

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<b>Date:</b> February 5, 2017 <b>Title:</b> "The Great Invitation: Salt and Light and Righteousness Abounding" <b>Theme:</b> Evangelism <b>Purpose:</b> In light of who and what God is blessing and how different that is from what is in the world, how do we then live? As salty, light-shining people whose righteousness abounds! <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 58:1-12 <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 5:13-20	<b>Date:</b> February 12, 2017 <b>Title:</b> "UMW Sunday"
<b>Date:</b> February 19, 2017 <b>Title:</b> "The Great Invitation: And Now Your Reward" <b>Theme:</b> Evangelism <b>Purpose:</b> Growing in holiness of heart and life: Jesus reminds us of ways we can stay on or stray from the trail God's kingdom blazes for us in this life. <b>Old Testament:</b> Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 5:38-48	<b>Date:</b> February 26, 2017 <b>Title:</b> "The Great Invitation: Shine!" <b>Theme:</b> Evangelism <b>Purpose:</b> Celebrate the exaltation of Jesus and in anticipation of our own transfiguration. That hope, that vision, drives us not to stay where we are on the mountaintop, but to get into the valley of sin and suffering and be a healing and formative presence for all who seek God's salvation with us in the weeks of Lent that lie ahead. <b>Old Testament:</b> Exodus 24:12-18 <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 17:1-9
<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday's Service Information</u></b></p> <p><b>Traditional Service</b> – For those that love that "Old Time Religion", we have a traditional worship service that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am.</p> <p><b>Blended Service</b> – Not too bold, not too mild...just right. Our Blended service combines the best of our traditional and contemporary worship services. The Blended service is every Sunday at 10:30 am. There is also Children's Church available for kids 5 yrs. old through grade 3 and a nursery for infants and toddlers.</p>	

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**Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday – Office Closed.**

## Newsletter and Bulletin Deadlines

We have a lot of ministries and events going on at Burton and it is important to get the word out regarding them. So, please remember the *deadline for getting information into the weekly bulletin is on Wednesdays. The deadline for monthly Beacon articles is the 20 of each month.* Please send all information that you want placed in the bulletin or in the Beacon to the office at [bae\\_bmumc@att.net](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net).

*DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!*

## February Birthdays:

## February Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Debbie Khanna	1 <sup>st</sup>	Priscilla Zarub	18 <sup>th</sup>
Lucy Given	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helen Robertson	19 <sup>th</sup>
Phillip Atkin	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark Hulsbeck	20 <sup>th</sup>
James Kirkman	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annette Hills	21 <sup>st</sup>
Janet Atkin	4 <sup>th</sup>	Melba Benson	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Crystal Boarruso	6 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Grove	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Sarah Hoover	8 <sup>th</sup>	Joann Waits	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Marty Waits	14 <sup>th</sup>	Neil Gallichan	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Susan Troy	15 <sup>th</sup>		
		Rene & Shirley Held	27 <sup>th</sup>

# The Beacon

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## Kerry's Korner

### A POSSIBLE METHOD OF EVANGELISM?

A Christian man owned a barber shop. One night, at a revival meeting, the barber felt greatly burdened to do more with his testimony for Christ. The next evening, the barber began attending a "soul winners' class" at his church. He attended faithfully every night for two weeks. He rehearsed all the material, took extensive notes, and memorized the assigned Bible verses. At the end of the two weeks he received a plaque acknowledging his completion of the course.

The next morning, in the barber shop, he hung the plaque and bowed his head. "Dear Lord," he prayed, "help me to witness to the first man to come through that door this morning." At that moment in walked the biggest, meanest, foulest man the barber had ever seen. It seems this man had recently lost a bet with some "biker" buddies and now he had to get his head shaved. Needless to say, the barber did not feel very comfortable quoting the "Roman Road" to a man with a tattoo on his neck.



The rest of the day did not go any better for the barber. At 5:00 pm, the barber was sobbing with shame. He had not witnessed to a single person. He bowed his head again. This time he prayed, "Lord, if you will allow one more opportunity, I promise I will do my part." At that, the door opened and in walked a pleasant looking gentleman. The man smiled at the barber, apologized for coming in so late and took a seat in the chair.

As the barber draped the man in his protective sheet, he began to try to remember what he was supposed to say. He began to get very confused. As the barber put shaving cream on the man's face, he tried to remember the answers he had learned to the possible objections. As the barber began to strop his razor, he realized that he simply could not remember a thing he had learned. This made the barber very nervous and soon sweat began to break out on his forehead.

Finally, in desperation, he shook the razor at the man and screamed, "ARE YOU PREPARED TO DIE??!!!"

*I am  
the Bread  
of Life*

*John 6:35*



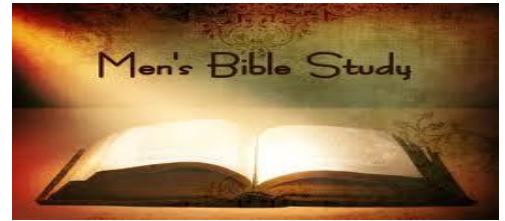
During the months of January and February, I have and will be preaching a sermon series about evangelism called: The Great Invitation. We have affirmed that there are many ways to share one's story and invite people to church. Many people get nervous when they hear the word evangelism and some go cold with fear when they attempt to evangelize others.

But remember, evangelism is nothing more than sharing good news with others and there are many ways that can be done. I have once heard it said that evangelism is nothing more than one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. Specifically...the Bread of Life (Jesus).

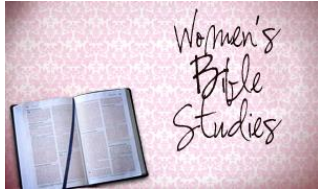
### **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

*All men are invited to meet in the Burton Fellowship Center every Wednesday for fellowship and breakfast from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.*

Pastor Kerry is the facilitator and selects pertinent topics, videos, and scriptures for discussion. Opportunities are provided for prayer requests and events of interest (football, etc.). Breakfast favorites are provided by the men and/or their wives.



### **Women's Bible Study Group**



*The Women's Bible Study Group meets on Wednesday morning 10:00 am in the Joy Classroom. We are studying "If You Want To Walk on Water You've got to Get Out of the Boat" by John Ortberg. For more information or a ride, please call Jo Ann Waits at 305-853-9879 or Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757. All ladies are invited to attend.*

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Join us for knitting or crocheting (learning how to) or just talking in fellowship every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom. After you have completed a shawl, it will be prayed over by the congregation and given to those that could use a reminder that God is with them and there is a church praying for them. For more information, call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.



### **United Methodist Women**



*The February meeting of the UMW will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the home of Edna Waldorf beginning at 7:00 pm. All the women of the church are invited and we hope you can attend. Call Edna 305-451-3753 for directions. **United Methodist Women Sunday is February 12th for the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services.** The women of Burton will be conducting the entire services. Please attend and show your support.*

*Our annual Tea will be March 5th from 2:30 to 5pm. Please be sure and order your tickets early as we will be limiting the number of people to 102. The cost will be \$15 per ticket.*

*March 25 is the UMW South East District Day Apart and will be held at our own Burton Memorial UMC. United Methodist women from Broward, Dade, and Monroe Counties will come to the Keys for a day of spiritual growth. The Guest Speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Audrey Warren of First UMC of Miami. Our local unit here at Burton will be hosting! Hope you will join us. For those needing information or transportation, call Edith at 305-852-9259, or email [tbric52@aol.com](mailto:tbric52@aol.com).*

### **Prayer Bead Ministry**

The United Methodist Women's on-going fundraiser of Prayer Beads has offered us an opportunity to raise funds for local community needs. Our handcrafted Prayer Beads sell for \$15.00 each. They make wonderful gifts for celebrating special occasions or provide comfort to those in need. In addition to selling the beads we offer to teach anyone interested in learning how to make Prayer Beads. All materials will be provided and the maker may purchase the completed set or donate them to the UMW to place into inventory for sale. We also encourage the congregation to purchase the book that inspired us all *A Bead and a Prayer* by Kristen E. Vincent. If you are interested in purchasing or learning to string your own prayer beads please contact Linda Norman at 305-393-2589. Please feel free to call or text or email to [lindalillonorman@gmail.com](mailto:lindalillonorman@gmail.com) to make arrangements.





## Choir News

We are still looking for reinforcements to help us make a joyful noise. ***We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary.*** We practice for an hour. We sing once a month at both services. Singing is good for the lungs and good for the soul and we have a good time doing it. Thanks to all the choir members who have committed their time to come to practice and sing at both services. We are a small but mighty group now but hope with our 50/50 people or new attendees to Burton Memorial that we can add to our group. See you in church. If you have any questions about the choir, please call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522.



## Passionate Worship Committee Meeting

***Our next meeting of the Passionate Worship Committee will be on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.*** If you have an interest in making worship a meaningful experience, please join us and share your ideas. The areas of Passionate Worship Committee are: Greeters & Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Music, Altar Guild, Children's Church, and Drama. Those in charge of these areas, please put this date on your calendar. The music part will be at the end of the meeting so we can have an in depth discussion with those who are involved. We will discuss Lent and Easter. We welcome any new ideas you have that would improve the worship experience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522 or email her at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com).

## Membership and Information Class

***On Sunday, February 12, we will have a membership and information class in the Pastor's Office at 1:30 pm.*** If you would like to discover more about Burton Memorial United Methodist Church and what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church, please just show up. If after the class, you would like to become a member of Burton Memorial United Methodist Church, we can make that happen.



Interested in playing bells but have no experience? ***New ringers are being sought to play in a beginner's bell choir.*** If you are interested please contact RaeLeigh Gonsalves at [rgonsa2910@yahoo.com](mailto:rgonsa2910@yahoo.com), after service on Sunday, or the church office. Come and ring with us!

## Beginner's Bell Choir

## Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar is open for 2017. Flowers can be placed in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, in loving memory of someone, in honor of someone or to the Glory of God. We have been asked about the change from cut flowers to orchids, and why don't we just buy an artificial plant? There is no church policy prohibiting artificial flowers, however, according to the principle of integrity for worship, no appointments in the sanctuary should appear to be something they are not. **"United Methodist Altars: A Guide for the Congregation"** includes a section on the proper uses of flowers for worship, which says,

***"Since flowers symbolize the resurrection, and in keeping with the principle of integrity, no type of artificial flower or plant is appropriate to the environment of worship." The "principle of integrity" means that "everything should express to the worshiper the qualities of truth, integrity, simplicity, and purity. Anything that expresses falseness or pretense, or that is gaudy or cheaply ornate, should be avoided."***

In order to keep this principle of integrity, it is the decision of the Altar Guild with the Passionate Worship Committee to place a living orchid or seasonal plant on Sunday. As a living plant, it continues its life as opposed to cut flowers which eventually wilt and die. We understand this is a change, and with change, it will take some time to get used to it. Anyone with questions can contact the Altar Guild chairperson, RaeLeigh Gonsalves, at [rgonsa2910@yahoo.com](mailto:rgonsa2910@yahoo.com), or the Passionate Worship chairperson, Carlene Jarboe, at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com). We would be glad to talk to you.



## God's Kitchen

As we all know, the tradition of Thursday night's God's Kitchen meals are an important service to our community that Burton performs. Many thanks to the volunteers over the last few months. *If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.*



## Rummage Ramble/Youth Car Wash



*The BMUMC annual Rummage Ramble and Youth Car Wash is coming soon. You may drop off your donations February 13 through the 17 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The actual rummage ramble will be **Saturday, February 18 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.** Please make sure all donations are in working order and clothing is clean. Along with the rummage sale, the youth group of the church will be doing a car wash. The proceeds from the car wash will help to reduce the cost of youth trips. **While you shop you can get your car washed. We also need help pricing and organizing the items** for the Rummage Ramble and will be working every day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, February 13 through the 17. **We also need help the day of the sale, February 18.** If you have any questions or would like to help please contact the church office at 305-852-2581.*



## Trustee Rummage Ramble Preparation

There will be a work day on Saturday, February 11, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, to prepare for the ramble.



## Thursday Night Bible Study Group

*Every Thursday night, there is a Bible Study from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Tom Simpson's home. All are invited to attend. For more information or a ride, please call Tom at 305-393-7707.*

## Status of Offerings

It is important to understand that the weekly offerings through the collection plate and website are what pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.

Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
1	1-Jan	\$2,100	\$3,536	-1,436	\$2,100	\$3,536	-1,436
2	8-Jan	\$5,096	\$3,536	1,560	\$7,196	\$7,073	123
3	15-Jan	\$2,980	\$3,536	-556	\$10,176	\$10,609	-433
4	22-Jan	\$4,539	\$3,536	1,003	\$14,715	\$14,145	570



## Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving

For the past several years, we have offered an "Online Giving" option for making one time contributions or regular offerings to Burton. Recently, the provider of this service changed their software program, which caused the Online Giving feature of our website to become inoperable. The problem has been corrected and the Online Giving function can again be accessed at <http://www.bmumc.net>. In the upper right section of the home page, click on the "GIVE ONLINE" tab to go to the Online Donation page.

The Online Giving option offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. For example, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Donations can be one-time or recurrent and can be made from a credit or debit card or from a checking or savings account. After making a donation, you will receive a confirmation receipt at your email address within minutes. All transactions are processed by the Vanco system, which has been certified to the highest level of Payment Card Industry Data Security standards.





## Operation Christmas Child

Through your love and support we were able to send 233 shoebox gifts to hurting children around the world. They will be a part of the 12 million shoe box gifts that are being distributed. They are also a part of the 5,027 shoe boxes that were received from the Keys/South Dade churches. Thank you for your generosity and love for all God's Children!

Please continue to pray for the millions of boys and girls who will be receiving gift-filled shoe boxes and gospel literature telling the story of God's love, and for the ministry partners as they distribute the shoe box gifts and share God's love with the children and their families. Your prayers are appreciated. Julie Ratliff



## The Secret Sauce to a Healthier You

We are excited to be re-starting our journey toward better health together at Burton. We will learn practical tools and resources to bring health into every area of our lives. Together we will make small changes that lead to big results and our journey will be one of progress, not perfection. Our journey will be based on The Daniel Plan which is framed around "The Essentials": Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends – life areas that all work together to restore and sustain your long-term health. Faith is the foundation with God as the source of the power and the energy behind all transformational change. You will discover that you have a part to play in getting healthier and God will energize your efforts. We have learned that doing The Daniel Plan in community, with a group of friends is the “secret sauce”. People who do the program together lose 50% more weight! I hope that you will join us at Burton's Fellowship Center on Mondays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm for support, fellowship, learning, and fitness. If you are unable to join us on that day, please contact Debbie Premaza, RN, BSN at 305-546-6682 for other opportunities to support each other in your health journey.

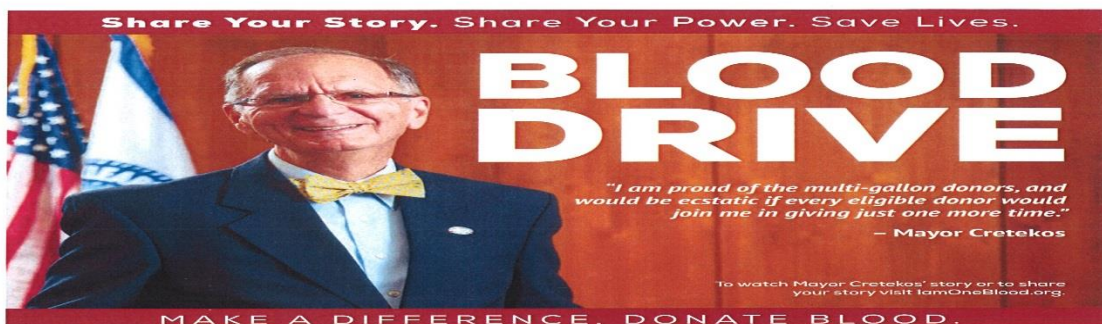


**Free Blood Pressure Checks**  
Monroe County Fire Rescue Department will be providing *free blood pressure checks in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 am services.*

## February Blood Drive

***Sunday, February 12, 2017 the Big Red Bus will be in the Burton parking lot from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm.***

All those who donate blood that day will receive either a Southernmost Donor long sleeve local art t-shirt or 1 free One Blood fleece blanket and a wellness checkup which includes blood pressure, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. ***Please come and donate blood.***



**Burton Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday, February 12, 2017  
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

*All donors will receive a FREE Long Sleeve Southernmost Donor Local Art T-Shirt PLUS a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!*

*Help us better serve you! Make an appointment online at [www.oneblooddonor.org](http://www.oneblooddonor.org) and use sponsor code #2815*

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Share your power.

Less Than  
**10%**

38% of the population can donate blood—of that, **less than 10% actually do.** Blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from generous blood donors. If every donor gave **just one more** time each year, there would be no more blood shortages.

Find out more at [oneblood.org/JustOneMore](http://oneblood.org/JustOneMore)

**JUST  
ONE  
MORE**

# dV8 Youth Group

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed (dV8) by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Our dV8 youth group meets almost every Sunday at the house of our pastor:

Kerry Foote  
123 High Street  
Tavernier, Florida  
305-407-7040

*If the dV8 meeting will not be there, it will be announced in advance along with the place and time it has been moved.* Usually there are games, lessons, and sometimes movies. There is always food and great fellowship. Friends are always welcome. Things that we will be doing in February are:

**February 5<sup>th</sup>: (Super Bowl Party / 5:00 til game is over)** – We will kick off the festivities at 5:00 pm with pregame festivities. Then we will sit down for the games that starts at 6:30 pm. There will be plenty of food and drinks so be sure to bring your friends.



Act of  
Random  
Kindness

**February 12<sup>th</sup> (Act of Random Kindness / 5:00 to 7:00)** – We will start out at the parsonage. After some brief instructions, we break up into groups and pick from a list of Acts of Random Kindness to be performed. Then the youth will be released to the streets to bring some joy and happiness to others.

**February 19<sup>th</sup>: (Spoons Tournament)** – This is one that we have not played in a while. We will be having a spoons tournament with the golden spoon trophies going to the winner. You have to be quick and alert for this game. Friends are welcome.



**February 26<sup>th</sup>: (Outdoor Bible Study)** – Will be enjoying a little outdoor Bible Study around the fire pit in the back yard of the parsonage. We will also be making smores to go along with the study.

## Airsoft Games

*Our dV8 youth group has resumed playing airsoft on specific Sundays of the month. Those wanting to play are encouraged to show up at 3:00 pm on specified Sundays wearing long sleeved clothing and pants. We will be dividing up into two teams: **Red Dawn and Team America**. Youth can bring their own guns and we have some extras that we can supply for those that do not have their own. Also, **youth are not allowed to play without eye protection gear**. This month the youth will be playing Airsoft on February 5, 12, 19, & 26.*

## **Christmas Eve Thank You Cards**

*We recently received two thank you cards from visitors to our area over the holidays for the Christmas Eve Services.*

Happy New Year! We wanted to take a moment to thank you for making us feel so welcome at your church on Christmas Eve. We live in Orlando and have a place in Tavernier. We were down for the holidays and really enjoyed attending your church for Christmas Eve. We attend a large church in Longwood, FL and the experience of the small church in Tavernier was inspiring. Blessings to you, your family and your church this upcoming year.

While visiting my son in Key Largo, we went to the Christmas Eve service at Burton Memorial UMC. Thanks to you and the entire church for such a meaningful and joyous celebration (especially the children). As an active volunteer at the Food Pantry here at Auburn UMC, it is always in my heart to help provide food for those in need wherever it exists. Please put this to use in your community. Thank you!

## **Prayer Shawl Thank you**

To: Burton Prayer Shawl Ministry,

I sent one of the prayer shawls you made to my former sister-in-law who is suffering from a very rare form of cancer. She is one of the nicest people in the world and a very devout Catholic. Her operation was only partially successful and the type of cancer she has is not susceptible to chemotherapy. As she continues to heal from her operation and pursue other alternative treatments I thought being surrounded with your shawl and our prayers would help her. This is part of the letter I received back from her.

*"First of all, I want to thank you SO MUCH for the prayer shawl. I received it today and was so touched! It is the best gift that I have received. I know you will think I am crazy but I felt like I could feel the comfort internally when I held the shawl. I did not read your card or the United Methodist Women card until after I held the shawl. I love the story with the "red" string of yarn. Thank you so much for it and your kind words of support and prayers."*

So, thank you very much for the effort you expend in making these shawls. Together with the prayers, I really do believe they provide comfort and healing.

Sincerely,

Kay Comer



It is time to register for our **2017 District Training Event on February 4, 2017 at Christ Church UM in Ft. Lauderdale**. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Breakout sessions target a variety of exciting and specific church leadership topics. You will be able to choose one training for each of the two sessions. We are also providing a lunch box if you choose to have one. The registration form is available through our SE District website: <http://www.southeastdistrictfac.org>.

## **Contribution Statements**

Your giving statements will be mailed, or emailed if we have your email address, by the end of next week. If you do not receive them by mid-February, please call Betsy at the church office, 305-852-2581, or email her at [bae\\_bmumc@att.net](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net)