

Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

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| <p>Date: June 2, 2024 Sermon Series Title: Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven Sermon Title: People become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven through humble surrendering and then grow in righteousness Old Testament: Psalm 37:7-11 New Testament: Matthew 5:1-8</p> | <p>Date: June 9, 2024 Sermon Series Title: Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven Sermon Title: Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven are used as God's peacemakers Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21 New Testament: Matthew 5:9-12</p> |
| <p>Date: June 16, 2024 Sermon Series Title: Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven Sermon Title: Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven live as light & salt to this fallen world Old Testament: Isaiah 42:6 New Testament: Matthew 5: 13-16</p> | <p>Date: June 23, 2024 Sermon Series Title: Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven Sermon Title: Citizens of the Kingdom fulfill God's law (Living up to the spirit of the law rather than following a list of DOs and DON'Ts) Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:4-6 Old Testament: Leviticus 19:18 Old Testament: Proverbs 25:21-22 New Testament: Matthew 5:17-26 & 38-48</p> |
| <p>Date: June 30, 2024 Sermon Series Title: Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven Sermon Title: Citizens of the Kingdom of God have righteous motivations Old Testament: Psalm 51:10 New Testament: Matthew 6:1-18</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday Service Information</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come join us for services each Sunday at 10:00 am.</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 twentieth 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> |
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| Mark Bricker | 6 | George Leber | 28 | Paul & Renee Sebastian | 6 |
| Julie Ratliff | 19 | | | George & Victoria Pinson | 7 |
| | | | | Anne Dunn | 16 |
| | | | | Barbara & Gregory Koch | 27 |



The Beacon

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Brothers and Sisters,

May God's grace give us the necessary joy, peace, and patience to love our neighbors.

We continue the five-part Beacon article series on the 'Theories of Atonement'. All Christians believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus saves us from our sins and reconciles us to God. However, there are many explanations as to **how** the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus does this. We call these explanations 'theories of atonement'. Two months ago (April), we discussed the 'Ransom theory'. Last month (May) we discussed the 'Christ as Victor theory'. This month (June), we discuss the 'Satisfaction/penal substitution theory'; in July, the 'Recapitulation/Divinization theory'; and lastly, in August, the 'Moral example/Scapegoat theory'.



The 'Satisfaction/penal substitution' theory is the most well-known theory among Western Christianity. When Christians say, "Jesus went to the cross to pay for our sins", they are referencing the 'Satisfaction/penal substitution' theory of atonement.

This theory, however, is a newer theory. It did not become an established theory of atonement until Anselm of Canterbury popularized it with his publication of "Why God Became a Man" sometime between 1094 and 1098 AD. It, therefore, did not become an accepted theory of atonement until over 1,000 years after Jesus' resurrection.

Anselm argues that God created humanity and creation without sin. Humanity disobeyed God and brought sin into creation, and, therefore, owes a debt to God. In the same way criminals owe a debt to society, humanity owes a debt to God. This created a dilemma. Humanity committed sin, so only humanity can pay the debt (penalty) for sin. God, however, is perfect. Imperfect humanity is unable to give God anything worthy of a perfect being. No matter how hard we try, any debt we pay back to God, will be tainted by sin. So, humanity is incapable of paying its debt to God. Thus, the dilemma - only humanity can pay its debt to God but humanity is incapable of paying its debt to God.

The only solution is the 'God-Man', Jesus Christ. As a human, Jesus can pay the debt humanity owes God. As God, Jesus is capable of paying the debt to God. In other words, as the 'God-Man' Jesus is capable of paying the penalty for all our sins and chooses to do so.

As with all the theories of atonement, there are weaknesses to this theory of atonement.

First, it emphasizes Jesus' death at the detriment of his resurrection. It explains the significance of Jesus' death but does little to explain the role played by Jesus' resurrection in our eternal salvation.

Second, it teaches that God can forgive only after a debt (penalty) is paid. This limits God's sovereignty. The Lord can forgive whenever the Lord wants to forgive. While dying on the cross, Jesus said to the Father, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Evidently, God offers forgiveness before people even know they need to repent. (Of course, the proponents of this theory would argue that God can offer us forgiveness before we know we need to repent because God already paid the penalty for our sins in the person of Jesus.)

The strength of this theory lies in the love God shows us by becoming human and enduring the punishment we deserve so we can receive God's forgiveness and have eternal life. To describe the love in this theory of atonement, many people use the metaphor of a judge. After finding the defendant guilty, the judge pronounces

his punishment. But, instead of ordering the bailiff to take the defendant to jail, the judge orders the bailiff to free the defendant. The judge then rises, takes off his robe, and orders the bailiff to take him to jail so he can carry out the defendant's sentence.

The following Bible passages allude to the 'Satisfaction/penal substitution theory'. Take the time to slowly meditate on these passages: 1 John 2:2, 1 Peter 2:24 & 3:18, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:13, 1 John 2:2.

In Christ Jesus,
David L. Charlton, Pastor



Potluck Luncheon

Burton will be having a potluck on Communion Sunday, **June 2, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Center**, following the 10:00 am service. The theme for this luncheon is "**Sunday dinner at Grandmas**" (or Memaws, or Nanas, or Gigis, or Abuelas, or Nonna's.) Please bring comfort foods for a big Sunday dinner with family! If you do not cook, just bring yourselves. There is always more than enough food.

Status of Offerings

Please remember that the weekly offerings pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offerings and website collections for April 2024 to date, along with the expenses for the same period. The Year-to-Date totals show our expenses exceed our offerings. The difference is funded by our Child Development Center (CDC) income. The goal going forward is to grow our church, so we are no longer dependent on this income to pay church expenses.

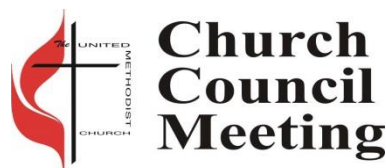


| Last Four Weeks | | | | | Year to Date | | |
|-----------------|--------|----------|---------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| Week | Date | Offering | Expense | + / - | Offering | Expense | + / - |
| 1 | 7-Apr | \$3,386 | \$653 | 2,733 | \$31,979 | \$55,014* | -23,035 |
| 2 | 14-Apr | \$3,367 | \$4,085 | -718 | \$35,346 | \$59,099 | -23,753 |
| 3 | 21-Apr | \$1,539 | \$2,316 | -777 | \$36,885 | \$61,415 | -24,530 |
| 4 | 28-Apr | \$1,772 | \$4,534 | -2,762 | \$38,657 | \$65,949 | -27,292 |

*This number does not include the \$50,098 we paid for our property/casualty and workman's comp insurance for the year, saving 2% for paying in full by the due date. We are continuing with our Facebook Live services at 10:00 am, with videos posted on Facebook. If you are not able to attend services in person, please help us by either mailing your normal donation by check to Burton Memorial UMC, 93001 Overseas Highway, Tavernier, FL 33070, or go to our website: bmumc.net and click on **Give Online** in the upper right corner of the home page to set up a payment online.

Ringling News

Do you know how to read music? Would you like to share those gifts? Our advanced ringer group is looking for new ringers! Come and learn ringing techniques with a wonderful group of musicians. **Practice is Wednesdays at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm in the sanctuary.** See any handbell member or director RaeLeigh Gonsalves for more information.



Your Church Council is hard at work taking on the issues and opportunities that church ministry brings. Our next **council dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Center.**

Church Council

Fit For Christ Exercise Group

The Fit For Christ weekly group, with support, education, and exercise for all ages, is on hiatus until September. Watch your bulletin or newsletter for an announcement of its return.



Tai Chi Open House Weekly Classes

Strength, Flexibility, and Stillness all in one exercise class? At Burton? Yes, twice a week!



We are blessed that **Tai Chi** is being offered here at Burton in the *Fellowship Center on Tuesdays from 9:45 am to 11:15 am, and on Monday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm*, for all levels of ability. All teachers are volunteers and class costs are by donations to cover the costs of the class location. *You can start any time.* The benefits are amazing and the history is fascinating. I hope you will check out their web site and the classes they have to offer. <https://www.taoisttaichi.org/> Why not start out the new year by joining this group?

God's Kitchen/Food Pantry

Burton is still in need of help with our Food Pantry Ministry. We can use extra hands in the pantry to help with deliveries on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and to serve our clients Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 12 pm and Thursday evenings from 5 pm to 7 pm. Please call the office at 305-852-2581 to get more details or to volunteer.

We are also still looking for groups or individuals to help with our God's Kitchen Free Dinner on Thursdays, helping to cook, serve and clean up. If you can help, please call or text Marylou Wilkinson at 305-394-3878, or call the office at 305-852-2581 to help.



Campus Ministry



If you would like yourself, your child, grandchild, or great grandchild to be put our "student database," please send your request to bae_bmumc@att.net, or call the church office at 305-852-2581. We will need the name of the child, grade, and school. *Please also let us know if someone has graduated so we can honor them here.*

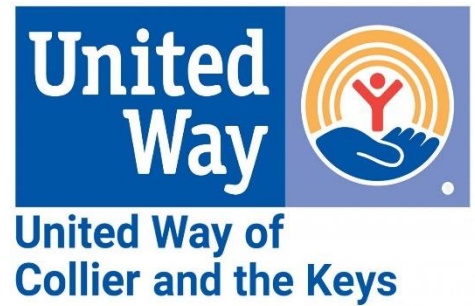
Church T-shirts

We are interested in getting a *t-shirt order* going for the Burton, but we need to see if anyone is interested. If you are, please see RaeLeigh Gonsalves any time before or after church!

Feed the Keys - Be Like Mike -UWCK Thank You

Thanks to the United Way of Collier and the Keys for arranging the recent Feed the Keys food drive to honor one of our most caring individuals, “Mangrove” Mike Forster. And a huge thank you to our wonderful community for all their donations.

The week culminated on Friday, May 17, in a keys-wide food drive. Burton served as the drop off point for food donated by individuals, organizations, and businesses throughout the Upper Keys. Here are pictures of the event taken at Burton, showing just a fraction of the food we received and the volunteers that gave of their time to take in and sort all the food that was donated. Also, a big thank you to our new food pantry coordinator, Chris Chandler, for all her hard work Friday and Saturday in storing this food and getting the Fellowship Center ready for the Church’s Birthday Party on Sunday.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



What a happy day for Bootsie Wells. She received a prayer shawl made by Kathy Still to keep her warm. Bootsie crochets octopi for newborn babies. We have given out four recently with knitted and crocheted baby blankets. We knit and crochet and enjoy fellowship *on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the Joy Classroom*. We can teach and we have supplies. For more information, call Virginia Spear, 305-522-2978.





United
Women
in Faith

Summer is here all ready. For those that have gone north you couldn't have picked a better time to leave as it has been unbelievable hot 🤯, but the worst is the humidity and no rain. Even the weeds look sad, but we have AC and that makes living here sweet. We will miss you but continue to meet each month the fourth Monday of the month ***This month we will meet on June 24 at 7:00 pm at the Parsonage, 123 High St.***

For the month of June, I will be in Europe with my sister and her family going I don't know where, and don't care. It is a really small place in Europe. I have never been, so I am excited about going and spending a lot of time with my nephews and getting to know them. They are both going to college next year and I haven't spent much time with them as they live in Alabama, so this is why I will be MIA. But we are still meeting, the place is the Parsonage, and someone will be giving a book report. We got four or five new books this year for our reading program and Barbara Koch gets five ★ ★ ★ ★ ✨ stars for her selections. I think I have read all of them and they are really good, and one I have read twice. They are in the narthex and are available for checking out as we have in past years. So on these hot days grab a book and stay inside and learn. You don't have to be a woman of UWF to really appreciate what women have been doing since the beginning of time and here are some of their stories. They should be an inspiration to all. So, start your own reading program on these hot days and remember summer isn't over. There are many hot 🤯 days and weeks to look forward to.

So, start reading, Mary Lou Wilkinson , President UWF

Burton Memorial VPK(Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) Graduation Ceremony

On Thursday, May 16, 2024, Nilda Bernaldez and the Teaching Staff at Burton Memorial Child Development Center held a VPK graduation ceremony in the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm. They graduated 11 students this year.



The Monthly Question & Answers from March 2024

Brothers and Sisters,

May God's grace give us the necessary joy, peace, and patience to love our neighbors.

We encourage each other to think and pray about how God can use Burton Memorial United Methodist Church (BMUMC) to spread unconditional love and proclaim the Kingdom of God. Every month, we display a dry erase whiteboard in front of the Sanctuary with a provocative question. We urge everyone to write an answer on the dry erase board.

At our monthly church council meetings, we review the answers. Over the course of the year, we will discern what new thing(s) Jesus wants us to do.

Last March, the question was: What does it mean for us to gather to celebrate a faith relationship with Christ?

- Small Groups
- No gossip
- English & Spanish (Spanish speaking service?)
- Fun times together – cards, game nights, pickle ball, walking & biking
- Axe Throwing team

IF YOU FEEL GOD TUGGING AT YOUR HEART TO IMPLEMENT ANY OF THESE IDEAS, TALK TO ME ABOUT IT AND GO FOR IT!!!

In Christ Jesus, David L. Charlton, Pastor

Green Technology Benefits Florida's Economy By Edith Zewadski-Bricker, Green Team Member

According to the latest NATURE magazine published by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Florida's economy is benefitting from investment in green technology. Our state has the second highest number of electric vehicles and a ranking as the fourth state in the country in clean energy employment. In 2021 we showed 160,000 clean energy jobs.

TNC published a study of the impact of net zero economy in Florida. It found that net zero power investment is expected to result in a 1.5% increase in our GDP by 2030. Florida's year-round sunshine will become increasingly valuable as solar costs continue to decline. (See *Economic Benefits of Decarbonization in Florida* at:



Net Zero: The balance between the amount of greenhouse gas that's produced and the amount that's removed from the atmosphere.

The thing I like is that green employment will offer higher pay to workers of all skill and education levels. We can put our young people to work! Seventy-one different sectors of our economy will be augmented, especially electricity, transportation, construction, and agriculture.

I'm partial to The Nature Conservancy because it was my first job out of college. I worked in the National Office in Washington DC, in Arlington, Virginia, (in 1973 😊.) If ever there was an organization that knows how to partner science with industry, it's TNC. While I worked there, we partnered with ExxonMobil in Alaska, we saved Dismal Swamp in the south with a partnership with the Union Camp (a logging company), and we saved Lignumvitae Key in Islamorada.

Check it out! You'll see people and nature can thrive. God knows!

**Every Sunday @ 2 PM
starting June 2, 2024**

VHF Channel 28



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God's grace**



Burton Memorial United Methodist Church
We are an uncommon church for common people,
offering a love of neighbor without boundaries.

Be inspired to love



Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up

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Carotid Artery Disease:

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD):

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.¹

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA):

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation :

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²

We will be in your neighborhood soon on Friday, June 28, 2024 at Tavernier - Burton Memorial United Methodist Church

Get your special Community Circle pricing!

Three ways to register and receive the special discount:

Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191

Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](https://llsa.social/hc)

Text: the word [circle](https://llsa.social/hc) to 216-279-1607



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¹ <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>

No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

² <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>

Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.



May 7, 2024

Rev. David Charlton
Burton Memorial United Methodist Church
93001 Overseas Hwy
Tavernier, FL 33070-2828

Dear Rev. David Charlton,

I am writing to thank you for your faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ by giving 100 percent of your apportionments for 2023. Apportionments are your church's share of the funding of the budgets of The United Methodist Church around the world, the Florida Conference, and your District.

When every congregation contributes 100 percent of its apportionments, the entire church is able to meet its many commitments to mission and ministry. In short, lives are changed because of your stewardship.

Children are fed at feeding programs around the world.

Young men and women receive financial assistance towards their calling to become ordained clergy serving the church.

Retreat and camp settings help grow and make disciples of Jesus by offering invitations to go further in understanding of being a Christian.

New churches are planted.

Existing churches are transformed to better meet the needs of the communities where they are planted.

Local churches in 2023 were challenged in unprecedented ways. Amidst challenges with the issue of disaffiliation surrounding us you succeeded in reaching out and ministering to your congregation and community in new and amazing ways. Florida Conference churches met and rose above these challenges and were able to contribute \$9,797,967 in apportionments. This was not done without sacrifice.

I believe a sign of a healthy congregation is full support of the rest of the connection. You are the ones who have a joy in God's gifts, given in abundance, and who are practicing a spirit of generosity that points to a larger vision of the Church as a communion of congregations in common mission and ministry to the world. We appreciate your continued support and pray that you and your congregation continue to thrive.

I hope you will pause in one of your worship services and share this letter with the people who made this 100 percent level possible. It truly is a sign of the living God at work in your midst. May the Spirit of God continue to illumine, guide, and empower you to be God's own people.

Sincerely,

Craig Smelser
Treasurer – Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

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