

# 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  |             |

## 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

|            |               |
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| Risë Smith | Lourdes Allen |
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## You Are Invited to the **BE TRANSFORMED**

### Gospel Meeting

to be held here

**Sunday-Wednesday, September 20-23**

Sunday 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Monday-Wednesday 7:00 pm

**Please invite your friends!**

## Gospel Meeting Here September 20th~23rd

### BE TRANSFORMED

Sunday, September 20 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Monday - Wednesday, September 21-23 7:00 pm

Sun. - Do Not Be Conformed to This World  
Sun. - Be Transformed by Doing What You Can  
Mon. - Be Transformed by the Word That Lasts Forever  
Tue. - Be Transformed by Preparing for Eternity  
Wed. - Be Transformed by Knowing What Unity Means to Christ

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT CHANGE.  
IT'S ABOUT BEING TRANSFORMED

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NATHAN FRANSON

## Bible Classes

### Sunday 10:30 AM

Auditorium/Adults-Kevin Patterson

Room 402-Steve Smith/David Bozdogan  
"New Christians Class"

Room 110-TNT (20s & 30s) Zack Koch  
"The Law vs Love"

Room 111 Ladies Class-Marcie Malcolm "Nehemiah"

Room 104 -Youth Group Boys-Justin Yeung  
"The Beginning of Our Confidence"

Room 109 -Youth Group Girls-Patty Brown  
"Women of the Bible"

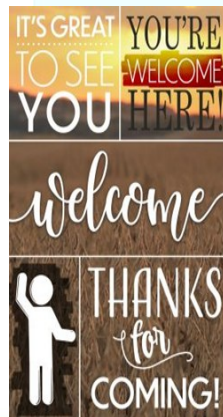
Fellowship Hall-Spanish Speakers Class

### Wednesday 7 PM

Adults:  
Auditorium  
Kevin Patterson

Youth Group:  
Zack Koch  
"Christian Self-Discipline"

Children:  
Toddlers - Room 201  
K-5th Grade - Room 208



## TODAY :: Lads to Leaders Kick-Off!!

### Attention Parents, Children, Coaches

You Are Invited to the

**L2L Kick-Off! for 2026-2027**

**T O D A Y**

**12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

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Visit the L2L Table in the foyer

**Adult Coaches and Helpers Needed too**

Come find out what L2L is all about!!







**Song Leader: Antonio Shappley**

**Song: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah**

**Welcome: Rodney Cobham**

**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: Jay Yeung**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8**

**Sermon: Kevin Patterson**

**Song: 909 There's a Fountain Free**

**Song: 342 We Saw Thee Not**

**Lord's Supper & Offering: Steve Bails**

**Song: 712 Jesus Is Coming Soon**

**Shepherd's Prayer: Rodney Cobham**



## **SUNDAY ~ 9:00 AM**

**Kevin Patterson**

## **Bible Classes 10:30 AM**

**Adults/Auditorium - Kevin Patterson**

**New Christians Class/Room 402**

**Ladies Class "Nehemiah"**

**Marcie Malcolm/Room 111**

**TNT "The Law vs Love"**

**Zack Koch/Room 110**

**Youth Group Boys-Room 104/Justin Yeung**  
"The Beginning of Our Confidence"

**Youth Group Girls-Room 109/Patty Brown**  
"Women of the Bible"

**Children - Passport to Paradise Classes**

## **WEDNESDAY ~ 7:00 PM**

**Adults**

**Auditorium**

**Kevin Patterson**

**Youth Group**

**"Christian Self-Discipline"**

**Room 104**

**Children**

**Toddlers Room 201**

**K-5th Grade Room 208**

## **A Note from Russ...**



It's hard to believe, but it's already been 9 months since Grant accepted the preaching role in Georgia and moved away. Your leadership at West Broward acted quickly in order to keep things running smoothly. This included bringing Zach, Alex, and Kane onboard to help with the activities that were already planned (youth rally, etc.), the activities that needed to be scheduled (hang outs, movie nights, etc.), and conducting the Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes. It has been a jam packed period and we've had some wonderful classes for our kids and lots of fun activities. Hats off to all 3 of these young men for stepping up and delivering for our children.

As summer approached, we decided to hire an intern for the summer. As Calvin began to get engaged, it became obvious that his passion for kids and the talents God has given him seemed to be a great fit in our youth program. As his internship was wrapping up, we asked him to consider coming on board full time as our youth minister, at which he enthusiastically said he would love to be considered. As announced last Sunday, Calvin Harris will become our Youth Minister as soon as he graduates in December from the Florida School of Preaching. In the interim, Calvin will join us at least once every month to participate in our youth classes and other activities like Lads to Leaders workshops. God continues to bless our efforts here at WB and we are excited about the future of not only our youth program, but for the entire church as well. Please continue to pray for all of these efforts.

~Russ Garner

## **Daily Bible Reading**

**Traits for Godly Living: "Be Quiet/Still"**



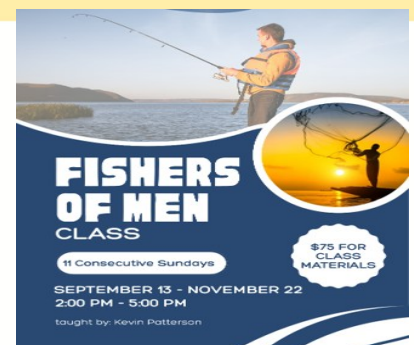
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| Aug 23 | Exodus 14:10-14 |
| Aug 24 | Psalms 46-10    |
| Aug 25 | Isaiah 30:15-26 |
| Aug 26 | Luke 1:5-25     |
| Aug 27 | 1 Thess. 4:9-12 |
| Aug 28 | 1 Timothy 2     |
| Aug 29 | 1 Peter 3       |



## **Did You Sign Up?**

Materials for the "Fishers of Men" Class to start on September 13th are being ordered. If you plan to attend the class please put your name on the list at the Information Desk. The \$75. materials fee will be collected at the first session. (cash or check please)

Thank you!





## Kevin's Korner

### Are You Complicating the Simple?

Once upon a time, the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert. Congress said, "Someone may steal from it at night." So, they created a position for a night watchman and hired a person to fill the job.

Then Congress said, "How does the night watchman do his job without instructions?" So, they created a planning department and hired two people: one person to write the instructions and one person to do time studies.

Then Congress said, "How will we know that the night watchman is carrying out his tasks correctly?" So, they created a quality control department and hired two people: one to do the studies and one to write the reports.

Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So, they created the positions of a time keeper and payroll officer and hired two more people.

Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?" So, they created an administrative division and hired three people to fill the positions of administrative officer, assistant administrative officer, and legal secretary.

Then Congress said, "We have run this operation for one year, and we are \$18,000 over budget. Therefore, we must cut back our overall costs."

So, they fired the night watchman!

How often do we behave like the government concerning God's word? Do we ever complicate its simple instructions and then accomplish little or nothing of the teachings found therein? No matter how difficult we try to make them, God's directions are still very simple.

John 3:36 reads, "*He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*" Jesus summed up the entire will of God in that tiny verse. Believe and obey the teachings of Christ and have eternal life. Now, that is pretty simple, isn't it?

Let us never make the Bible so complicated that we fail to believe and obey it. The government may pay \$15,000 for a hammer, but we cannot afford to confuse and distort the simplicity of God's word. If we do, then we risk missing the message that can save our souls. "*The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.*" (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

~Kevin Patterson

## Ulbert's Perspective

### God Is Always With You (Hebrews 13:5-6)

Some time ago, I read a story about Mr. Craig Stowe, who served on a Navy ship during World War II. The story goes that when the ship was preparing for an attack, the Commanding officer lined up the men. As usual, a volunteer was needed to man the lookout post at the front—to spot the enemy and relay the necessary information to the captain. Yet, no one stepped forward. Then, Mr. Craig Stowe felt the Lord's voice in his heart telling him: "I will be with you up there, just as I am down here." The young man volunteered and remained there without suffering a single scratch; in fact, he reported that at no point was he ever in danger.

Years later, Mr. Craig Stowe shared this story at his church. The truth found in that experience became an answer to the emotional turmoil of a young man facing a difficult family life, delivering a message that transformed his life: God is always with you, no matter where you are.

We often face situations like Craig Stowe's story, yet it is precisely then that our faith and trust in the Lord must come to the fore; Jesus tells us: "...I will never leave you nor forsake you..." During our Lord's ministry, we see that Jesus emphasized His abiding presence to His disciples. He knew that, following His crucifixion, a sense of denial would soon take hold of them. Furthermore, hardships awaited them as they carried the Gospel to the rest of the world. That is why the Lord promised them a Comforter who would remain with Christians forever: the Holy Spirit.

Each day, we live in Christ's presence through His Spirit. He comforts us in suffering, encourages us in times of difficulty, and strengthens us when we are weak. The benefits of a relationship with God have not been postponed until we reach heaven; we walk with Him right now and forevermore.

Your brother in Christ, Ulbert Romero



Order #3 will be placed tomorrow, please sign the list if you want a shirt! (This will be the last order for a while)

## Coming Events

### TODAY

**Lads to Leaders Kick-Off Luncheon**  
12:00 pm Fellowship Hall

**Bible Preparation & Delivery Class**  
2-4 pm Hospitality Room

**Wednesday, August 26**  
**Bible Classes 7 pm**

**Friday, August 28**  
**Ladies Bible Class**  
10 am Hospitality Room  
New Study: "The Life of Christ"

**Friday, September 4**  
**No Ladies Bible Class**

**Monday, September 7**  
**Labor Day Holiday-Office Closed**



## Youth Group

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

### UP COMING EVENTS:

**September calendar to be provided next Sunday**

### CLASSES:

**Bible Classes Sunday AM**  
**Teen Boys-Room 104 / Justin Yeung**  
**Teen Girls-Room 109 / Patty Brown**

**Wednesday Class-All Teens in Room 104**



Get updates on the progress and needs in Venezuela at a new website created by Antonio Shappley

<https://cocvenezuela.net>

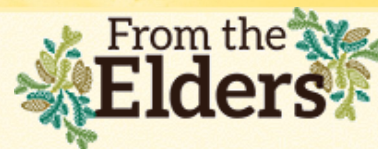
## CONNECT

**NEW CHRISTIANS CLASS** Every Sunday at 10:30 am a Bible class is offered especially for new Christians currently studying "Understanding the Books of the Bible" which meets in Room #402.

**The Bible Lesson Preparation & Delivery Class for Men & Women** taught by Kevin Patterson will resume today at 2-4 pm, meeting in the Hospitality Room.

**Fishers of Men Class** is coming in September-class will be held on 11 consecutive Sundays beginning September 13th through November 22nd from 2-5 pm. Cost is \$75. per person for the materials. Please sign up if interested at the Information desk for ordering of books.

**BE TRANSFORMED Gospel Meeting** will be held here on Sunday-Wednesday, September 20-23rd. Please pick up a flyer and invite someone you know.



Attention Parents & Children  
Please no running inside the church building. No children are allowed on the pulpit area.  
Please run & play safely outside on the playground.  
Thank you!



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| Sunday Attend Total    | 297 |
| Sunday English Worship | 216 |
| Sunday Spanish Worship | 81  |
| Sunday English Classes | 167 |
| Sunday Spanish Classes | 40  |
| Wednesday Attend Total | 102 |
| Wednesday English      | 84  |
| Wednesday Spanish      | 18  |

## Remember in Your Prayers...

### WB MEMBER

- Baby Antonio Ali
- Bob & Carolyn Bell
- Rodney Cobham Family
- Jose DáVila
- Maria-Paula DeRosa
- Kim Johnson
- Paula Johnson
- Billy & Gabby Lovell
- Eddie Murphy
- The Patterson Family
- Bill Peeples
- Betty Pennington
- Kenzy Reyes
- Olman Rodriguez
- Teck Waters

### RELATIVES/FRIENDS

- Alicia Beltran (L. Allen)
- Quana Cooks (T. Harrell)
- Glynn Harrell (T. Harrell)
- Kena Harris (C. Harris)
- Elise Johnson (J. Drisdorn)
- Chris Lake (D. Koch)
- Robert Middleton (B. Middleton)
- Marty Welden Family (K. Patterson)
- Ann Stone (B. Stone)
- Donna Williams Family

### MILITARY

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



See Steve or Joan Lee to help in the Children's Ministry for the Fall Quarter. Teachers & Assistants needed for K-5th Grades September through November

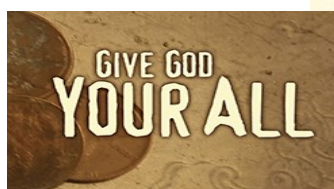


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THANK YOU!



## Send a Smile to Someone Today:

**PATTERSON FAMILY**, 2208 Clifton Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (Sheri's recent passing)  
**BOB BELL**, 3505 Oaks Way, Apt. 306, Pompano Beach, FL 33069 (hospitalized with pneumonia)  
**BETTY PENNINGTON**, 1761 NW 91st Ave., Plantation, FL 33322 (knee replacement surgery)  
**BILL PEEPLES**, 705 West Cove Dr., Mountain Rest, SC 29664 (had hospital stay last week)  
**TECK WATERS**, 120 Highland Road, Lineville, AL 36266 (leukemia)  
**KIM JOHNSON**, Your Life of Coconut Creek, 5461 Johnson Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33073 (recently moved)  
**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)