

# Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p><b>Date:</b> July 1, 2018  <b>Title:</b> How the Church Should ACT Today  <b>Theme:</b> The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Extravagant Generosity)  <b>Purpose:</b> To explore the two primary concepts of this particular scripture: Biblical stewardship and Christian community.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 61:1-3  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 4:32-37</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> July 8, 2018  <b>Title:</b> How the Church Should ACT Today  <b>Theme:</b> The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Soliciting Celebrity)  <b>Purpose:</b> The early Church Fathers highlighted four issues of note in today's text: 1. Lying to God--the Holy Spirit, or testing God, 2. Greed, 3. The internal dynamics of allowing Satan to enter, and 4. An event as a warning to the community.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Joshua 7:10-13  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 5:1-11</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> July 15, 2018  <b>Title:</b> How the Church Should ACT Today  <b>Theme:</b> The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Martyrdom)  <b>Purpose:</b> There is more to today's reading than the call to be courageous even when faced with the possibility of martyrdom; this text is an exhortation to unwavering faith in the face of things unrealized.  <b>Old Testament:</b> Daniel 7:13-14  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 6:8 – 7:60</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> July 22, 2018  <b>Title:</b> Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus  <b>Theme:</b> V.B.S. Sunday</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> July 29, 2018  <b>Title:</b> How the Church Should ACT Today  <b>Theme:</b> The direction and ways of the Apostolic church (Saul's Conversion)  <b>Purpose:</b> To study and understand the practice of hearing and discerning God's voice when facing adversity.  <b>Old Testament:</b> 2 Kings 6:18-20  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 9:1-19a</p>	<p><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. There is also Children's Church available for kids K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and a nursery for infants and toddlers.</p>

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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](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net).

## July Birthdays:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>
Kyrie' Foote	8	Donald Englebreth	23
Carol Baxter	12	Frances Simmons	24
David Sebben	13	Sandy Klifman	26
Virginia Spear	13	Michael Ratliff	27
Logan Shannon	17		

## July Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>
Peg Bridges	12
Harry & Ruth Forgan	27

# The Beacon

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## **Pastor's Sentiments...PS**

One Methodist Circuit Rider was out riding one afternoon and came upon a man out working in his field. Thinking to start a conversation and invite the man to church, the preacher called out: "Fine day isn't it?"

"It's fine for you", the man replied, "All you have to do is ride around on that horse thinking about God all day long, while I have to sweat here in this field and then walk home afterward. I don't think it's right you should have things so easy while I have to work so hard."

"Oh, but it's harder than you think", the minister answered. And then a thought occurred to him: "I tell you what. Just to prove to you how difficult it can be to 'think about God' - if you can think about God and nothing else for 1 minute... I'll give you my horse." "You can't be serious," said the farmer. But the preacher assured him he was.

"You're on", said the man and immediately he sat down in silence. Ten seconds went by... then 20 seconds... then 25 seconds. About then, the farmer looked up at the minister, and said, "Does that include the saddle?"

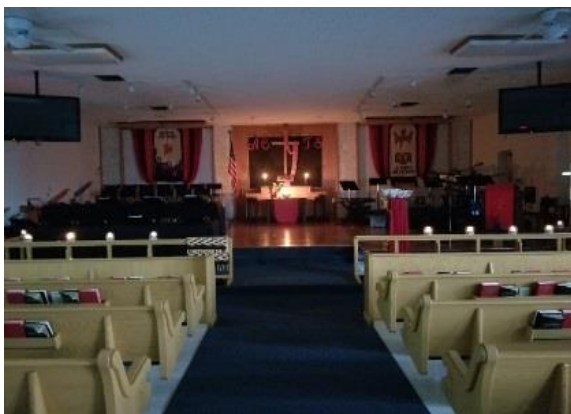
All the man had to do to get that horse was say nothing. All he had to do was "THINK" about God... and nothing else for 60 SECONDS. But he couldn't do that.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a

That sounds like God is asking us... to be still. Just be quiet in His presence and know that He's God. But just like that farmer there are a lot of people who have a hard time doing that. Many people abhor... quiet. They struggle with silence. Because many people abhor... silence. They'll do just about anything to fill the emptiness because too much quiet is unsettling to them.

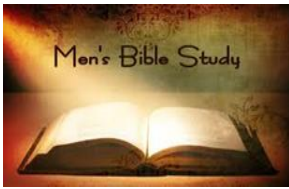
I once read an expert that noted that people only feel comfortable being silent when they're in the presence of someone they're comfortable with. When they're with those people... it's nothing to just sit and say nothing.

Have you ever seen a young boy and girl out on a date? They could sit and look at each other forever and not notice. Because they like being around each other. Or a husband and wife who are deeply in love, can feel totally at ease sitting down at the table together and being together. Because they enjoy each other's company.



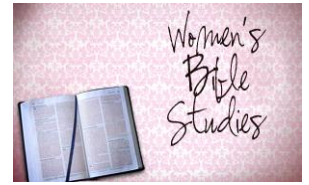
Be still, and know that I am God. The only way you can be silent around God is if you're comfortable in His presence. OR if you want to LEARN to be comfortable in His presence. You see, the way to learn to be truly comfortable around God is to start practicing being quiet in His presence.

I want to invite you to start the practice of being still before God. Every Monday from 7:00 am to 9:00 am we are opening up the sanctuary for a time of prayer and silent meditation. Consider it a way to kick off the work week putting God first and seeking God's direction.



## **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, July 8, we will have a membership and information class in the Pastor's Office at 2:00 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.



## **Passionate Worship Committee**

We are always looking for people to help the church out in any way they feel comfortable. So if you can spare some time, we are in need of volunteers in the following areas: Acolytes, Children's Church, Greeters & Ushers, Liturgists, help with the Altar Guild, and any singers and/or ringers are welcome and needed. Hand bells practice on Wednesday at 6:00 until the choir comes back in the middle of August. The choir is not singing during the summer, but will resume in September. The WOW Band practices on Tuesdays, so if you can play an instrument or want to help lead singing, come join the WOW Band. ***Our next meeting is Monday, July 23, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.*** For more information call Carlene at 301-655-0522 or email her at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com). Thanks for your interest and support. Be of service to the church.

## **Choir News**

First I want to thank all choir members for their dedication and beautiful singing. We had many compliments on our small but awesome sound as a choir. We will be taking a summer vacation break until probably August 22, but stay tuned for any changes. If you would like to join us in August, it would be a great time to start. Singing is always good for the soul and helps with lung capacity. If you need more information, please call me at 301-655-0522 or email me at [dcjarboe@gmail.com](mailto:dcjarboe@gmail.com). Thanks again. Carlene Jarboe.



***Looking for a few good ringers!*** The Burton Ringers are looking for new members – short term or weekly. New ringer practice is from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm every Wednesday followed by our regular rehearsal from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. No experience necessary. 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.

## **Ringling News**

## **KIDSRING Choir**

We are off on SUMMER BREAK! KIDSRING will resume in August. Be on the lookout for new musical children's ministries! For more information please contact the Church Office, or contact Raeleigh Gonsalves at [rgonsa2910@yahoo.com](mailto:rgonsa2910@yahoo.com) / 305-522-9361.





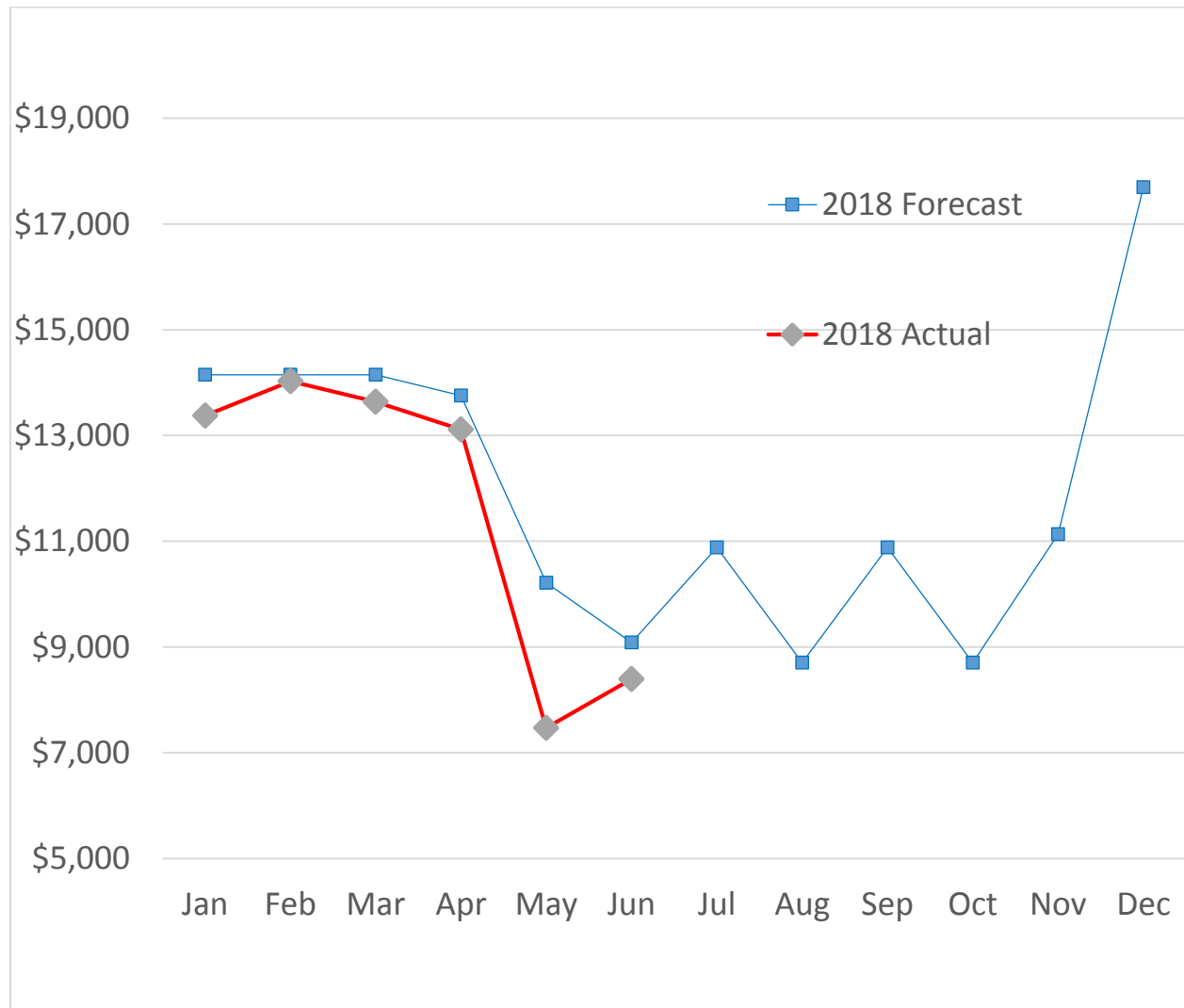
## Status of Offerings

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 contribute 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	+ / -
22	3-Jun	\$2,531	\$2,554	-23	\$68,430	\$72,935	-4,505
23	10-Jun	\$1,952	\$2,177	-225	\$70,382	\$75,112	-4,730
24	17-Jun	\$1,780	\$2,177	-397	\$72,162	\$77,289	-5,127
25	24-Jun	\$2,133	\$2,177	-44	\$74,295	\$79,466	-5,171

The chart below presents monthly offerings for the first six months of this year. Note that offerings for each month have been significantly below what was expected based on experience from the past several years, resulting in a cumulative deficit of over \$5,000.

**Burton Monthly Offerings Six Months 2018**  
**Actual vs. Plan**



## Flower Calendar



***The Flower Calendar for 2018 is ready for you!*** Please consider placing an orchid 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. In 2018 we will not have altar flowers on Communion Sundays – the Sacrament will be our focus. The year is completely open – so sign up! Cost is \$20.00 per arrangement. The calendar is in the Narthex or you can contact the church office. Please, only two orchids per Sunday.

## 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 UM Women for volunteering for the fourth Thursdays for June, July and August, and for the Kiwanis for the second Thursdays for the months of July and August. ***If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.***

## College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Please keep Shannon Premaza and Kayla Lynn de Vroedt in your prayers as they continue their studies during the summer session. We are expecting a record number of students in our college ministry when the fall session begins. Please notify Betsy in the church office or myself ([ble1k1@aol.com](mailto:ble1k1@aol.com)) if you have the names and contact information for any other students who are beginning their college career this fall. Thank you for your assistance in reaching out to college students, letting them know that Burton Church cares about them.



## 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.***

## Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from **July 16 to July 20, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**, with a free dinner from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Our theme will be "Shipwrecked". ***This VBS program will take kids to an uncharted island and anchor them in the truth that Jesus carries us through life's storms.***

We will have our third ***VBS volunteer meeting on July 8, 2018 at 12:00 pm in the Joy Classroom Center.*** Lunch will be provided. If you would like to help with this year's VBS, please be there.



## Fourth of July Parade

Burton will once again be decorating our float and participating in the Fourth of July Parade. Come out Wednesday morning at 10:00 am to support our entry. The parade route is on US 1 from mile marker 98 to mile marker 100. There is a picnic following the parade at Key Largo Community Park, mm 100. If you would like to help decorate, please contact Pastor Kerry.



## **“Grace: A Wesleyan Foundation for Climate Justice”**

a message from the Green Team

Below are excerpts from an article by Sharon Delgado in Response Magazine, June 2018

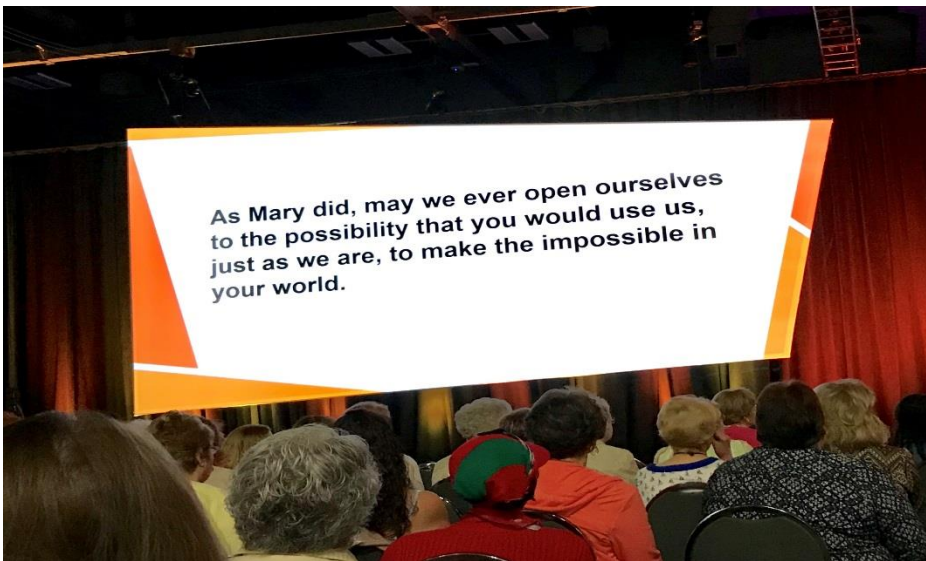
“And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace”: John 1:16

When we consider the challenge of climate change, we know in general what we are called to do: reduce our carbon footprint and over consumption, educate ourselves and others, and organize and advocate for those who are most gravely impacted - people in vulnerable regions, young people and future generations, and other species facing extinction...But this can be overwhelming...

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, can help us here. Although his primary focus was on salvation, his understanding of creation was amazingly rich and varied...



For Wesley, not only does God’s grace and loving intentions encompass all people but even “brute creatures” and all creation. According to Wesley, from his notes on the Sermon on the Mount, “The great lesson that our blessed Lord inculcates here ... is that God is in all things, and that we are to see the Creator in the glass of every creature; that we should use and look upon nothing as separate from God ... but with a true magnificence of thought survey heaven and earth and all that is therein as contained by God in the hollow of his hand who by his intimate presence holds them in all being, who pervades and activates the whole created frame, and is in a true sense the soul of the universe...And, to crown all, there will be a deep, an intimate, and constant communion with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ, through the Spirit; a continual enjoyment of the Three-One God, and all the creatures in him.”



## **Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grant**



Many thanks to the *Ocean Reef Community Foundation* for their continued support in *funding the refrigerated truck used to deliver food from Publix and Winn Dixie to our Food Pantry*. They also support our program by *donating money to Feeding South Florida on our behalf*, which allows us to purchase canned and dry food at greatly reduced prices.

# Arthritis: Learn What We Know



## Lunch & Learn

**Thursday, July 19 • 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Mariners Hospital**

**Main Conference Room**

Featuring orthopedic surgeon Derek F. Papp, M.D.

You're invited to join Dr. Papp at a Lunch & Learn to discuss a variety of arthritis issues – symptoms, diagnoses and treatments. Lunch tickets will be distributed at 12 noon and program starts at 12:30 p.m.

Space is limited and registration is encouraged. Please email [BethR@BaptistHealth.net](mailto:BethR@BaptistHealth.net), or call 786-467-5684 to register.

For a complete listing of programs, visit [BaptistHealth.net/Wellness](http://BaptistHealth.net/Wellness).



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### **Local News:**

United Methodist Women will host God's Kitchen on Thursday, July 26 with Mary Lou Wilkinson supervising, and August 23 with Betty Ann Gear supervising. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food at 3:00 pm, serve at 5:00 pm, and clean up at 6:30 pm. Hope you can join us.

Burton UM Women will resume our monthly meetings starting in September. We will meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Faith, Hope and Love in Action,  
Edith Zewadski-Bricker  
President, Burton UM Women  
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### **District and Conference News:**

The Florida Conference United Methodist Women offers three mission studies every summer, the same studies taught at Mission u in conferences around the world. This summer the studies are "What about Our Money," "The Missionary Conference of The United Methodist Church in the United States," and "Embracing Wholeness." The youth study is "Is it Just Money?" and the children's study is "Money Matters."

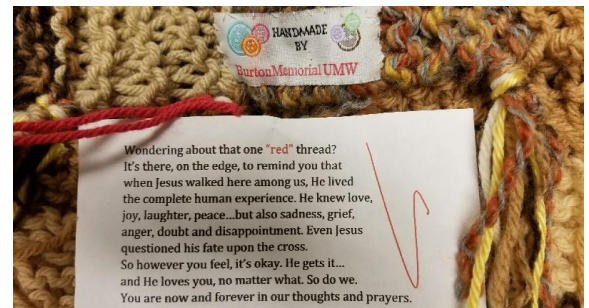
***2018 Mission u is July 12-15, on the beautiful campus of Bethune Cookman University, one of two United Methodist secondary schools in Florida, located in Daytona Beach.*** The cost for great food and a wide variety of selections in the school cafeteria, lodging in the new college dorms, interesting and inspirational plenaries and informative classes is \$200 per person. It's a bargain. Won't you join us? Come enjoy a world class pianist, teachers from throughout Florida and as far north as New York, a mission Fair, a South East District ice cream social, the video room, a resource room, a precious children's talent show, and a few hundred United Methodist deaconesses, missionaries, pastors, and, of course, women, youth and children.

By the way, this is a great place to bring your grandchildren. Dine together for breakfast, lunch and dinner...and then know while you are in plenary and classes your grandchildren will be well-supervised by screened and qualified teachers, and immersed in scripture, fun and the teaching of Christ as it applies to the world around them.

For transportation to, or more information about Mission u, call Edith Zewadski-Bricker at 305-363-8392.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

To date we have handcrafted over 500 Prayer Shawls and have touched so many lives with the healing power that reaches the recipients with the Power of Prayer. Join the ladies who create Prayer Shawls and other blessed handcrafted items, even if you just want an evening out, on ***Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Joy Classroom.*** No experience is necessary. For more information call Virginia Spear 305-852-7757.



### **Prayer Bead Ministry**

The UM Women continue to sell handcrafted Prayer Beads as our ongoing fundraiser for \$15.00 each. The beads make great wedding, graduation, birthday and holiday gifts. Our ministry expands by offering classes on how to make Prayer Beads. Please contact Kim Youngblood. Call or text 443-207-4000 or email [kyoungblood528@yahoo.com](mailto:kyoungblood528@yahoo.com).

