

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<b>Date:</b> August 6, 2017 <b>Title:</b> What is So Amazing About Grace? <b>Theme:</b> The Grace of God <b>Purpose:</b> Our text tells us about the grace of God and what it does for us. 1- The grace of God brings salvation. 2- The grace of God teaches how to live. 3- The grace of God gives hope. <b>Old Testament:</b> Titus 2:11-15 <b>New Testament:</b> 2 Corinthians 12:9	<b>Date:</b> August 13, 2017 <b>Title:</b> Back to School <b>Theme:</b> Getting the family in shape for back to school, and life in general. <b>Purpose:</b> Providing the congregation with three back to school tips for their families. <b>Old Testament:</b> Psalm 127:1-4 <b>New Testament:</b> John 6:66-68
<b>Date:</b> August 20, 2017 <b>Title:</b> 9 out of 10 ain't bad <b>Theme:</b> Honoring the Sabbath <b>Purpose:</b> This message encourages those who hear it to take time to "rest" and seek God. If we don't take time to know God, we can never love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. <b>Old Testament:</b> Exodus 20:1-17 <b>New Testament:</b> Mark 2:27-28	<b>Date:</b> August 27, 2016 <b>Title:</b> The Gifts of Music <b>Theme:</b> Music through the ages <b>Purpose:</b> How music has been and will continue to be a gift from God for us to use in our daily lives and worship. <b>Old Testament:</b> Psalm 92 <b>New Testament:</b> 1 Peter 4:10-11
<p style="text-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.</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!*

## August Birthdays:

## August Anniversaries:

	DAY		DAY		DAY
Al Jacobsen	1	Michelle Gilliland	17	Ken & Kathy Lasseter	6
Alice Luck	3	Gweneth Englebreth	19	Bob & Betty Mayhew	6
Betty Bullock	5	Mary Lou Wilkinson	20	Marty & JoAnn Waits	12
Neil Shelley	5	Tim Bricker	21	John & Carol Baxter	15
Betty Mayhew	7	Jazmyn Beerkircher	22	Michael & Jill Thomas	16
Gene Spear	10	Kerry Foote	22	Tim & Edith Bricker	23
Patrick Frampton-Hickman	11	Brooke Peacock	24	Dennis & Blair Ellis	31
Carol Ackenhausen	12	John Benson	27		
Trish Gilroy	12	PJ Cummings	27		
Ken Lasseter	12	Remington Gilliland	27		
Brittany Ellis	13	David Gilliland	28		
Vincent Hansen	13	Betty Lou Banks	30		
Jenna Gonsalves	16	William Miller	31		
Barbara Swango	16				

# The Beacon

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**August 2017**



## **Kerry's Korner**

In my 11 years of ministry here at Burton, I have viewed death in many stages. I have arrived at a home or hospital when the individual had recently passed. I have left a home or hospital to discover that within minutes of my departure, the individual had passed. I have been in a hospital room at the request of a wife as they "turn" off the life support machine and I stood beside her as the spouse passed.

Just recently, I was beside an individual that I had really become fond of in a short amount of time. I came at the request of his spouse because she was concerned that he was slipping away. While beside him, I watched him as he took his final breath and passed away. At the request of his spouse, I started performing CPR while we waited for the paramedics to arrive. This was the first time that I have ever been in such a situation, yet I found myself surprisingly calm.

As I was traveling back to my house, I wondered why I was so calm and why this very traumatic event had not disturbed me that much. It was then that I remember why we as Christians have nothing to fear when it comes to death. I know that my friend is living in glory right now because of Christ's victory over death.

All of this reminded me of a reading from St. Athanasius. The early Christians understood that death had been conquered by the resurrection of Christ; this theme recurs repeatedly in their writings. Again and again one is struck with the note of victory in the attitude of the martyrs as they faced death. **St. Athanasius wrote of this fact in his famous defense of the Christian faith:**

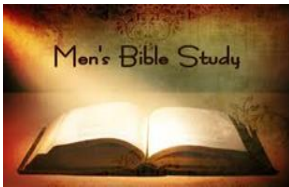
"All the disciples of Christ despise death; they take the offense against it and, instead of fearing it, by the sign of the cross and by faith in Christ trample on it as on something dead. Before the divine sojourn of the Savior even the holiest of men were afraid of death, and mourned the dead as those who perish.

But now that the Savior has raised His body, death is no longer terrible, but all those who believe in Christ tread it underfoot as nothing, and prefer to die rather than to deny their faith in Christ, knowing full well that when they die they do not perish, but live indeed, and become incorruptible through the resurrection.

But that devil who of old wickedly exulted in death, now that the pains of death are loosed, he alone it is who remains truly dead. There is proof of this too; for men who, before they believe in Christ, think death horrible and are afraid of it, once they converted despise it so completely that they go eagerly to meet it, and themselves become witnesses of the Savior's resurrection from it.

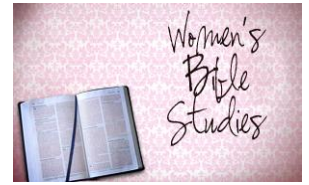
Even children hasten thus to die, and not men only, but women train themselves by bodily discipline to meet it. So weak has death become that even women, who used to be taken in by it, mock it now as a dead thing robbed of all its strength. Death has become like a tyrant who has been completely conquered by the legitimate monarch; bound hand and foot as he now is, the passers-by jeer at him, hitting him and abusing him, no longer afraid of his cruelty and rage, because of the king who has conquered him.

So has death been conquered and branded for what it is by the Savior on the cross. It is bound hand and foot, all who are in Christ trample it as they pass and witness to Him deride it, scoffing and saying, 'O Death, where is thy victory? O Grave, where is thy sting?'



## Bible Study Groups

*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.*



## Membership and Information Class



*On Sunday, August 13, 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.



## Choir News



*The choir is officially on summer break.* If you are interested in singing however, it is always possible to work something in this summer. You can either contact me or Kerry to schedule this.

I will be out of town in August so we won't be *starting again until September, probably September 13.* If this date has to change for some reason, I will let everyone know. We practice on Wednesday from 7:15 until about 8:00. This would be a great time to try the choir out. 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.

## Passionate Worship Committee Meeting

The areas of Passionate Worship Committee are: 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 me so I 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 October 2 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.* Please feel free to join us and share your ideas. So mark your calendar to be of service to Burton Memorial. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522 or email her at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com).



## Missing in Action

The handbell choir is missing four rechargeable book lights. If you have "borrowed" one we would appreciate if they could be returned. No questions asked! THANK YOU!



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**Local News:** Tim, Edith & Annabelle Bricker, Judy & Pastor Tom Reynolds, Kim Youngblood, and Jane Cole attended Mission U in Daytona Beach at Bethune Cookman University. A great time was had by all and they are all very excited to share all of their studies with the Congregation. The unit is also very proud to announce the scholarships extended to 4 youth from 3 churches affording the next generation of UMW. Our Personal Legacy Contribution.

***Burton Memorial UM Women's next meeting is the fourth Monday of September, the 25th, at Edna Waldorf's home, at 7:00 pm.***

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

All are invited to the ***South East District Mission U Study Sampler on August 26 from 9:00 am until Noon at Peace United Methodist Church, in Homestead.*** Come hear the condensed version of three worthwhile studies from 2017 Mission U: "Missionary Conferences of the United States," "Covenant Community," and "Climate Justice."

The Missionary Conferences are the *Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference*, the *Alaska Missionary Conference* and the *Red Bird Missionary Conference*. The compelling history of these financially depressed areas helps to explain why these regions need the monetary support of the United Methodist Church. Questions remain as to how the church should treat these areas of cultural difference and financial distress.

The "Covenant Community" study reminds us of God's promises and our response which should include living in a covenant relationship with our neighbors.

The "Climate Justice" study is a repeat from 2016, and one which will be pertinent for years to come.

The Mission Study Sampler will have study guides for sale and will provide resources to help teach these studies in the local church.

Join us, won't you? Contact Edith Zewadski-Bricker, South East District President, UMW, at 305-852-9259 (h) or email her at [edithzewadskibricker@gmail.com](mailto:edithzewadskibricker@gmail.com)

**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 hand crafted 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 summer 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 for sale \$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.





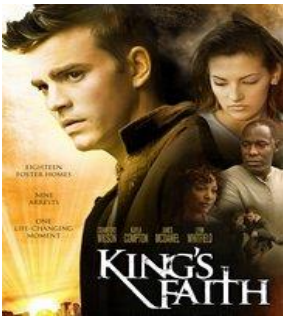
# dV8 Youth Group

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 July are:



**August 6th (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.) - Movie Night:** Get out the bean back chairs and start up the popcorn machine. On this day we will be watching a movie called King's Faith. When eighteen-year-old Brendan King attempts to leave his turbulent gang life behind him, his past continues to threaten his new-found faith, family, and future. If you would like to view the trailer, you can see it on you tube at-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIBar6kT5tM> .

**August 13th (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.) Back to School Party-** Only three more days after this Sunday and school is in session. Where has the summer gone. We will be having a final summer party at the parsonage holding on to the last parts of summer.

**August 20<sup>th</sup> (No youth) Pastor on vacation-**

**August 27<sup>th</sup> (No youth) Pastor on vacation-**



## Watermelon Ministry

Well, it is that time of year again. We are need of volunteers who will help served chilled watermelons to provide some cool refreshment to our high school football players and marching band during summer practice.

Burton Memorial will provide the watermelons if you can provide the person power. We will be serving up these treats on Wednesday, August 2 and Friday, August 4. Then the following week it will be Wednesday August 9 and Friday August 11, each day at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, on the Coral Shores football field. If you are interested, please contact the church to sign up for a time slot. 305-852-2581



## Acolyte News

by Julie Ratliff

***We welcome our two new acolytes, Jazzy Beerkircher and Skylar Tudor.*** They have completed their training and join Alexia Poveda as they serve as acolytes during our Sunday worship service. Thank you all for your service to God!

## 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	+ / -
27	2-Jul	\$2,226	\$2,177	49	\$80,709	\$79,845	864
28	9-Jul	\$2,221	\$2,177	44	\$82,930	\$82,022	908
29	16-Jul	\$2,419	\$2,177	242	\$85,349	\$84,199	1,150
30	23-Jul	\$1,897	\$2,177	-280	\$87,246	\$86,376	870

## College Ministry

Barbara Koch

The following students are finishing up their summer session this month: Shannon Premaza, Kayla Lynn de Vroedt, and Joshua Waits. Please keep them in your prayers.

***We are updating our list of college students for the fall semester. Please report any address changes to the church office or to me at [blelk1@aol.com](mailto:blelk1@aol.com).*** For students entering college this fall who would like to be included in Burton's college ministry, please submit the student's name, college where enrolled, area of study if known, mailing address and student's birthdate. Students will receive a monthly mailing as well as occasional gifts during the year.



## 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 service.***

## Church Work Day

***There will be a church work day on Saturday, August 5 starting at 8:00 am.*** Please wear work clothing and bring your gloves. We will be painting the new picnic tables, moving mulch around, etc.



## Stuff the Bus

***This August Burton is participating in the United Way's "Stuff the Bus" program, collecting school supplies for children throughout the Keys who need them.*** In Monroe County, almost 50% of school aged children come from families who don't earn enough money to afford their basic necessities. Many of them begin the school year without school supplies such as paper, pencils, backpacks, and notebooks.

There is a "Stuff the Bus" box in the Narthex where you can place your donated items. There is a suggested list on the box of items that are most needed. Individuals can also participate by making a donation online at <https://www.gofundme.com/stuffthebus2017> or by shopping at Publix and buying "Tools for Schools" gift cards at the checkout counter.



## The Greening of Vacation Bible School

- Edith Bricker

VBS is turning green. With God's help we are Reusing, Recycling, and Reducing.

- Pastor Kerry picked up VBS decorations, posters, books, videos, and a costume from Kendall UMC for year's VBS and our Fourth of July float. These VBS Fun Factory materials have been used at two other United Methodist churches, as well.
- The cups for VBS are made, in part, from recycled plastic, and will disintegrate in a land fill.
- Most all of the props and craft materials being used at VBS this year are recycled, including, but not limited to: cardboard from shipping containers; toilet paper and paper towel rolls from donors; Styrofoam from packaging; fake fruit, buckets, table cloths, wall paper, Tupperware bins, coat hangers, and scarves from the Marc house; and noodles and colorful balls, poster board, paint, and cellophane left over from past VBS.
- When VBS ends, all left over materials will be returned to the second hand stores, contributed to the church garden's mulch, saved for next year's VBS, or placed in Burton's recycle bins.
- "Creation Care" grocery bags will be given to each family with children in attendance at 2018 Vacation Bible School.



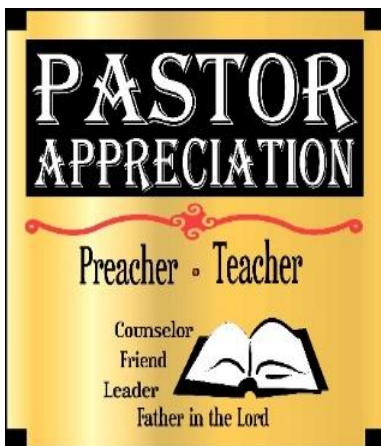
Be just. Be green.

Your Burton Green Team

## Pastor Appreciation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Pastor Appreciation is customarily recognized during the month of October. As the year winds down and we approach the Advent and Christmas Season, many of us find ourselves facing additional financial commitments. Recognizing this, the Staff Parish Relations Committee voted to recognize our Pastor during the month of August, hopefully when it is less of a financial strain on our congregation.



Since August also coincides with the birth month of our pastor, this makes for a good time to show our appreciation. ***We would like to present Pastor Kerry with a monetary gift as an appreciation for all he does for Burton Memorial.***

If you would like to contribute, you will find a self-addressed envelope in this Beacon. You may either mail in your gift or you may put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. *(Please make checks out to Burton Memorial United Methodist Church and put "Pastor Appreciation" in the memo line.)*

We would also welcome any letters or words of encouragement that you would like to direct to our pastor. As a matter of fact, we are aware that economic times may be a struggle; please pray about it, and if your budget will not allow a monetary gift, a letter would be great.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. You may reach me at 305-522-6543 or [jatkin66@gmail.com](mailto:jatkin66@gmail.com).

Thank You,  
Janet Atkin  
Staff Parish Relations, chairperson



# JOB FAIR



CareerSource  
SOUTH FLORIDA



**Date:** Thursday August 3, 2017

**Time:** 1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Location:** Key Largo Library  
Trade Winds Plaza  
101485 Overseas Hwy  
Key Largo, FL 33037

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