

Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: June 5, 2016 Title: It is “G” Day! Theme: Graduation Sunday Purpose: To recognize and honor our high school graduates. Old Testament: Proverbs 27:17 New Testament: Romans 14:10-12</p>	<p>Date: June 12, 2016 Title: Sticks and Stones may break our bones but words can break the heart Theme: Gossip and Slander Purpose: To address the evil power of gossip and slander. Old Testament: Proverbs 6:16-19 New Testament: James 1:26</p>
<p>Date: June 19, 2016 Title: Happy Father’s Day Theme: Father’s Day Purpose: To encourage Fathers to step up and fulfill their role in the family and praise those that already do. Old Testament: Exodus 20:12 New Testament: Ephesians 6:1-4</p>	<p>Date: June 26, 2016 Title: The 14th Apostle Theme: Transformation Purpose: To proclaim the transforming power of Christ. Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-33 New Testament: Acts 22:3-16</p>

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.

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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.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

June Birthdays:

June Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Judy Schfer	1	Robyn Wright	20	George & Victoria Pinson	7
Jeri Hansen	4	Ruth Forgan	21	Donald & Gweneth Englebreth	13
Mercy Cruz	7	Wendy Coffman	25	Anne Dunne	16
Julia Lozano	10	Tyler Coffman	25	Bruce & Barbara Swango	18
Carol Chabinak	13	Patricia Cummings	27	Samuel & Erin Muir	20
Tama Hamburg	16	George Leber	28	Jim & Judy Schfer	20
Rebecca Swango	16	Robin Miller	28	Phil & Deborah Locklear	24
Delaney Barry	17	Sean Fredericks	29	Robert & Carol Chabinak	27
Julie Ratliff	19	Blownt King	29	Barbara & Gregory Koch	27
Foster Coffman	20	Rick Swentek	29		

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Kerry's Korner

The Unbaptized Arm

Ivan the Great was the tsar of all of Russia during the Fifteenth Century. He brought together the warring tribes into one vast empire--the Soviet Union. As a fighting man he was courageous. As a general he was brilliant. He drove out the Tartars and established peace across the nation.

However, Ivan was so busy waging his campaigns that he did not have a family. His friends and advisers were quite concerned. They reminded him that there was no heir to the throne, and should anything happen to him the union would shatter into chaos. "You must take a wife who can bear you a son." The busy soldier – statesman said to them that he did not have the time to search for a bride, but if they would find a suitable one, he would marry her.

The counselors and advisers searched the capitals of Europe to find an appropriate wife for the great tsar. And find her, they did. They reported to Ivan of the beautiful dark eyed daughter of the King of Greece. She was young, brilliant, and charming. He agreed to marry her sight unseen.

The King of Greece was delighted. It would align Greece in a favorable way with the emerging giant of the north. But there had to be one condition, "He cannot marry my daughter unless he becomes a member of the Greek Orthodox Church." Ivan's response, "I will do it!"

So, a priest was dispatched to Moscow to instruct Ivan in Orthodox doctrine. Ivan was a quick student and learned the catechism in record time. Arrangements were concluded, and the tsar made his way to Athens accompanied by 500 of his crack troops--his personal palace guard.

He was to be baptized into the Orthodox Church by immersion, as was the custom of the Eastern Church. His soldiers, ever loyal, asked to be baptized also. The Patriarch of the Church assigned 500 priests to give the soldiers a one-on-one catechism crash course. The soldiers, all 500 of them, were to be immersed in one mass baptism. Crowds gathered from all over Greece.



What a sight that must have been, 500 priests and 500 soldiers, a thousand people, walking into the blue Mediterranean. The priests were dressed in black robes and tall black hats, the official dress of the Orthodox Church. The soldiers wore their battle uniforms with all their regalia--ribbons of valor, medals of courage, and their weapons of battle.

Suddenly, there was a problem. The Church prohibited professional soldiers from being members; they would have to give up their commitment to bloodshed. They could not be killers and church members too.

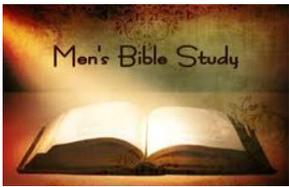
After a hasty round of diplomacy, the problem was solved quite simply. As the words were spoken and the priests began to baptize them, each soldier reached to his side and withdrew his sword. Lifting it high overhead, every soldier was totally immersed--everything baptized except his fighting arm and sword.

That is a true historical fact. The unbaptized arm. What a powerful picture of Christianity today. Christ calls us to give everything we are to God.

Matthew 22:36-40 (NRSV)

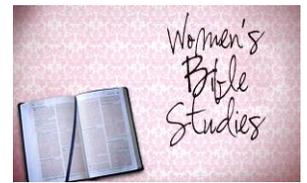
³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with **all your heart**, and with **all your soul**, and with **all your mind**.’” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Is there any part of your heart, soul, or mind that is unbaptized?



Bible Study Group

The Women's and Men's Bible Study Groups are on vacation for the summer. Please watch for an announcement in the fall for the next meetings.



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.** For more information, call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.

United Methodist Women

Burton's United Methodist Women's meetings are the fourth Monday of the month; *however, there will not be a meeting in June or July.*

June 3 – 5 is the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting of UMW in Charleston, South Carolina. We'll be going by train.

June 15 – 18 is the Florida Annual Conference of the UMC in Orlando. We'll be traveling by car.

July 7 – 10 is Mission u in Daytona. We'll be going in a passenger van. All are invited to come along. For more information on United Methodist Women, call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757, or Kim Youngblood at 305-852-7497.



Membership and Information Class



On June 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.

Flower Calendar

Would you like to sponsor the altar flowers? And enjoy them after the second service? *Please sign up to honor, remember, or simply Praise the Glory of God. The Sign-Up Book is located on the podium in the narthex (lobby).* Each orchid is \$20.00 to be paid in advance. It is important for the altar to be adorned each and every week so please help us by selecting a Sunday that has not been filled with two spaces. *A maximum of two flowers* (no exceptions please) will be purchased each Sunday without exception, so sign up early.



The choir is taking a three month break in June, July and August. Rehearsals will start again in September. If you have any questions about the choir, please call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522.

Choir News

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, starting with the Sunday service on May 29.*



College Ministry

By Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

With this student's permission, I have reprinted her letter to me at the end of the semester. I thought that it might encourage those of you who have been praying for our college students to continue that good work as well as hopefully inspire those of you who have not yet taken the opportunity to pray for our students to begin to do so. That task is easier this summer since instead of 13 students we only have 3 enrolled for the summer session. They are: Mark Bricker, Connor Bell and Rachel Peacock. Information about these students is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



If any member of the Burton congregation has a friend, neighbor or family member beginning college in the fall who would like to receive monthly letters and prayers, please email me at (ble1k1@aol.com) or leave their contact information with the church office. They do not need to be a member of our congregation. As soon as it is available, *we need students' mailing addresses, educational institutions and birth dates.* The first mailing is not sent until the beginning of September, but students with summer birthdays receive birthday cards and a small gift.

Thank you for your assistance to me in this ministry.
Barbara Koch

Hello!

I did it! I completed my freshman year of college, and I couldn't have done it without my family, friends, your letters, and the prayers and love from Burton. It has been a long, but rewarding year and I look forward to returning to Christopher Newport in the fall. I will be traveling a bit this summer, and taking an online class for the last few weeks of my break, and the rest of the time I will spend enjoying being with friends and family. I cannot tell you how much it meant to me to get mail and your words of encouragement. I have collected all of the 2 dollar bills and keep them as a reminder that I don't have to do anything alone. I would love to continue with Burton's college ministry in the coming academic year and my information should all stay the same.

Thank you again and I look forward to receiving more letters in the future! Enjoy the summer!

*With love,
Jenna Johnson*

Status of Offerings

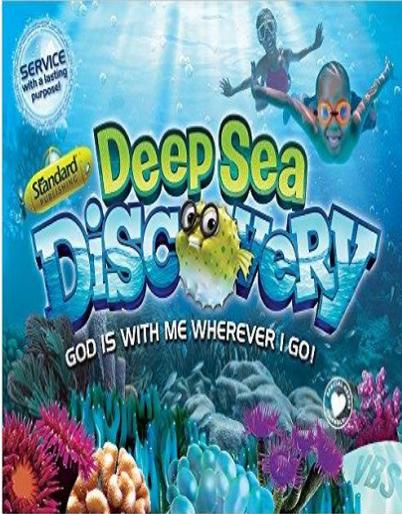
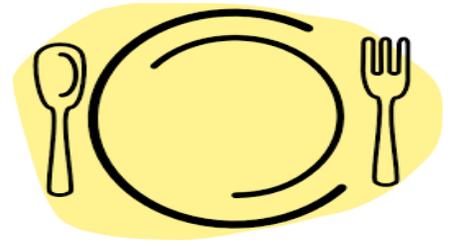
It is important to understand that the weekly offerings through the collection plate and website are what pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.



Last Four Weeks					Year to Date		
Week	Date	Offering	Plan	+ / -	Offering	Plan	+ / -
18	1-May	\$3,434	\$2,381	1,053	\$67,261	\$64,761	2,500
19	8-May	\$2,647	\$2,381	266	\$69,908	\$67,142	2,766
20	15-May	\$1,928	\$2,381	-453	\$71,836	\$69,522	2,314
21	22-May	\$1,535	\$2,381	-846	\$73,371	\$71,903	1,468

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 individuals and groups that have volunteered over the last few months. ***We still need coverage for the second Thursday of each month. We also need coverage for June 30, a fifth Thursday in June.*** No fancy cooking required. Please call the office at 305-852-2581 to volunteer.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year is July 25 to July 29 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Our theme this year is Deep Sea Discovery.

At Deep Sea Discovery, kids dive into God's Word to see how He has been with His people every step of the way. Hands-on service projects and sea science will help kids experience a VBS adventure like no other!

Kids will:

Know that God is always with them!

Explore God's presence in their lives!

Serve God by serving others!

We always need volunteers, too. If you want to help with VBS, please leave your name, phone number, and email with the church office, 305-852-2581.

Our first official meeting of the Vacation Bible School team will be ***Sunday, June 5 in the Joy Classroom at 12:00 pm.*** Refreshments will be provided.

Church Picnic

The Radical Hospitality Team has planned some wonderful fellowship opportunities for 2016. One of the first ones coming up is a ***Church picnic honoring Independence Day.*** This picnic will be at ***Harry Harris Park following the 10:30 am worship service on July 3, 2016.*** This will be a pot luck picnic. The church will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken breast (for our more healthy eaters). The picnic should start up around 12:00 pm. At this event, we will also be ***decorating our float from Burton that we will have in the July 4 parade.*** In addition to float decoration, there will be many picnic games and wonderful fellowship. Hope to see you there. If you would like to help with the setup of this event, please contact Nancy Mills @ 305-342-9541 or Nancy52@bellsouth.net.

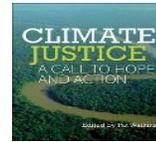
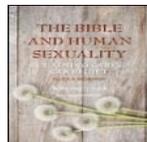
United Methodist Women of the Florida Conference invite you to: Mission U

Date: July 7 – 10, 2016

Registration Deadline: June 22

Place: Bethune-Cookman University
Daytona Beach, FL

Registration forms are online at: flconfumw.org.



Studies: The Bible and Human Sexuality, Climate Justice, Latin America: People and Faith. *Study books can be ordered at <http://www.umwmissionresources.org>. They can also be purchased on site during registration at Mission u.*

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 youth group is open to all adolescents in grades 6 through 12. You do not have to be a member of Burton to attend and friends are always welcome. As a matter of fact, we encourage our youth to BARF at every event. (Bring a Real Friend). **Our normal dV8 events are Sundays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** (with exceptions for special events which will be advertised in advance) at "The Place" a.k.a. the youth room of the education building. Come and enjoy our new and repaired games: **Foosball, Ping Pong, and 5 ft. Jenga Game**. Our new schedule on Sunday is as follows:

5:00 pm to 5:30 pm – Free time- fellowship, music, and games.

5:30 pm to 6:00 pm – Team games and mixers

6:00 pm to 6:15 pm – Large Group meeting

6:15 pm to 6:45 pm – Cell Group meetings

6:45 pm. to 7:00 pm – Dinner



June 5, 2016 (We Are Family): The youth will be meeting in the renovated "Place" and will be doing some strategic group building games. Friends are welcome.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NLT)

One Body with Many Parts

¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.

¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

June 12, 2016 (Atlanta Fest 2016 Orientation): On this particular Sunday, the youth that have signed up for the Atlanta Fest, along with at least one parent or guardian, will be meeting to go over the logistics and expectations of our trip to Atlanta Fest 2016. At this time, your final payment for the trip will be due. You will also be able to fill out your medical release forms and get free notary service provided.

June 19, 2016 (Father's Day): The youth group does not meet on Mother's Day and Father's Day. These are times when families should be together so that youth can enjoy the presence of their parents or guardians.

Exodus 20:12 (NLT)

"Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.



June 26, 2016 (ARK): The youth will be performing an Act of Random Kindness on this day. We will meet at the church at 5:00 pm. There will be a list of ACTS that the youth group can perform.

Matthew 25:40 (NLT)

⁴⁰ "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

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 **3:30 pm** on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month. This month it will be **June 12 and 26**. 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**.

