

# 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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## It's Picnic Time!

You are invited to the **Annual Church Picnic** next Saturday, March 14th 10 am-3 pm to be held at **Volunteer Park** (12050 W. Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL 33323) **Camp Everglades Pavilion**

Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be provided, Members please bring a side dish or dessert **Please Sign-Up at the Information Desk** Parents: Touch-A-Truck will be at the park!



## Bible Classes

### Sunday 10:30 AM

**Auditorium/Adults**-Kevin Patterson "The Physical Truth Behind Crucifixion"  
**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**-Patty Brown "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens"  
**Children PTP Classrooms**-Children's Wing

### Wednesday 7 PM

**Adults**  
**Auditorium:**  
Kevin Patterson  
**Youth Group:**  
Zachary Koch  
"Overcoming Challenges"  
**Children:**  
Toddlers - Room 203  
K-5th Grade - Room 208  
Kane De La Torre



## March 29th ~ Mission Sunday

*"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. The goal this year is \$75,000.

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 pray for the success of Mission Sunday and to plan and prepare for your giving to support our missionaries and to help continue the good works of spreading God's word. Pledge forms are available if you choose to spread your donation out over the year.





## Think About It...

### Not Baptized? Then Why Wait?

(Act 22:16)

It may be that some who are reading this article have never been baptized, even though they believe with all their heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:37) Some may argue that baptism isn't necessary or required by God for salvation. There are other misconceptions about this act of obedience, for instance, that one must be baptized in front of the audience of the church or that it can only be done after the invitation song. Others may realize that it must be done, but procrastinate, and much like an undone household chore, they just haven't gotten around to it.

The truth is, that God requires us to step out in an act of faith and be baptized. Jesus gave the instruction to teach the world the Good News, make disciples, and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15) The man who would eventually write most of the New Testament was required to be baptized. Ananias said to Saul, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16) Also, the book of Acts records literally thousands of baptisms. (Acts 2:41; 8:12,13,16, 38, 10:48; 16:15,33; 19:15) If one reads on through the New Testament, they will see that all spiritual blessings are found in Christ and that one must be baptized into Christ. (Eph 1:3; Gal. 3:27) Baptism (immersion) is a simple and straight forward act that washes away one's sin, making them a new spiritual creation. (2 Cor. 5:17). The biblical evidence is clear, God wants us to be baptized. So, what are you waiting for?

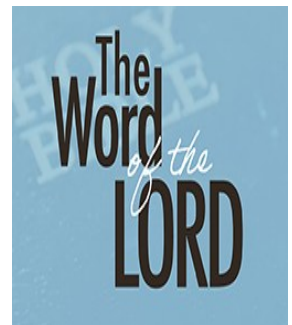
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## Daily Bible Reading

### Traits for Godly Living: "Be Equipped"



- Mar. 8 Joshua 6 & 7
- Mar. 9 1 Samuel 17:1-51
- Mar. 10 Jeremiah 1
- Mar. 11 Matthew 4:1-11
- Mar. 12 Luke 10:1-24
- Mar. 13 1 Cor.10:1-13
- Mar. 14 Ephesians 6:10-17



- Song Leader: Howard Harris
- Song: 83 God Is So Good
- Welcome: Michael Hursey
- Song: 875 Home of the Soul
- Song: 711 Blest Be the Tie That Binds
- Opening Prayer: Rodrigo Romero
- Song: 464 Because He Lives
- Scripture Reading: Gabriel Romero
- 1 Corinthians 3:9-11
- Sermon: Kevin Patterson
- Song: 916 What a Day That Will Be
- Song: 383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
- Lord's Supper & Offering: Gumer Gonzalez
- Song: 957 This World Is Not My Home
- Shepherd's Prayer: Michael Hursey



## SUNDAY ~ 9:00 AM

Who is Jesus?  
"The Physical Sufferer"

## Bible Classes 10:30 AM

- Adults - Auditorium - Kevin Patterson
- "The Physical Truth Behind Crucifixion"
- 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
- Patty Brown/ Room 202

## Children - Passport to Paradise Classes WEDNESDAY ~ 7:00 PM

- Adults
- 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

## Good News Weekend

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ, 4067 Leo Lane, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 / Phone: 561.848.1111 (www.pblcoc.org) will host a Good News Weekend Friday-Sunday, March 20-22nd  
Their guest speaker will be Justin Rogers from Henderson, Tennessee. Theme is: "God Is Still Here"  
Flyers are available at the Greeter's Desk



## Kevin's Korner

### Are You Just Hearing or Actually Listening?

A couple, married for fifty years, always remembered each other's birthday. Then, one year her birthday came along. The woman must have forgotten it herself, because she did not do a thing to jog the man's memory. That night, he was reading the paper and saw a story about a big, birthday party. Suddenly, he remembered her birthday. He started thinking about their years together, the heart-aches and struggles they had been through, and what a fine wife she had been to him. She had grown rather hard of hearing over the last few years, so he leaned toward her and yelled, "Wife, I'm proud of you." She sat up straight in her chair. "That ain't nothing!" she said. "I'm tired of you, too!"

Although that lady may not have been able to help her hearing problem, many of us have a hearing problem that we can help. It is called a lack of listening. Most any relationship problem you can find in the world will most likely have the lack of listening on the part of one or more of the parties as a factor in the dilemma. Whether it is a husband and wife, father and son, mother and daughter, or employer and employee, we all seem to have a tendency to develop this type of auditory complication.

Our hearing problems generally stem from our unwillingness to truly listen to what others have to say. Many of us are only interested in what we have to say. Because we are so tuned into our own voice, as soon as we are finished talking, we suddenly (and selectively) go deaf!

Guess what? We do the same thing with God. We like to tell God how things ought to be. We will even tell Him about the mistakes we believe that He has made and how, if He will only listen to us, we will show Him how to fix them! The only problem with this relationship is that there is one side who thinks he or she is right and another side who actually is, and that side, of course, is God's side. If there is any party in this relationship that needs to close their mouths and listen, it is we.

James 1:19 reads, "This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger." God talks to us today through His inspired word, the Bible. When He talks, we need to hush up and listen carefully to every single word. Then, we need to obey Him without exception, excuse, or suggestion about some "better way." Remember, there is no better way than God's way, so when God talks, LISTEN!  
~Kevin Patterson

## Ulbert's Perspective

### "The Great Liberator of Life" (Luke 4:16-21)

Judging by their outward appearance, we often think many people are happy. Smiles, makeup, and expensive clothes can create an appearance of inner peace, but inside, perhaps, they live without true freedom.

In today's passage, the Lord Jesus clarifies His purpose: He has come to set the captives free... Christ was referring to various kinds of bondage that can imprison our souls. **Let's look at three things:**

**First,** The Lord breaks the chains of sin. All people have violated God's law, and therefore live separated from Him (**Romans 3:23**). But Christ's death and resurrection set us free when we accept His free forgiveness and place our faith in Him by obeying the gospel of salvation, which allows us to have a relationship with the Lord.

**Second,** He frees us from sins such as jealousy, bitterness, and gluttony, etc. His Spirit dwells in every converted believer and gives us the power to overcome the bad decisions that seem to control us. He empowers us to do what He desires, providing immediate healing or guidance and strength in the ongoing battle we wage daily.

**Third,** we must understand that the Creator of humanity made us with a void in our hearts, so that Jesus Christ could fill it. Everything we put there, good or bad, will ultimately leave us empty. And we will remain enslaved until God frees us and gives us the only true satisfaction.

Now I ask you: Are you one of those people who appear happy and satisfied with their life, but who inside feels insecure and empty? Jesus Christ is the only one who can redeem you, forgive your sins, and fill the empty place in your soul... **Let Him set you free today.**

Your Brother in Christ, Ulbert Romero



#### Schedule:

#### **TODAY**

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

**Sunday, 3/15** Parents & Coaches Meeting 11:30-12:15 pm/Hospitality Room

L2L Song & Speech Workshop 12:15-1:15 pm/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**

**Quarterly Blood Drive**  
9 am-Noon Parking Lot

**Financial Peace University**  
2-5 pm Auditorium

**Wednesday, March 11**  
**Bible Class**  
7 pm Kevin Patterson

**Friday, March 13**  
**Ladies Bible Class**  
10 am Hospitality Room

**Youth Group Hang-Out**  
6-9 pm Hospitality Room

**Saturday, March 14**  
**Church Picnic at Volunteer Park**  
10 am-3 pm Camp Everglades Pavilion  
Touch-A-Truck at the park



### 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:

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 13** 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 10 am-3 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.**



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



Sunday Attend Total	322
Sunday English Worship	245
Sunday Spanish Worship	77
Sunday English Classes	171
Sunday Spanish Classes	38
Wednesday Attend Total	83
Wednesday English	69
Wednesday Spanish	14

**Remember in Your Prayers...**

**WB MEMBER**

- Bob & Carolyn Bell
- Millie Bonilla
- Carolyn Faith
- Eli Gonzalez Family
- Victoria Jean & Kindness
- Carol Mitchell
- Eddie Murphy
- Pearlle Nix
- Kevin Patterson Family
- Betty Pennington
- Salvador Ramis
- Antonio Shappley Family
- Yvonne Worndle

**RELATIVES/FRIENDS**

- Hayley Allen ( L. Allen)
- Alicia Beltran (L. Allen)
- Kim Clemons (B. Middleton)
- Nohelia Dumaoal Family (J. Wiggan)
- Ralph & Sue Fiala (D. Koch)
- Mike & Lori Haberland (D.Koch)
- Joseph Henry (J. Lee)
- Laura Hursey (M. Hursey)
- James T. Ingram (M. Keel)
- Robert Middleton (B. Middleton)
- Lynda Morris (R. Shappley)
- Megan Allen Nesbitt (L. Allen)
- Ann Stone (B. Stone)

**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
- Irellis Shappley

**For the EGG HUNT**  
**Saturday, March 28th**

**Donations Needed:**  
**LARGE Plastic Eggs**

**Individually Wrapped Candies & Small Toys (No Chocolate please)**  
**Variety/Individual Chips**  
**Bin located in Foyer**



**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY**  
**9 am-Noon/Parking Lot**



**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:**

- KEVIN PATTERSON FAMILY**, 2208 Clifton Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (recent loss of Mother-Billie Patterson)
- 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)
- 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)

