

Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p>Date: April 6, 2025 Sermon Series Title: Lenten Sermon Series: Psalm 22 and the Passion of Jesus Sermon Title: Jesus gives hope to the oppressed Old Testament: Psalm 22:24 New Testament: Mark 15:21</p>	<p>Date: April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday Sermon Series Title: Lenten Sermon Series: Psalm 22 and the Passion of Jesus Sermon Title: Gentiles and women vindicate Palm Sunday – Everyone will recognize Jesus as King Old Testament: Psalm 22:27-31 New Testament: Mark 15:38-39 & 40-41</p>
<p>Date: April 18, 2025 Good Friday Sermon Series Title: Lenten Sermon Series: Psalm 22 and the Passion of Jesus Sermon Title: Worship in outdoor sanctuary Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 New Testament: Luke 23:34,43, John 19:26-27, Mark 15:34, John 19:28, Luke 23:46, John 19:30</p>	<p>Date: April 20, 2025 Easter Sermon Series Title: Lenten Sermon Series: Psalm 22 and the Passion of Jesus Sermon Title: The resurrection proves Jesus is Lord – The one who suffers and the one who triumphs Old Testament: Psalm 22:25-31 New Testament: Mark 16:1-8</p>
<p>Date: April 27, 2025 Sermon Series Title: How non-violent does God expect us to be? Sermon Title: The Creative Intent Old Testament: Genesis 2:4-25 Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:3</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!

April Birthdays:

April Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DAY</u>
Anita Simpson 16	Anne Dunn 24	David & Donna Charlton 4
Doratheia Tewes 20		Sharon & Larry Albury 21



The Beacon

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April 2025

Brothers and Sisters,

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



Three months ago, we learned about the salvation journey with a detailed analysis of Ephesians 2:8-10. It says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".

This passage teaches that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus. To understand salvation, we must study grace.

Grace is the undeserved love of God that is made known to us by the Holy Spirit. It works on our hearts in different ways, depending on where we are on the salvation journey. In other words, there are various 'works of grace': prevenient grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace. Two months ago (February), we studied prevenient grace. Last month (March), we explored justifying grace and this month (April), we look at sanctifying grace.

So, sanctifying grace.

As we walk in a relationship with THE FATHER, THE HOLY SPIRIT changes our hearts to make us more like THE SON (Jesus Christ). We call this process sanctification. We call the work of the HOLY SPIRIT to change us sanctifying grace.

Second Corinthians 3:18 succinctly describes this process. It says, "... we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit".

Let's break this down.

- "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord..."
 - There is no more veil (sin) separating us from God because of Jesus.
 - We can now have direct communion with God and focus on God.
- "...are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another..."
 - We become what we focus on.
 - As we focus upon God and spend time with God, we transform into His likeness. We become more like Jesus (Jesus is God in the flesh. To become like Jesus is to become like God. This means having a heart that loves God, neighbor, and self with the same type of love God has for us.)
 - It's not done all at once. It is a process or journey
- "...For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."
 - It is the Holy Spirit that changes our hearts and makes us more like Jesus.
 - Remember, the Holy Spirit is also God. (Part of the TRINITY)

The Holy Spirit changes us through prayer, fasting, Bible Study, worship, accountability, and service. How can we expect the Holy Spirit to change us through these 'means of grace' if we never practice them? How well are you cooperating with the Holy Spirit?

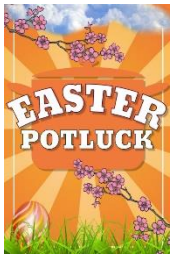
Sometimes we get off course on the journey towards Christlikeness. While making great progress in our journey, our sinful nature rears its ugly head, and we find ourselves taking a wrong turn. When this happens, we repent, receive God's forgiveness, and ask God to change our hearts. We then continue with prayer, fasting, Bible study, worship, accountability, and serving others. This will get us back on track towards Christlikeness.

Remember, the goal of the Christian life is Christlikeness. Cooperate with the Holy Spirit to continue with sanctification.

In Christ,
Pastor David L. Charlton

Church Council

We will have a church council meeting on **Tuesday, April 1**, in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will begin at 5:15 pm with the meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.



Burton will have a potluck on **Communion Sunday, April 6, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Center**, following the 10:00 am service. The theme for this luncheon is "**Easter.**" Please bring a dish to share. If you do not cook, just bring yourselves. There is always more than enough food.

Potluck Luncheon

Rummage Sale Thank you

So Thankful! After a long week of sorting, pricing and getting ready, our Rummage Sale netted over \$3,200. An amazing team of volunteers worked hard to make this happen. **Many thanks** to all the help during the week and to all the help on **Saturday**. Thank you for being a part!

RaeLeigh Gonsalves, Chair



Some of the Burton Ringers have just returned from the Florida Handbell Festival in Brandon near Tampa. We rang with over 200 ringers from all over the state, Puerto Rico, Georgia and South Carolina. Lots of learning and ringing and great fellowship! We are currently scheduled to play handbell on both Palm Sunday and Easter this year, – so invite a friend to church! A reminder - we are always looking for new ringers – if you have musical experience and want to see what it is all about, we rehearse Wednesdays at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Ringling News

Men's Bible Study

John Rimmel

United Methodist Men will meet this month on Thursday, April 24, in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact me at 443-623-8554 or email me at famrem5@aol.com.



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**

Campus Ministry

CDC March Activities

Last month at the CDC, Lenten Season was celebrated with the giving of Ashes to the children of God! And St Patrick's Day is always celebrated with a parade around the parking lot!



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?



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 2025 February, 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	2-Feb	\$3,206	\$5,924	-2,718	\$14,572	\$20,159	-5,587
2	9-Feb	\$3,878	\$491	3,387	\$18,450	\$20,650	-2,200
3	16-Feb	\$1,548	\$7,415	-5,867	\$19,998	\$28,065	-8,067
4	23-Feb	\$2,448	\$821	1,627	\$22,446	\$28,886	-6,440

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.

Finance Committee

RaeLeigh Gonsalves, Chair

Your committee on Finance will have its April meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at 5:00 pm in the Joy Bible Classroom. All committee members are encouraged to attend!

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 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 Mary Lou Wilkinson at 305-394-3878, or call the office at 305-852-2581 to help.

Thank You From the Brickers

Dearest Burton Family,
How do we say "thank you" for the love you have shared in both the incredible farewell and in a lifetime of nurturing us in the name of Jesus Christ? You have been our mast, our anchor, and the wind in our sails. God bless you!

With love and gratitude,
Tim and Edith Zewadski-Bricker ...and Annabelle, too!





United Women in Faith

Thanks to all members who helped prepare our soup and salad luncheon for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program on March 23. A collection was taken up at that time to help women around the world with economic self-empowerment projects. We learned specifically about the women whose projects our regional missionaries are supervising in Peru. The offering supports many such projects around the world thanks to the generosity of women such as our UWF group at Burton.

This offering is meant to be a Lenten offering, originally based on giving up something for Lent and prayerfully giving the money saved to help vulnerable women and children living in poverty.

Consequently, checks to Burton UWF with a notation on them for Call to Prayer Offering or cash in an envelope with a similar designation will be accepted in the offering basket or the church office throughout the month of April. Thanks to any person who wishes to help us in this life saving work in whatever amount that you feel called to give.

Our April meeting will be held at Mary Lou Wilkinson's house on Beach Road on Monday, April 28 at 7:00 pm. Call Mary Lou (305-394-3878) if you need directions or a ride. Elizabeth Hathorne has graciously agreed to lead a program from our new program book based on faith formation. Her program which is entitled "How Have Scriptures and Songs Informed Your Faith?" promises to be an interesting and enjoyable one. The May meeting will continue the theme of faith formation with a program entitled "What Experiences and Rituals of Faith are Significant for You?" presented by Mary Lou Wilkinson. This meeting will be held at Mary Lou's house on May 26 at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

On the right: A beautiful Afghan for Rena for happy times and warmth.

All prayer shawls are placed on the altar, hands placed on them in prayer by the congregation.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets for every occasion. ***Join up for fun and fellowship Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Joy classroom.*** We teach. We have supplies. For information call Virginia Spear 305 522 2978.



Prayer Bead Ministry

Wouldn't one of our beautiful Protestant Prayer Beads look lovely in an Easter Basket? What a wonderful way to express the joy of Easter!

Our handcrafted Prayer Beads, made by United Women In Faith ladies, sell for \$15.00 each. The smaller chaplet sells for \$10. All proceeds raise funds for our missions to help women, children and youth.

If you are interested in purchasing prayer beads, please contact Linda Norman at 305-393-2589. Please feel free to call or text or email to lindalillonorman@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Lent Contemplation

Brothers and Sisters,

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



We are in the middle of the Lenten season. During this time, we prayerfully examine our hearts and contemplate the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Soon after Jesus rose from the dead, many of His followers read the Old Testament with new eyes. They discovered that many Old Testament passages describe several events in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In other words, they discovered that the Old Testament points us to Jesus as our Savior (Messiah).

As a way of contemplating the suffering and death of Jesus, I invite you to explore the connections between the Old Testament and the suffering of Jesus. Slowly read Mark 14-15, Isaiah 52:13-53:12 and Psalm 22. Then refer to the table below and read each passage from Mark and the corresponding Old Testament passage. Keep your heart and mind open to what God may be saying to you through these passages.

Mark 14:1	Kill by stealth	Psalm 10:7-8
Mark 14:18	The one eating with me	Psalm 41:9
Mark 14:24	Blood poured out for many	Isaiah 53:12
Mark 14:57	False testimony	Psalm 27:12
Mark 14:61 & 15:5	Silence before accusers	Isaiah 53:7
Mark 14:65	Spit, slap	Isaiah 50:6
Mark 15:5 & 39	Amazement of nations and kings	Isaiah 52:15
Mark 15:6-15	Criminal saved, righteous killed	Isaiah 53:6 & 12
Mark 15:24	Divided his clothes	Psalm 22:18
Mark 15:29	Derided him and shook their heads	Psalm 22:7 & 109:5
Mark 15:30-31	Save yourself!	Psalm 22:8
Mark 15:32	Taunted him	Psalm 22:6
Mark 15:34	Why have you forsaken me?	Psalm 22:1
Mark 15:36	Gave him sour wine to drink	Psalm 69:21

In Christ,
Pastor David L. Charlton

Residing Hope Thank You

We have the end of year giving information for 2024 for our Residing Hope (formerly known as Florida United Methodist Children's Home). Our financial goal for the year was \$2,208.00 (184 members @ \$12 per member). For 2024, we gave \$5,493.58 to Residing Hope; so, we gave 248% of goal! We give God the glory as we thank you, each and every one of our Burton family, for your love, your prayers, and your stewardship in this ministry.

In 2025 our goal of \$12.00 per member will remain the same as it was in 2024. We have four Fifth Sunday offerings this year to help us meet our goal - March 30, June 29, August 31, and November 30.

Since Residing Hope is an extension of the United Methodist churches in Florida, the goal of giving is set each year at the Florida Annual Conference in Lakeland.

Also, each Sunday that we partake in Communion (the first Sunday of the month), the "Penny Jug" gladly accepts your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.

Thank you for your ongoing support! It is truly an honor and a blessing to serve as your local church representative for our Residing Hope.

In His service,
Julie Ratliff



Earth Day

April is a wonderful month to celebrate, especially the freedom to worship together as a church family during



Green Team
Easter. In addition, we hope everyone feels the growing synergy as two congregations (Burton Memorial United Methodist Church and Coral Isles Church of Christ), two pastors, and a marine scientist stand on the same platform to spread the message that *we must take care of the creation*. The title of Jack Grove's Earth Day presentation is: *An Appeal to Save Life on Earth, In the Footsteps of Edward O. Wilson*. Pastor David Charlton will introduce the illustrated lecture. Join us for popcorn at 6:45 pm, the program will begin at 7:00 pm.

The presentation will align with Professor Wilson's book; *THE CREATION: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*. It is time for the communities of faith and science to cease arguing about topics that they will never agree on and focus on the critical matter that both science and religion agree upon. The importance of protecting our freshwater resources and preserving biodiversity, or what a person of faith might refer to as environmental justice for all and caring for the creation. Invite your friends and neighbors. Also, don't miss our creation celebration and Earth Day festival at Coral Isles Church on Saturday, April 27, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Worship Opportunities 2025

Easter Festival

April 12, 2025 Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown! No, wait....it's the *Easter Festival* at Burton Memorial. And what would Easter be without three Egg hunts and tons of fun? Thousands of eggs filled with Bible verses and candy will create a carpet of color all over our church campus. They may also play games, and face painting this year as well. This is a wonderful community outreach event – everyone is invited. Following the hunt, hot dogs and refreshments will be provided as children read the scriptures in their eggs for Easter prizes. Volunteers are still needed – please call Julie, Donna or the church office for more information.

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 Worship time: 10:00 am

Come and hear the Palm Sunday as told through the Word, song, and prayer and witness the transformation of the sanctuary as we celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025: Service 6:00 pm



MAUNDY
Thursday

Come on Maundy Thursday for a special service of contemplation at Coral Isles Church (MM 90, next to Coral Shores High School).

Good Friday

April 18, 2025 Worship time: 12:00 pm

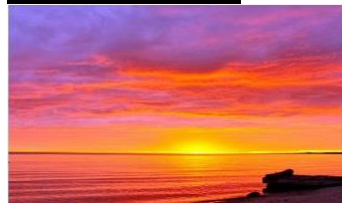
We are invited to join our UMC family at Matecumbe Methodist Church for a service on Good Friday. This service of Word, song, and prayer is a wonderful way to prepare your heart for Easter – come and bring a friend. *Prior to the service, Spirit and Truth will be undertaking their traditional “Cross Walk”.* This is open to any that would like to participate. They will be meeting at Venetian Shores at 9:30 a.m. and will walk the two crosses to Matecumbe Methodist Church for the Good Friday service.



There will also be a Last Supper and Gethsemane re-enactment in Burton’s Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm. We will remember the night Judas, a trusted member of the inner-circle, betrayed Jesus and how the other Apostles let him down. It may not be pleasant because we might see ourselves in Judas, the Apostles or even the religious leaders who arrested Jesus and handed him over to be crucified. However, we’ll leave with hope as we look forward to Jesus’ victory over death and receive God’s forgiveness.

Easter Sunrise

April 20, 2025 Worship time: 6:45 am.



Join the Upper Keys community at the best service of the year – Easter sunrise! *We will meet at Harry Harris Park at MM 93 O/S (follow Burton Drive right to the park) at 6:45 am for an amazing service* – see the sunrise and hear the story of God’s gift to us all! Bring a chair and a friend! *Breakfast will be served following the service at Burton in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!*

Easter

April 20, 2025 Worship time: 10:00 am

He has risen, He has risen indeed! Celebrate the Resurrection with your family at Burton! *Experience the Joy of Easter with our Burton Ringers and Praise Singers as we ring and sing the Joy of the Gift of Easter!*



Holy Week

EASTER FESTIVAL

BURTON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(at 93001 Overseas Hwy., Tavernier)

Bring your basket and join us for our



FREE Annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy **egg hunting**, **prizes**, **games** and **face painting** for children 2-10 years old. **Refreshments also available.**

The **Easter Story** will be told and a special gift goes to children who hear the story in the Sanctuary.

Hear the good news and share the joy of Easter with us!

