

# Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p><b>Date:</b> January 1, 2017  <b>Title:</b> “Wise people still seek Him”  <b>Theme:</b> Epiphany Sunday  <b>Purpose:</b> To encourage the congregation to continue to seek Christ throughout the year.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 60:1-6  <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 2:1-12</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> January 8, 2017  <b>Title:</b> “The Great Invitation: The Heavens are Opened”  <b>Theme:</b> Baptism of the Lord  <b>Purpose:</b> We will be exploring the role of all baptized believers in the evangelistic mission of the church by encouraging disciples to share their faith and invite someone who is not yet a follower of Jesus Christ to come and see who he is.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 42:1-9  <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 3:13-17</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> January 15, 2017  <b>Title:</b> “The Great Invitation: Come and See”  <b>Theme:</b> The Calling of the First Disciples  <b>Purpose:</b> In the story of the calling of the first disciples from John’s gospel, we are inspired and challenged to come and see how Jesus lives ourselves and to continue to invite those we know to come with us.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 49:1-7  <b>New Testament:</b> John 1:29-42</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> January 22, 2017  <b>Title:</b> “The Great Invitation: Follow Me”  <b>Theme:</b> Evangelism  <b>Purpose:</b> Today Jesus sets us straight about who and what God’s kingdom is blessing in the world.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 9:1-4  <b>New Testament:</b> Mathew 4:12-23</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> January 29, 2017  <b>Title:</b> “The Great Invitation: Blessed”  <b>Theme:</b> Evangelism – Beatitudes  <b>Purpose:</b> Today Jesus sets us straight about who and what God’s kingdom is blessing in the world.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Micah 6:1-8  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5:1-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sunday’s Service Information</u></b>  <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.  <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!

## January Birthdays:

## January Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Neal Hoover	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eddie Holly	16 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Netta Hills	11 <sup>th</sup>
David Coffman	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edith Bricker	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jack & Melba Benson	24 <sup>th</sup>
Terri Cummings	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Schfer	21 <sup>th</sup>	Sue & Roy Peacock	24 <sup>th</sup>
Andrew Dunn	6 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia Miller	24 <sup>th</sup>		
Debbie Premaza	7 <sup>th</sup>	Alberta Albury	26 <sup>th</sup>		
Judith Walker	10 <sup>th</sup>	Kerri Foote	26 <sup>th</sup>		
Cathy Foote	11 <sup>th</sup>	Brita Kiser	27 <sup>th</sup>		
Christian Foote	12 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Hardee	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Ingrid Berger	13 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Lancaster	31 <sup>st</sup>		
Margaret Giroux	15 <sup>th</sup>				
Makenzie Wright	15 <sup>th</sup>				

# The Beacon

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## Kerry's Korner

### BEGINNING AGAIN



The opening lines of a poem by Louisa Fletcher express this wish:  
I wish that there were some wonderful place  
Called the "Land of Beginning Again,"  
Where all our mistakes, and all our heartaches,  
And all of our poor selfish grief  
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door,  
And never be put on again.

One of the staples of life is that, in moments of weakness or poor judgment, we say and do wrong, hurtful things. In marriages, friendships, work associations, and other relationships, our actions sometimes give offense or cause harm to others. Or we may have sinned against the Lord and be at odds with our own conscience. Wouldn't it be fine if we could just start over? Turn back the clock, rewind the tape, erase the error, or however you like to think of it. It is what David fervently desired as he cried, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Is there a person anywhere who has not wished for this very thing?

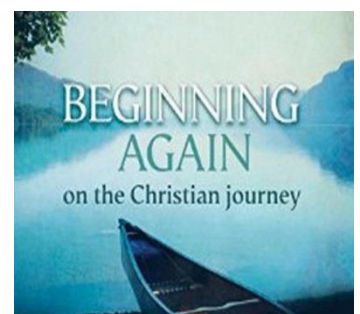
The good news of the gospel of Christ is like discovering a "land of beginning again!" And access to it is easily obtained. Jesus told Nicodemus, a Jewish leader who came to Jesus, "You must be born again." The new beginning Jesus offers is so thorough that He speaks of it as a new birth, or a rebirth. Paul wrote about it to his Corinthian converts, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

And if washing away the ugly past in the water of baptism were not enough, He continues to renovate our hearts and souls as He walks with us along life's journey. If we stray, there is a path to return to God. Writing to his "little children," John said, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." He cleanses us from unrighteousness by giving pardoning grace to poor, humbled sinners who confess their sins before the Lord.

Even at the last supper, Jesus knew Peter would fail a crucial trial that very night. He also knew that Peter would be restored and rehabilitated for useful service, for even as Jesus told Peter he would deny Him, He said, "once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Whatever our failures of the past may be, and how hideous they seem, and how unworthy we feel, all is not lost, nor are we banished forever from God's presence. For it is not our talents, accomplishments, and victories that make us precious to Him, but that we come to Him in simple trusting faith with a broken, contrite, obedient spirit.

Can any of us hold the year 2016 up to God and proudly claim that we have given Him an untarnished year? Not likely. But He offers forgiveness sweet and free, with our sins removed and remembered no more. He gives us each a new, unsoiled year, like a loving parent repairing a tearful child's broken toy, handing it back and saying, "Take care of it now, my child."

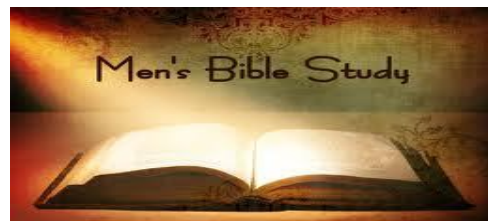
I hope you have a wonderful 2017 and remember, with Christ we can always "Begin Again!"



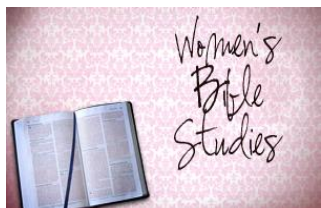
## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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

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



## Women's Bible Study Group



*The Women's Bible Study Group will resume our regular Wednesday morning 10:00 am meetings starting on January 4 in the Joy Classroom.* We'll be using the Upper Room and preparing for our study book "If You Want To Walk on Water You've got to Get Out of the Boat" by John Ortberg. For more information or a ride, please call Jo Ann Waits at 305-853-9879 or Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757. All ladies are invited to attend.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



## United Methodist Women

*The January 23, 2017 meeting of the UMW will be held at the home of Edna Waldorf beginning at 7:00 pm.* All the women of the church are invited and we hope you can attend. Call Edna 305-451-3753 for directions. We will be planning our UMW Sunday which is February 12, 2017. Also, we still have **prayer beads for sale**. See any of our members for details. Hope all have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mark your calendar:



**February 12 - United Methodist Women Sunday Service** at Burton Memorial UMC with guest speaker, Dr. Sharyn Ladner, preaching on *Climate Justice*, a 2016 UMW mission study focusing on our spiritual and Biblical response to a changing climate. All are invited to lunch immediately following the 10:30 am service.

**March 5 - UMW Annual Tea Party, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the Fellowship Center.**

Theme: *Stories of the Bible*. Our tickets will go on sale on the first of February.

**March 25 - UMW South East District Day Apart** at Burton Memorial UMC, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

For those needing information or transportation, call Edith at 305-852-9259, or email [tbtric52@aol.com](mailto:tbtric52@aol.com).

## Prayer Bead Ministry

The United Methodist Women have established an on-going fundraiser. We are expanding our **Tea Prayer Bead ministry by offering our handmade prayer beads for sale at a cost of \$15.00 each**. In addition to selling the beads **we are willing to teach anyone interested** in learning how to make Prayer Beads. All materials will be provided and the maker may purchase the completed set or donate them to the UMW to place into inventory for sale. We also encourage the congregation to purchase the book that inspired us all, ***A Bead and a Prayer* by Kristen E. Vincent**. If you are interested in purchasing or learning to string your own prayer beads please call or text Kim Youngblood at 443-207-4000 or email her at [kyoungblood528@yahoo.com](mailto:kyoungblood528@yahoo.com) or contact Tama Hamburg at [tamacay@aol.com](mailto:tamacay@aol.com), 305-301-5318 to make arrangements.





## Choir News

The choir will be singing on January 8. Usually we sing the fourth Sunday of the month but this month we are singing the second Sunday. There is always room for more singers. Brad would like to have reinforcements since he has become our token male singer. He is our last man standing so to speak. We rehearse on Wednesdays, 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 at both services. Singing is good for the lungs and good for the soul and we have a good time doing it. Thanks to all the choir members who have committed their time and effort. We are a small but mighty group now, but God always provides. See you in church. If you have any questions about the choir, please call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522.



## Passionate Worship Committee Meeting

*Our next meeting of the Passionate Worship Committee will be on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.* If you have an interest in making worship a meaningful experience, please join us and share your ideas. The areas of Passionate Worship Committee are: Greeters & Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Music, Altar Guild, Children's Church, and Drama. Those in charge of these areas, please put this date on your calendar. The music part will be at the end of the meeting so we can have an in depth discussion with those who are involved. We will discuss Lent and Easter. We welcome any new ideas you have that would improve the worship experience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Carlene Jarboe at 301-655-0522 or email her at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com).

## Membership and Information Class

*On Sunday, January 8, 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.



It's time again to start ringing! We will begin our *regularly scheduled practices on Wednesday, January 11 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.

## Burton Ringers

## 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.



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

## God's Kitchen

## Thursday Night Bible Study Group

*Starting on Thursday, January 5, there will be a new Bible Study from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Tom Simpson's home.* For more information or a ride, please call Tom at 305-393-7707. All are invited to attend.





## Rummage Ramble/Youth Car Wash

The BMUMC annual Rummage Ramble and Youth Car Wash is coming soon. You may drop off your donations February 13 through the 17 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The actual rummage ramble will be **Saturday, February 18 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm**. Please make sure all donations are in working order and clothing is clean. Along with the rummage sale, the youth group of the church will be doing a car wash. The proceeds from the car wash will help to reduce the cost of youth trips.

**While you shop you can get your car washed. We also need help pricing and organizing the items** for the Rummage Ramble and will be working every day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, February 13 through the 17. **We also need help the day of the sale, February 18.** If you have any questions or would like to help please contact the church office at 305-852-2581.



## 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	+ / -
49	4-Dec	\$3,946	\$3,782	164	\$136,438	\$143,655	-7,217
50	11-Dec	\$3,665	\$3,782	-117	\$140,103	\$147,437	-7,334
51	18-Dec	\$4,785	\$3,782	1,003	\$144,888	\$151,218	-6,330
52	25-Dec	\$4,536	\$3,782	754	\$149,424	\$155,000	-5,576

## Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving

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

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



## Congregational Health

Monday's small group will **resume meeting on January 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Center**. Call Debbie Premaza, RN at 305-546-6682 for any further information.



## 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**.



# dV8 Youth Group

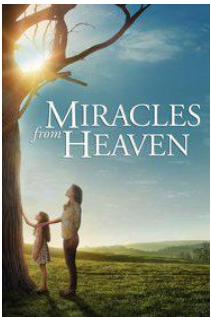
Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed (dV8) by the renewing of your mind. Then you will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

**January 8: (I call for a Do-Over)** – We will be making our New Years resolutions and talking about ways that God allows Do-Overs in our lives. We will also be burying our resolutions in a time capsule to be opened next year.



**January 15: (Miracles From Heaven)** – This is an awesome movie that we will be watching based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. When Christy (Jennifer Garner) discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna (Kylie Rogers) has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired. *Because this movie is almost 2 hours long, we will be ending dV8 youth at 7:30 pm on this Sunday*

**January 22: (Watch Ya Mouth)** – Watch Ya' Mouth is the AUTHENTIC, Hilarious, Mouthguard Party Game. It originated in viral videos, and was launched on Kickstarter. In this laughter-inducing, competitive card-based game, teams of players, hampered by cheek retractors, attempt to read and interpret/speak out phrases and.... Hilarity ensues! Be warned: Stomach-Cramping, Eye-Watering laughter is a very frequent occurrence. "One of the funniest party games there's been." We will have a special Bible edition to this game.



Act of  
Random  
Kindness

**January 29: (Act of Random Kindness)** – Our youth group has been performing ACTs for years. However, for 2017 we will be joining the ARK Project Now organization. They have a wonderful website that explains their purpose: <http://www.arkprojectnow.com/#welcomepage>. They provide ideas in performing ARKs and a website to post and report. We will meet at the parsonage at 5:00 pm to plan and put into action our ARK.