

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<b>Date:</b> November 5, 2017 <b>Title:</b> A Season of Saints <b>Theme:</b> All Saints Sunday <b>Purpose:</b> God has drawn every one of those whom we have known and loved and seeks to draw us all into the innermost circle of God's throne, into the Holy of Holies in God's heavenly temple. <b>Old Testament:</b> Deuteronomy 7:6-8 <b>New Testament:</b> Revelation 7:9-17	<b>Date:</b> November 12, 2017 <b>Title:</b> A Season of Saints <b>Theme:</b> Stories of the Saints <b>Purpose:</b> What is the primary distinguishing mark of the stories saints tell? They are stories of deliverance, stories of salvation, and never stories merely of personal or family accomplishment. How will God help you tell your story the way the saints do? <b>Old Testament:</b> Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 <b>New Testament:</b> 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
<b>Date:</b> November 19, 2017 <b>Title:</b> A Season of Saints <b>Theme:</b> Thanksgiving of the Saints <b>Purpose:</b> How might a life of thanksgiving for God's mighty acts of salvation, unfolding from day to day, give you strength to tell the story of the saints and wear the clothing of the saints with confidence and joy? <b>Old Testament:</b> Deuteronomy 8:7-18 <b>New Testament:</b> Luke 17:11-19	<b>Date:</b> November 26, 2017 <b>Title:</b> A Season of Saints <b>Theme:</b> Shepherd of the Saints / Christ the King Sunday <b>Purpose:</b> Christ, our Shepherd-King gathers and makes saints from the most marginalized, damaged, abused, abandoned people on earth, leading the saints to eternal life now and in the new creation. <b>Old Testament:</b> Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 <b>New Testament:</b> Ephesians 1:15-23

## Sunday's Service Information

**Traditional Service** – For those that love that “Old Time Religion”, we have a traditional worship service that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am.

**Blended Service** – 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 K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and a nursery for infants and toddlers.

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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!*

## November Birthdays:

## November Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Kimmy Beerkircher	3	Allison Barry	12	Mary Lou & Jerry Wilkinson	12
Maverick Gilliland	3	Sonja Lopez	13	George & Delores Leber	20
Alan Ackenhausen	7	Erin Muir	18	George & Barbara Stroud	23
Evelyn Hardee	8	Dave Gilliland	21		
Lane Franz	8	Carl Catalano	26		
Richard Lancaster	8	Sylvia Murphy	27		
Edward Holly	11	Michael Beni	29		

# The Beacon

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## Methodist Way (Explanation of our 2018 Talent/Gift Commitment Form)



### Radical Hospitality

Christian hospitality refers to the active desire to invite, welcome, receive and care for those who are strangers, so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ.

It describes a genuine love for others who are not yet a part of the faith community, an outward focus, a reaching out to those whom we do not yet know, a love that motivates us to openness and adaptability, a willingness to change behaviors in order to accommodate to the needs and receive the talents of newcomers.

### Passionate Worship

What is passionate about our worship is not that it is done in a particular order or technique or style. What is passionate about our worship is the relationship of faith we have toward Christ as we gather to worship.

Having said this, what we do in worship at the functional level – the particular acts of worship, how we attend to God’s Word, how we celebrate the sacred acts of baptism and Eucharist, the music we use, the space in which we gather, the media we employ, how we are led – can either encourage or be a distraction from our passionate worship.



### Salty Service

Eugene Peterson’s The Message renders **Matthew 5:13** exceptionally well: “Let me tell you why you are here,” says Jesus. “You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.”

Salty Service makes a difference in people’s lives – both those being served and those serving. Salty Service makes us “doers and not hearers only” (**James 1:27**). Salty Service connects the lives of disciples with the ongoing work of Christ in the world. Salty Service restores credibility to those who would share a Gospel of love to a doubting world.

### Intentional Discipling

A consistent hallmark of the Wesleyan tradition has been the conviction that true religion consists not just of right beliefs and right actions, but also involves a heart that is purified by genuine repentance and by true love of God and of one’s neighbor.

The Methodists believed that God had raised them up to promote holiness in every sphere of life. In order to help people grow in holiness of life, the Wesley’s placed persons in classes and societies where they received encouragement and were held accountable as they learned to walk in Christ.



### Extravagant Generosity

A retired minister once remarked, “The last part of a person’s life that Christ seems to gain Lordship over is their checkbook.” Bishop Schnase evidently agreed when he decided to add this fifth practice to “The Methodist way.”

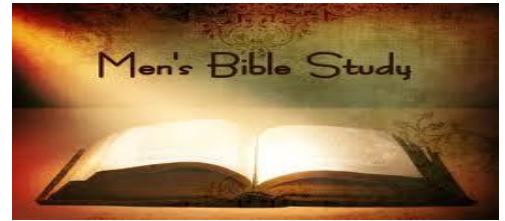
In the last forty years, financial support in mainline denominations, including United Methodism, has dropped from 3.1% of income to 2.3%. It is not just in the area of tithing that Christians have declined in their generosity. The church has seen a drop in church attendance (our presence), talents (volunteering for the church) and prayer.

**Please turn in completed Commitment Forms in offering plates on Sunday morning or bring them by the church during the week (Mon – Thur 9:00 to 4:00 pm). You can also mail them to: BMUMC / 93001 Overseas Hwy / Tavernier FL 33070**

## **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

*All men are invited to meet in the Burton Fellowship Hall 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 is on vacation for the fall. Please watch for an announcement in the December issue for the next meeting.*

## **Membership and Information Class**



*On Sunday, November 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.

## **Flower Calendar**

The Flower Calendar for 2017 is ready for you! Please consider placing flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or something (such as a ministry or event) or to the Glory of God! Cost is \$20.00 per arrangement. There are still lots of Sundays open – so sign up! The calendar is in the Narthex or contact the church office. Only two orchids per Sunday will be purchased.



## **Passionate Worship Committee Meeting**

*Our church is in need of help in the following areas:* Greeters & Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Music, Altar Guild, Children's Church, and Drama. If you can commit to any of these areas in need, please contact Carlene so she can guide you to those in charge of that area. It is important to contribute to our church family, so pick your area and get involved.

*Our next meeting of the Passionate Worship Committee will be Monday, November 13, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.* Those who are involved in this committee, please mark your calendars. Feel free to join us and share your ideas.

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 at 301-655-0522 or email her at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com).



## **Choir News**

*We will begin practice again starting on November 1 to get ready for the Christmas season. We practice on Wednesday from 6:00 pm until about 7:00 pm. This is an earlier time slot than our normal practice so those who are planning to attend please make note of this time change.* This would be a great time to try the choir out. We usually sing on the fourth Sunday of the month; however, this is subject to change. We will be singing on November 26, so I would like to schedule December 10 and 24 for the choir also. We are always looking for new singers. Singing is good for the body and soul. If you have any questions about the choir, please feel free to call the choir director, Carlene Jarboe, at 301-655-0522.





## **Ringin' News**

***Looking for a few good ringers!*** The Burton Ringers are looking for new members. Ringer practice is 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm every Wednesday in the Sanctuary. Some musical experience is preferred. God offers the BEST benefit package around! Come and join the bell choir. See any bell choir member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.



There's a new choir in town – and it's just for kids! The KIDSRING Choir is a beginning bell choir that meets each Sunday during the first 15 minutes of Children's Church during the 10:30 am service. The choir is open to children age 5 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. All children who meet the age requirement are invited to join! For more information please contact the Church Office or RaeLeigh Gonsalves at [rgonsa2910@yahoo.com/305-522-9361](mailto:rgonsa2910@yahoo.com/305-522-9361).

## **KIDSRING Choir**

## **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	+ / -
41	8-Oct	\$1,601	\$2,177	-576	\$108,921	\$110,320	-1,399
42	15-Oct	\$2,034	\$2,177	-143	\$110,955	\$112,497	-1,542
43	22-Oct	\$1,959	\$2,177	-218	\$112,914	\$114,674	-1,760
44	29-Oct	\$2,404	\$2,177	227	\$115,318	\$116,851	-1,533

## **Operation Christmas Child - The Power of a Simple Gift**

***Operation Christmas Child*** brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 146 million shoe box gifts have been delivered to boys and girls in some 130 nations. Through evangelistic materials and follow-up discipleship programs, millions of children and family members have heard the Gospel for the first time and many have made life changing decisions for Jesus Christ.

This is the eighteenth year that our church family here at Burton has participated in this wonderful ministry, which is a project of Samaritan's Purse. (Samaritan's Purse is a worldwide Christian relief organization headed by Rev. Franklin Graham). Last Year, we gave 233 gift-filled and love-filled shoe boxes. Here is how you can make a difference in the lives of these children:

***Pray.*** Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift and that He will bring many Children and families to faith in Christ.

***Pack a gift.*** Pack a gift-filled shoe box and bring it to the church by the deadline, Sunday, November 12.

***Give.*** Please remember to give \$9.00 per box to cover shipping costs.

If you need a brochure, shoe box or more information, please see Julie Ratliff at church on Sundays, or call her at 305-747-6870.



## **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**

There is a packing party for shoeboxes at First Baptist Church MM 99 on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 pm. You do not need to bring anything except yourself and hands willing to stuff shoeboxes. Hope to see you there.

## Hangin' of the Greens

Yes, it's time again! The congregation is invited to participate in getting the church ready for the upcoming Advent season. ***On Saturday, December 2, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, you are invited to be a part of the decorating of the sanctuary.*** Come and join in! We promise lots to do, tons of fun and plenty of Christmas spirit, along with great breakfast foods and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to be a part. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Poinsettias

We are excited to again offer you an opportunity to help make our sanctuary beautiful with our poinsettias. ***Poinsettias in a pot are \$25.00 this year; this will be for 12-20 flower average per pot.*** You may purchase them in memory or honor of someone or to the Glory of God. These flowers will grace our sanctuary on December 17 and December 24. We ask that you please plan to take them home on December 24 after our services. Please be a part of this wonderful ministry of flowers. Envelopes will be available soon in the bulletins so please be on the lookout. ***The deadline for purchase is December 3.***

## Hurricane Irma Food Drive Donation

Below is a picture of one of the many generous donations the food pantry has received from members of our community over the past few weeks. This one was collected during a food drive at a local restaurant and delivered by members of the Sheriff's office.



## Thanksgiving Luncheon

***Burton Memorial will be hosting a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 23, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.***

This luncheon will be open to the community and provide a good meal and great fellowship for those who might not have family or friends in the area this Thanksgiving season.

***We will need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean.*** There will be a preparation night on **Wednesday, November 22** from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. in the kitchen. Then there will be cooking, setting up, serving, and cleaning on November 23 starting at 10:00 am and going to 3:00 pm. If you would like to help Burton in providing this uplifting outreach to the community, please contact the church at 305-852-2581 or you can sign-up in the Narthex following the 8:30 am or 10:30 am worship service starting November 12, 2017.





## **College Ministry**

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

This year we welcome James Kirkman to the group of college students whom we support. James is a first year student at FKCC, and he brings our group to an even dozen. Below is a list of the students we are supporting:

Kayla Lynn de Vroedt- granddaughter of Gene and Virginia Spear – Miami Dade Community College

Reid Bennett- son of Leslie Bennett- Elite Animation Academy

Lee and Sarah Bowman – grandchildren of Claude and Betty Bullock – Birmingham Southern College

Ryan Bowman – grandson of Claude and Betty Bullock – Florida Gulf Coast University

Shannon Premaza- daughter of Debbie Premaza- Florida SW Edison College

Rebecca Fernandez – granddaughter of Don and Nancy Mills – University of Arizona

Natasha Murphy – granddaughter of Sylvia Murphy – Santa Fe College

Jenna Johnson – granddaughter of Marty and Joanne Waits – Christopher Newport University

Joshua Waits – grandson of Marty and Joanne Waits – UNC

Sara Waits – granddaughter of Marty and Joanne Waits – Regent University

Daniel Walker – daughter of Marshall and Debra Walker – FSU



The school term is well under way for these students so please include them in your prayers that they might feel the Lord's presence in their lives and, with His help, have a successful semester.

We are still accepting names and addresses of students for Burton's college ministry. If you know of any student who would like to receive our monthly letters and prayers, please give this information to Betsy in the church office or email me directly at [b1e1k1@aol.com](mailto:b1e1k1@aol.com).

## **Church Charge Conference 2017**

Our annual church charge conference meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10, at Matecumbe United Methodist Church, 81831 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL 33036. Everyone is welcome to attend. The worship service begins at 3:45 pm, followed by a 4:30 pm Church Conference.



## **Message from the Green Team**

Edith Bricker



The Green Team *Clarifies* the relationship between climate change and hurricanes: Right now the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says there is low confidence in attributing changes in hurricane *activity* to rising temperatures. However, though, "The evidence is that there is not really going to be an increase in the number of tropical cyclones, there is certainly some evidence that the strongest hurricanes will become more intense," according to climate scientist Richard Allan. "In terms of the rainfall and the storm surges (there's) very strong evidence that the amount of rain that will fall out of these intense hurricanes will be greater and storm surges will be higher and more deadly."



## **Free Blood Pressure Checks**

Every Sunday Monroe County Fire Rescue Department will be providing **free blood pressure checks in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 am service.**



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### **Local News:**

This month's UMW monthly meeting will be on **Monday, November 27, at Edna Waldorf's home, at 7:00 pm.** Please contact Edna or the church office for directions to her house. All women of any denomination are welcome to attend.

### **District and Conference News:**

***The forty-fourth Florida Conference Annual Meeting will be held on November 4, 2017 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, FL.*** Registration begins at 9:00 am. The guest speaker is Dee Beggarly, the Florida Conference Representative to the Cuba Methodist Seminary.

***The Celebration of the Beloved Community is the way the South East District United Methodist Women begins the Christmas season.*** Together we gather in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, to show case our cultures in dance, song, music, skits, readings, and FOOD. If you want to know more about our cultural feast, ask the seven Burton members who attended in 2016. It was a culinary delight....we even had German chocolate cake and whole little crabs on top of piled-high plates of food. The South East District is like none other when it comes to diversity....maybe New York City or San Francisco compete with our SE District, but I'll take Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and, now, the southern part of Palm Beach County any day. We even have Koreans in attendance, now. I count three races, and at least seven ethnicities....and somehow we all get along just fine. So won't you join us? ***Come to the United Methodist Women's South East District Celebration of the Beloved Community, December 9, at Villages UMC in North Lauderdale, 9:00 am to about 12:30 pm or 1:00 pm...and bring your children and a white elephant gift.***

For more information about District and Conference UMW events, call Edith at 305-852-9259.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The UMW would like to thank all who have donated supplies and/or money to purchase supplies so that we can continue this amazing ministry. To date we have handcrafted over 450 Prayer Shawls and have touched so many lives with the healing power that reaches the recipients with the Power of Prayer. ***During the fall months we will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Joy classroom.*** For more information, please contact Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.



**Prayer Bead Ministry:** Handcrafted Prayer Beads are for sale for \$15.00 each. We have a lovely selection in our current inventory. We are happy to teach those who are interested in learning how to make Prayer Beads. You may borrow the book that inspired us all, *A Bead and a Prayer*, by Kristen E. Vincent. It is located in the Narthex on UMW Book Shelf. ***Please contact us if you would like to purchase or learn to string your own prayer beads.*** Please call or text Kim Youngblood at 443-207-4000, or email her at [kyoungblood528@yahoo.com](mailto:kyoungblood528@yahoo.com) to make arrangements.



## **CDC Staff Reflection of Thursday, September 21's "Community Outreach"**

Nilda and her staff of the CDC went down south in the keys as far as Big Pine, delivering food they had cooked that morning and lunch boxes prepared by one of our local restaurants. Here are some of the reflections that the CDC staff shared during their morning prayer as a result of yesterday's community outreach!



1. AMABLE, Lucia - as a Mother I cook for my family all the time. But yesterday with the inspiration of Ms. B - I put all passion into my cooking when Ms. B said that whatever she is doing today is for all those victims who died in the recent hurricanes - Harvey, Irma, Maria and the recent victims of the earthquake that hit Mexico city, I cooked for those strangers for my son-who died from motorcycle a while back. Can't believe was able to complete the task in an hour, Ms. B wants it done and fast, did it fast putting all the love and passion in my heart into my cooking for my son, Joselito. Amazed when all those strangers ate like they had not eaten before and it made my heart swell with pride! Thank you Ms. B!

2. CRAM, Gloria - the experience yesterday will stick into my life forever. It was like a spiritual experience, something happened to me that I cannot understand. I came home quiet and reflecting life...my life and the joy I saw on the eyes of those strangers filled my heart with love, I found peace.

3. CURBELO, Margie - the whole experience had me homesick of my families in Cuba. It reminded me of my small community in my town when everyone shares what we have to each other (salt, sugar, rice, even fire or matches). Living in a communist country with a small ration for the whole month was hard but we were happy because we shared the little we had with each other. Yesterday, I finally saw that here in USA- people regardless of race just smiling, laughing, and eating together. In my neighborhood where I reside now in Key Largo, no one knows who your neighbor is, but yesterday neighbor or not there was care, love, and compassion. Thank you for that inspiration Ms. B.

4. HOWELL, Yuri - the realization that all human races are the same. When faced with tragedy this huge, humanity work together as one regardless of your language. What I saw is one language - the language of LOVE and COMPASSION. Just wish I could have done more in my capacity as a woman, as a mother of 3 and as an early childhood professional. On Monday, I will hug each one of my children in my class tightly and whisper to each one I care and I love them dearly.

5. JOSEPH, Dadou - the experience yesterday taught me the priorities in life. That those small things that I normally take for granted become the most valuable things in life, like drinkable water, ice, AC, communication availability-cellphone working, even the trash bags were important. Not to add more trash to the pile found by the road, everywhere you see debris upon debris made me appreciate the people who collect trash in my neighborhood. The awareness of small and little things become important to me, it is like a realization that everything is connected...which I always remember Ms. B's words, the "domino effect". It was all in all a heartwarming experience.

6. KULCZYNSKI, Robynne - the experience taught me that there is always joy in giving whatever you can give (time, energy, effort). I live in a trailer but the experience made me think to reconsider the FEMA assistance that I will receive to give it back for those who really lost everything (home, clothing, cars, probably even a member of the family). I also knew that the recovery is long and tedious, but the time we spent as a Team yesterday made me love more my job here at the CDC. I know I am accepted, loved, and appreciated that no matter what happens I have a group that I can call - FAMILY!

7. RODRIGUEZ, Raquel Barbara - it made me realize never to complain, never to murmur, never to grumble when asked to do certain task especially from Ms. B. She only means kindness and desire what is good for me and my family. My English is not good when I first came, but am inspired to speak English because I know Ms. B does not laugh at my English...we understand each other, me Cuban, she Chinese (I thought she was Chinese). Yesterday, it made my heart swell because everybody were happy to eat the food. I don't remember if I spoke to them in English or Spanish but they understood me when they saw the plate full of hot food and they smiled. Feeding them every day is good but they are far from where I live...would love to do it every day. If I can I will find that one particular old Lady who was pleading for a bag of ice and I said no because I was afraid to ask Ms. B's ice inside her cooler. And beside we need the ice to cool the drinks we distributed but it made me feel guilty not giving her what she need. I dream to be a Wonder Woman who can fly and kick anytime...sigh... but it was wonderful experience yesterday.

8. WHITEHEAD, Dominique - I felt sad and left out because I had to turn back after the 7 mile bridge due to my college class at 2:00 pm. I didn't want to be absent from my class. But the experience of us together doing something for the community made me appreciate more living here in the Keys. It made me proud of who we are as a small community and what we can become if we work together as one big happy family.

Ms. B's reflection: summed up into this: "HE LEADS I FOLLOW. A whisper, a word, a thought directed to God is Prayer" and do it at the beginning and end of the day as I lay down into a peaceful slumber.



# Ft. Lauderdale Christmas Paget



## OUR STORY (First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale)

FROM THE STREET CORNER TO THE CITY SQUARE, the sights and sounds of Christmas surround us during this wonderful season. We are especially delighted that you have chosen to make the Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant part of your holiday festivities!

**THE FORT LAUDERDALE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** features a festive opening scene with familiar carols in a turn-of-the-century setting, a concert of inspirational contemporary songs, and a musical drama of the nativity and life of Christ.

**ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED ASPECTS** of the Pageant is the role played by young people, featuring hundreds of children and students from weeks-old babies (in the starring role!) to high school seniors who've been part of the Pageant all their lives. For example, a young violin prodigy who grew up in our church became a teenager virtuoso and served as concertmaster for our adult Pageant orchestra before beginning his service with the Marines. In previous years, our kids performed a specially composed "Lauderdilly Christmas" recorded at Disney studios. This original mini-musical was written for the Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant by composers David and Celeste Clydesdale. (The Clydesdales also wrote the new Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom parade, "Share a Dream Come True," as well as the music which serenades the park during the fireworks finale over Cinderella's Castle).



There's always something new each year that can't be missed. This year's ALL NEW Opening Number honors the way we celebrate Christmas in South Florida. With the combination of warm holiday weather and community of diverse cultures, we all know the holiday season in our part of the world is incomparable and this year we are celebrating our uniqueness and our place in the Fort Lauderdale landscape. This will be a one-of-a-kind celebration that brings together family, friends, and loved ones for one joyous afternoon of entertainment and celebration.



The 2017 season will mark the 34th year of the Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant, and we are excited to announce that Burton Memorial has 25 tickets to sale for the **Saturday, December 16, 2017 (2:00 pm) matinee performance.** Tickets will go on sale Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> following the 8:30 and 10:30 worship service in the Narthex. We have secured a block of prime seating in the Mezzanine (*the best place to view the entire performance.*) Tickets cost \$44.00 dollars each and we can accept cash, checks, or credit cards.

To help in travel expenses and enjoy the group experience, we will be renting two 15 passenger vans that will be leaving the parking lot at 10:00 am to travel to this event. We should arrive in Fort Lauderdale by 12:00 pm and there are plenty of restaurants within walking distance that you can enjoy. The show starts at 2:00 pm and last 2 ½ hours with an intermission.

# 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 September are:



## **November 5th: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party- (2:00 to 3:30 pm)**

We are going to a packing party for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at **First Baptist Church MM 99** on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 pm. You do not need to bring anything except yourself and hands willing to stuff shoeboxes. Hope to see you there.

## **November 12<sup>th</sup>: Random Act of Kindness (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) –**

The youth will be meeting at the parsonage to plan and strategize in spreading some joy and kindness for one day. On this day, youth will be divided up into groups and will be given 15 minutes and 15 dollars to go out into the Upper Keys community and find ways to perform an RAK. When each group is finished, we will come back to the parsonage at 6:30 pm to record our RAK and post them on the web site: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/become-a-raktivist> and register our youth group as a RAKtivist. Organization.



## **November 19<sup>th</sup>: Things to be Thankful For (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm)-**

We will be watching a Thanksgiving classic: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles. Neal Page is an advertising executive who just wants to fly home to Chicago to spend Thanksgiving with his family. But all Neal Page gets is misery. Misery named Del Griffith -- a loud mouthed, but nevertheless lovable, salesman who leads Neal on a cross-country, wild goose chase that keeps Neal from tasting his turkey. Following the movie, we will be talking about things that we are thankful for.

## **November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Making and Baking Goodies for Thanksgiving Workers (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm)-**

We will be meeting in the kitchen of the church to bake and pack various goodies that will be delivered to police, fire, and emergency organizations that have to work on Thanksgiving.

## **November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Delivering Some Thanksgiving Goodies (8:00 am to 10:00 am)-**

We will be meeting at the church and going out to deliver some Thanksgiving cheer and saying thank you to people that must work on Thanksgiving.