase what he wanted the man to buy.

When the man returned, his friends gathered around him, eager to see what he had brought them back from his trip. To their surprise, they found that he had made only one of the purchases he had been asked to make. The man explained, "One day, as I sat on the deck of the ship looking over your lists, a breeze came along and blew them all away, except for this one."

"How could that have happened?" a frustrated friend asked.

"Well," he replied, "this order was weighted down with the money needed to make the purchase wrapped up in it!"

Do you see the point? When we go to God in prayer, do we give Him something with which to work, or do we go before Him empty-handed? In other words, when we ask Him to help the poor, are WE willing to help the poor? When we ask Him to comfort the sick, are WE willing to comfort the sick? When we ask Him to help spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world, are WE willing to help spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world? Are WE willing?

Sometimes, God uses us to answer our own prayers. The question is this: Are we willing to do some of the work, or without lifting a finger, do we simply expect God to cater to our every demand? Matthew 7:7 teaches about prayer, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Notice that in order for something to be given, found, or opened, we must first ask, seek, and knock. Yet, what role are we willing to play as God answers those prayers? James 2:15, 16 reads, "If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,' and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?"

The next time you ask God to answer a prayer, ask yourself this question first: "Am I willing to do whatever God needs for me to do in order for this prayer to be answered?" You might find some incredible results if you do!
~Kevin Patterson

Ulbert's Perspective

"Our Calling in Times of Difficulty" (2 Corinthians 4:6-18)

In times of difficulty, the world uses our fears to sell us a false message: Mind your own business. The more turbulent life becomes, the easier it is to focus on ourselves. We focus on the things we should be concerned about, according to the world's opinion, and our thoughts dwindle to me and mine—my opinion, how I feel, what an uncertain future holds for me. But God wants us to stop thinking about ourselves and focus on what He has in mind for our lives.

So how should we respond to times of confusion? **First**, those of us who know Christ are called to have courage and confidence, because we know that He is enough, no matter what happens. **Second**, the Bible says that we are the light of the world, and that we are called to live out the transformative message within us. **Third**, consider how the early church responded to those turbulent times. They pressed on with courage—even willing to lose their lives—because they knew how great the gift God had given them was, and they wanted to share it with the world.

God doesn't want His children to focus on themselves during times of crisis or instability. On the contrary, He calls us to seize the opportunity to bring His hope to those who are searching for what truly matters.

God has entrusted us with a mission: to make a difference in people's lives through His Spirit... My beloved, if we lose our self-centeredness and stop living for ourselves, others will be drawn to the love, joy, and peace of God that resides within us.

Your Brother in Christ, Ulbert Romero



Schedule:

TODAY No Practices

One on One Session 11:30am-12:30pm

Saturday 3/7 Girls Showcase 6 pm

Boys Speech Bootcamp 6 pm

One on One Session 6-8 pm/East Bldg.

Sunday 3/8 L2L Puppets & Art Workshop 11:30 am-1:30 pm/Hospitality Rm

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.*

Coming Events

Today

Financial Peace University

2-5 pm Auditorium

Wednesday, March 4

Bible Class

Genesis 1-11 ~ Fact or Fiction?

7 pm Kevin Patterson

Saturday, March 7

TNT Event

6-8 pm Fellowship Hall

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Set Clocks Forward One Hour

Sunday, March 8

Quarterly Blood Drive

9 am-Noon Parking Lot

Financial Peace University

2-5 pm Auditorium



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

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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/Terry Brown

Wednesday Bible Class: Room 104/Zachary Koch





CONNECT

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Today at 2:00-5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for those that registered.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS meets each Friday morning. The next meeting is on **March 6** with a study of: Lessons From the Kings ~ "Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times." All ladies are invited!

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST **scheduled for March 14th has been cancelled** so everyone can attend the Annual Church Picnic. They will resume the breakfast on April 11th.

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

L2L PRE-CONVENTION PARENTS/COACHES MEETING will be held on **Sunday, March 15th** from 11:30 am-12:15 pm in the Hospitality Room. Very important for all parents & coaches to attend for convention details and any concerns to be addressed.

Event Schedule:

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

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



Congratulations!! Welcome to the Family
Carolyn Faith 2/23/26
Mario Melendez Catin 2/25/26



Sunday Attend Total	292
Sunday English Worship	217
Sunday Spanish Worship	75
Sunday English Classes	178
Sunday Spanish Classes	33
Wednesday Attend Total	103
Wednesday English	86
Wednesday Spanish	17

Remember in Your Prayers...

WB MEMBER

- Bob & Carolyn Bell
- Millie Bonilla
- Carolyn Faith
- Eli Gonzalez Family
- Victoria Jean & Kindness
- Carol Mitchell
- Eddie Murphy
- Pearlzie Nix
- 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)
- Nohelia Dumaoal Family (J. Wiggan)
- 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)

MILITARY

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

SHUT IN

Congratulations on your New Baby!

Kindness Jean born 2/19/26
 7 pounds 11 ounces, 20.5 in.
 to Victoria & Innodley Jean
 Congratulations!



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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:

- VICTORIA & INNODLEY JEAN**, 9448 NW 8th Circle, Plantation, FL 33324 (Baby boy born 2/19/26)
- CAROLYN FAITH**, 5495 NE 25th Avenue #301, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308 (baptized 2/23/26)
- MARIO MELENDEZ CATLIN**, 857 West 31st Street, Hialeah, FL 33012 (Baptized 2/25/26)
- SALVADOR RAMIS**, 6901 Southgate Blvd, Margate, FL 33068 (in hospice care)
- SHERI PATTERSON**, 2208 Clifton Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (living with ALS)
- 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)