

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<b>Date:</b> September 4, 2016 <b>Title:</b> Shove that Job, I'll take it <b>Theme:</b> Labor Day <b>Purpose:</b> To view our jobs as blessings from God and opportunities to minister. <b>Old Testament:</b> Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 <b>New Testament:</b> 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12	<b>Date:</b> September 11, 2016 <b>Title:</b> Let Us Never Forget <b>Theme:</b> 9-11 Remembrance Service <b>Purpose:</b> To proclaim 3 things that empower Christians to face horrible suffering with courage and hope. <b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 50:19-22 <b>New Testament:</b> Romans 8:28
<b>Date:</b> September 18, 2016 <b>Title:</b> What Do You Want From Me? <b>Theme:</b> God's Will <b>Purpose:</b> Three steps to discovering the will of God in your life. <b>Old Testament:</b> Proverbs 3:5-3:6 <b>New Testament:</b> Ephesians 5:12-17	<b>Date:</b> September 25, 2016 <b>Title:</b> What Do You Want Me To Say? <b>Theme:</b> Prayer <b>Purpose:</b> To instill prayer patterns that can be incorporated into our lives through the Lord's Prayer. <b>Old Testament:</b> 1 Kings 18:25-29 <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 6:5-14

**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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**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!*

## September Birthdays:

## September Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Jerry Wilkinson	1	Jacob Kirkman	18	William & Camille Smith	1
Tiffany Katz	2	Barbara Koch	18	William & Cindi Miller	3
Kaitlyn Sebben	3	Suki Bell	19	Juan & Kathryn Rodriguez	3
Melanie Tabbert	3	Susan Parker	19	Claude & Betty Bullock	5
Sophia Barry	5	Charles Pellicier	19	Bob & Rhetta Snead	5
Daniel Smith	6	Nancy Mills	20	Dorothy & Larry Jarboe	23
George Stroud	6	Shirley Held	21	Al & Connie Jacobsen	25
Barbara Stroud	8	Audrey Berg	23		
Bill Symbolik	9	Kathryn Marelia	24		
Camille Smith	11	Jill McCauley	24		
Charles Bigger	15	Carol Johnson	25		
Bill Crofts	15	Victoria Pinson	25		
Lillie Kunkel	15	Ranger Gilliland	26		
Mike Donovan	16	Rhetta Snead	27		
George Pinson	17	Reid Bennett	29		
Bootsie Wells	17				

# The Beacon

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## **Kerry's Korner**

There is a great article that illustrates the concept of grace, written by Charles Stanley.

“One of my more memorable seminary professors had a practical way of illustrating to his students the concept of grace. At the end of his evangelism course he would distribute the exam with the caution to read it all the way through before beginning to answer it. This caution was written on the exam as well. As we read the test, it became unquestionably clear to each of us that we had not studied nearly enough.

The further we read, the worse it became. About halfway through, audible groans could be heard throughout the lecture hall. On the last page, however, was a note that read, "You have a choice. You can either complete the exam as given, or sign your name at the bottom, and in so doing receive an A for this assignment."

Wow? We sat there stunned. "Was he serious? Just sign it and get an A?" Slowly, the point dawned on us, and one by one we turned in our tests and silently filed out of the room.

When I talked with the professor about it afterward, he shared some of the reactions he had received through the years. Some students began to take the exam without reading it all the way through, and they would sweat it out for the entire two hours of class time before reaching the last page.

Others read the first two pages, became angry, turned the test in blank, and stormed out of the room without signing it. They never realized what was available, and as a result, they lost out totally.

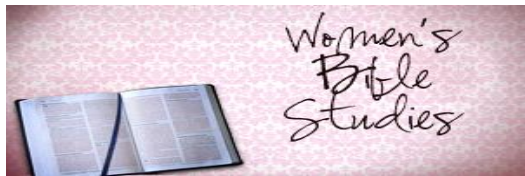
One fellow, however, read the entire test, including the note at the end, but decided to take the exam anyway. He did not want any gifts; he wanted to earn his grade. And he did. He made a C+, but he could easily have had an A.”



This story illustrates many people's reaction to God's solution to sin. Some people look at God's standard--moral and ethical perfection--and throw their hands up in surrender. "Why even try?" they tell themselves. I could never live up to all that stuff.

Others are like the student who read the test through and was aware of the professor's offer but took the test anyway. Unwilling to simply receive God's gift of forgiveness, they set about to rack up enough points with God to earn it.

But God's grace truly is like the professor's offer. It may seem unbelievable, but if we accept it, then, like the stunned students who accepted the professor's offer, we, too, will discover that, Yes, God's grace truly is free. All we have to do is accept it. **AMAZING!**

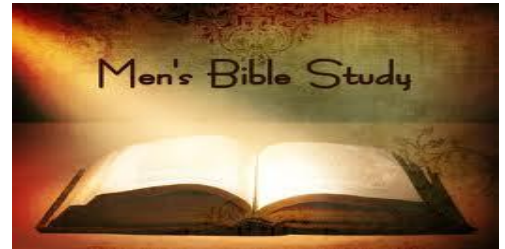


## Women's Bible Study

*The Women's Bible Study Group is still on vacation for the summer. Please watch for an announcement of the starting date for the next meeting.*

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast Resumes

*Starting September 7, all men are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.* Breakfast is open to all men and meets in the Burton Fellowship Hall. 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.



## 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

by Edith Bricker

Greetings Sisters in Christ Jesus!

President Edna Waldorf and our members of Burton United Methodist Women would like to invite you to our September meeting, which is right around the corner! ***The meeting will be held at Virginia Spear's lovely home in Tavernier on Monday, September 26, at 7:00 pm.*** You needn't be a member of Burton or a full time resident to come. And, if we can give you a ride or directions, please call the church office, or call 305-852-9259 and leave a message.



Your United Methodist Women South East District Team is so very excited to invite you to ***our District Annual Meeting which this year will be held at North Hialeah Hispanic UMC. Save the date: Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our speaker will be the District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems.***

Then, your United Methodist Women Florida Conference Team invite you to the ***Spiritual Growth Retreat at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, Florida (near Leesburg) on the weekend of September 9 to 11.*** Women from around the State will gather for a respite from the noise of the world to fellowship with each other and with our Lord and Savior. Young women and girls are invited to come. ***The Youth study, "Growing in Blessedness", is about the Beatitudes and will be led by Annabelle Bricker.*** Again, call if you need a ride or a registration form.

We hope to see you in September for Prayer Shawl Ministry, crocheting and knitting on Thursday evenings at the church at 7:00 pm, for the Spiritual Retreat, and for our unit meeting on September 26. For transportation or more information on any of the above, call me at 305-852-9259.

Your sister in Christ,  
Edith Zewadski-Bricker  
East District President  
United Methodist Women



## **Membership and Information Class**

*On September 11 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.



## **Choir News**



*The choir will start rehearsals again on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:15 pm.* We practice for an hour. If you are interested in making a joyful noise, please join us. *We sing once a month on the fourth Sunday of the month at both services.* Singing is good for the lungs and good for the soul. Thanks to all the choir members who have committed time and effort in the past. I hope that you will be back in full force. See you in church. If you have any questions about the choir, please feel free to call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522.

## **Passionate Worship Committee Meeting**

*The next meeting for the Passionate Worship Committee will be Monday, September 12 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.* If you are in charge of an area that affects worship, you should attend or send in a report via email. All are welcome to attend especially if you are interested in contributing to the worship services or have specific ideas about improving 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).

## **Burton Ringers**



It's time again to start ringing! We will begin our *regularly scheduled practices on Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 pm.* New to ringing? Want to learn? Please contact RaeLeigh Gonsalves at 305-522-9361 or email her at [rgonsa2910@yahoo.com](mailto:rgonsa2910@yahoo.com) to find out more.

## **Altar Guild**

On Sunday, October 9, 2016 following the 10:30 am service, please join the Altar Guild for a time of fellowship and fun as we get out the Advent decorations and look at our banners for the upcoming change in church seasons. We will be working on organizing our storage space and we need you! Come and bring a friend. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please see RaeLeigh Gonsalves, Carol Johnson or Sue Peacock.

## **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, so sign up early.

## **New Member Church Potluck**

*On September 25, 2016 come and celebrate our recent new members of Burton Memorial United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 am service, usually around 12:00 pm.* This will be a pot luck luncheon in which we will have wonderful fellowship and celebration regarding the growing of our congregation. Please bring yourself and a dish to share. If you would like to help set up the potluck, please contact our Radical Hospitality chairperson, Nancy Mills, at 305-342-9541.



## Altar Flowers

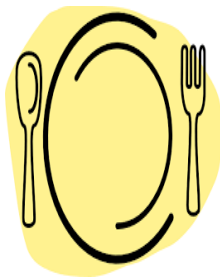
There are still Sundays available to sign up for the altar flowers. Flowers can be placed in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, in loving memory of someone, in honor of someone or to the Glory of God!

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 on Sunday. This orchid, as a living plant, 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 church office or the Altar Guild/Passionate Worship chairpersons, RaeLeigh Gonsalves or Carlene Jarboe. 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 individuals and groups that have volunteered over the last few months. ***This month the CDC will be cooking on the second, third and fourth Thursdays, with Mangrove Mike cooking on the first Thursday and the Garden Club on the fifth Thursday. If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.***

## 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	+ / -
31	31-Jul	\$1,419	\$2,381	-962	\$94,144	\$95,708	-1,564
32	7-Aug	\$4,322	\$2,381	1,941	\$98,466	\$98,088	378
33	14-Aug	\$1,642	\$2,381	-739	\$100,108	\$100,469	-361
34	21-Aug	\$1,987	\$2,381	-394	\$102,095	\$102,849	-754

## Constitution Day



On September 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed by thirty-nine brave men who changed the course of history. ***You are invited to join*** Church members, the Bell Choir, Boy Scout Troop 912, school students, and the Florida Keys Daughters of the American Revolution ***for the celebration "Bells Across America" at Burton United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 17 starting at 2:45 pm in the Sanctuary.***



## College Ministry

By Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

It is that time of year again and our college students are getting set for another academic year. So far we have the following 10 students in our college ministry:



- Connor Bell – Miami Dade College
- Kirsten Burns – Univ. of Central Florida
- Kayla Lynn de Vroedt – Miami Dade College
- Rebecca Fernandez – Univ. of Arizona
- Jenna Johnson – Christopher Newport University
- Natasha Murphy – Santa Fe College
- Rachel Peacock – Univ. of Florida
- Kaitlyn Sebben – Florida SW State College
- Joshua Waits – UNC
- Sara Waits – Regent University

Anyone who knows of any other college students who might be interested in participating in Burton's college ministry, please call the office with the details or email me directly at [ble1k1@aol.com](mailto:ble1k1@aol.com).

We do our first monthly mailing to these students around the end of August so please be sure we have their most current address. And remember to pray for each and every one of these students as they struggle to make wise decisions for the coming year. Thank you for your support.



## Stephen Ministry

*We are now a Stephen Ministry church.* Stephen Ministers are frequently called the "afters" meaning we walk alongside hurting people after others have moved on but while they are still hurting. To be a Stephen Minister requires a caring heart, training and commitment. If you are interested in being a Stephen Minister please see Linda McKee, or email her at [lmckeewrite2me@outlook.com](mailto:lmckeewrite2me@outlook.com). *Classes will be starting soon!*

## **2016 Upper Keys Prayer Initiative** **September 1-30**

Will You Join People of Faith  
from Ocean Reef to Marathon  
in asking God to reveal His  
power, presence & personality  
to our communities?  
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# 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

**September 4:** No youth – Labor Day weekend



**September 11: 9/11 Remembrance Service.** We will be watching a movie about the 9/11 tragedy and having a discussion and prayer time following.

**September 18: Indoor Tasmanian Kickball.** For this dV8 we will not be meeting at The Place. We will be meeting at “I Am Crossfit” instead. Same time as dV8, just a different place. Get ready for a game of kickball like no other. Bring your friends. The address for “I Am Crossfit” is: 171 Hood Ave #11, Tavernier, FL 33070, located right across from the Florida Keys Electric CoOp.



**September 25: Prayers in Settlers Park.** Prayer is our direct line to a loving God and simply put, we do not take advantage of that enough. On this dV8 we will not be meeting at The Place. Rather we will be meeting in Settler's Park, right across from Froggy's Gym and next to Sunrise Market. Food will be served at this park following our prayer time. (Pressed Cubans!)

**Airsoft Games will resume in October. Stay tuned for dates and times.**



## **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.*



## **Congregational Health Group**

The Small Group meets at Burton's Fellowship Center on Mondays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm for fellowship and exercise for all levels. ***There will not be a meeting on Labor Day, Monday, September 5.*** Call Debbie Premaza at 305-546-6682 for further information.

## **FRIENDS**

***"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed."***  
***Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NLT)***

When it comes to getting healthy, two are always better than one. The Bible says God created the universe in such a way that we need each other. In fact, the New Testament uses the phrase "one another" over and over again. It says love one another, encourage one another, support one another. The word "support" literally means to increase one another's potential. In other words, you're more likely to succeed if you collaborate with friends, so you can strengthen one another.



For many of you, this isn't the first time you have tried to get your health under control. It is this support of friends that we have discovered is truly the "secret sauce" of *The Daniel Plan*. One of our key beliefs in *The Daniel Plan* is that we are better together; in other words, "everybody needs a buddy." God never meant for you to go through life alone and that includes the journey to health. We believe you will have greater success with *The Daniel Plan* by joining a small group or by asking a friend to join you in this journey.

Our research has shown that people getting healthy together lose twice as much weight as those who do it alone. And that success dramatically increases when you are connected with others, receiving constant encouragement to stay focused and motivated toward your goals.

***Community has the power to change our overall health more than any doctor or clinic.***

So how can you find that life-changing community that is so important to success on *The Daniel Plan*? A great place to start would be your church or faith-community. Start thinking about who might want to join you on this journey. Perhaps a friend, co-worker, neighbors or members of your family.

Of course you can start *The Daniel Plan* on your own for a short time, but if you want to sustain a healthy lifestyle for the long-term, and you want to have fun along the way, invite a few friends to join you. Having God and friends with you as you make changes in your food, fitness and focus habits is what makes all the difference.

## **Highway Cleanup**

***Come out on Saturday, September 17, at 8:00 am and help clean up Burton's portion of US1, starting at the church parking lot.*** Bring your gloves. Garbage bags and plenty of cold water will be supplied.

