

# Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p><b>Date:</b> August 4, 2024  <b>Sermon Series Title:</b> Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven  <b>Sermon Title:</b> Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven can recognize enemy infiltrators  <b>Old Testament:</b> Psalm 22: 12-13 &amp; 16 &amp; 19  <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 7:13-23</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> August 11, 2024  <b>Sermon Series Title:</b> Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven  <b>Sermon Title:</b> Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven can withstand and grow from adversity because their lives are founded upon Jesus and His teachings  <b>Old Testament:</b> Psalm 28:7-9  <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 7:24-27</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> August 18, 2024  <b>Sermon Series Title:</b> The self-surrendered life  <b>Sermon Title:</b> Jesus: The self-surrendered Lord, part I  <b>Old Testament:</b> Exodus 19:5-6  <b>New Testament:</b> Luke 9:18-27</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> August 25, 2024  <b>Sermon Series Title:</b> The self-surrendered life  <b>Sermon Title:</b> Jesus: The self-surrendered Lord, part II  <b>Old Testament:</b> Proverbs 3:5-6  <b>New Testament:</b> Luke 9:28-45</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](mailto:bae_bmumc@att.net).

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

## August Birthdays:

## August Anniversaries:

<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	
Betty Bullock	5	David Charlton	19	John & Drema Rimmell	15
Gene Spear	10	Mary Lou Wilkinson	20	Tim & Edith Bricker	23
Patrick Frampton-Hickman	11	Tim Bricker	21	Gary & Ann Hickman	24
Carol Ackenhausen	12	Brooke Peacock	24		
Jenna Gonsalves	16	Betty Lou Banks	30		



# 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.' Four months ago (April), we discussed the 'Ransom theory.' Three months ago (May) we discussed the 'Christ as Victor theory.' Two months ago (June), we discussed the 'Satisfaction/penal substitution theory.' Last month (July) we discussed the 'Recapitulation/Divinization theory.' And lastly, this month (August), we discuss the 'Moral example/Scapegoat theory.'

Jesus gave us the supreme moral example of love & justice. This example inevitably led Him to the cross. His resurrection affirms that if we follow the example of Christ, in the end, we too will have victory.

The 'Moral example/Scapegoat theory' gives us a new way to understand Jesus' command to pick up our cross and follow Him. Picking up our crosses means that we are willing to suffer because of righteousness. We are willing to suffer for resisting oppression and standing with the oppressed. We are willing to suffer for loving the folks who are hard to love. We are willing to suffer for proclaiming the name of Jesus. We are willing to suffer because we know that we too will experience resurrection.

Jesus' death is also an example of how sinful humanity enacts violence on innocent people because we blame them for our troubles (Scapegoating). The Nazis blamed the Jews for all their problems, and they became a scapegoat. White Europeans developed racist ideology to dehumanize Africans and provide justification for their enslavement. Thus, the Africans became a scapegoat. Likewise, the religious and political leaders in the Roman Province of Judea accused Jesus of leading an insurrection and causing chaos because they saw him as a threat to their power and influence. This turned Jesus into a scapegoat. The resurrection, however, unequivocally states that God's love will always defeat humanity's scapegoating behavior. This is why the Bible ends with a new heaven and new earth. (Revelation 21-22)

The following Bible passages support the 'Moral Example/Scapegoat Theory': Matt. 10:38 & 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 2:5; 1 Peter 2:21 & 1 John 2:6.

In Christ Jesus,  
David L. Charlton, Pastor



## Potluck Luncheon

Burton will be having a potluck on **Communion Sunday, August 4, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Center**, following the 10:00 am service. The theme for this luncheon is "**Picnic.**" If you do not cook, just bring yourselves. There is always more than enough food.

## Breakthrough Prayer

Brothers and Sisters,

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

Thank you to all the people who have been praying for our church every day at 2:13 pm.



The 'Breakthrough Prayer Team' is now asking you to start praying a specific 'breakthrough prayer' when your alarm goes off at 2:13 pm. If 2:13 pm does not work for you, feel free to choose another time. Here is the breakthrough prayer: "***Lord God, breakthrough and give us the vision to see your will for our church and the gumption to make it happen.***"

Also, feel free to write any answers to this prayer on the white dry-erase board that is found at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Remember, the reason we are focusing on 2:13 pm is because in military time, 2:13 pm is 1413 hours and this corresponds to John 14:13 – "And I [Jesus] will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." Business cards with this prayer are available at the church on Sundays.

***Also, starting on Friday, September 6 and ending on October 4, we will meet every Friday at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall to take part in "Dynamite Prayer: A 28 Day Experiment."*** As a small group we will share our experiences as we pray for God to breakthrough and give direction to our lives and to the ministries of this church. The Breakthrough Prayer Team will provide a continental breakfast.

In Christ Jesus, David L. Charlton, Pastor



***Join us on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm starting on the 14 of August - our Advanced choir rehearses from 4:30 to 5:45 pm.*** If you have music experience, we would love to have you. God offers the best benefit package around! Come and join the bell choir.

## Ringing News

***The Praise Singers will practice at 5:45 pm following Bells practice.***

***Also, our Christmas Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 1 at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary.*** Last year we had over 150 wonderful people attend our concert, and we hope to fill the sanctuary this year. Mark your calendar and kick off your Christmas season with the sound of ***bells!***

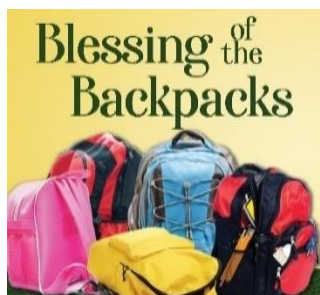
## Church Council

Our August Church Council meeting has been cancelled. ***Please mark your calendars for our September 3 dinner meeting in the Fellowship Center. Dinner starts at 5:15 pm with the meeting coming to order at 5:30 pm.***

This will be a very important meeting as we look at our upcoming church charge conference, our budget, our upcoming church leadership, and plans moving into 2025.



# Church Council Meeting



**Blessing of the Backpacks**

## Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks

August 11, 2024, is the last Sunday of summer break from school. For Monroe County, school officially starts Wednesday, August 14. During our ***August 11 Sunday Service, we will have the blessing of the backpacks and teacher's planners.*** During the service, we will invite all the students and teachers to bring their backpacks / teacher planners to the altar for a special blessing for the current 2024/2025 school year.



## 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?

## 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 June 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	2 June	\$1,259	\$1,347	<b>-88</b>	\$42,396	\$69,553	<b>-27,157</b>
2	9-June	\$5,407	\$5,891	<b>-484</b>	\$47,803	\$75,444	<b>-27,641</b>
3	16-June	\$1,014	\$1,992	<b>-978</b>	\$48,817	\$77,436	<b>-28,619</b>
4	23-June	\$1,559	\$5,668	<b>-4,109</b>	\$50,376	\$83,104	<b>-32,728</b>

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](http://bmumc.net) and click on **Give Online** in the upper right corner of the home page to set up a payment online.



## 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](mailto: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.*

## 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.



## Publix Feeding More Together Thank You

*Burton Food Pantry wants to send a big thank you to Publix for their Feeding More Together program again.* Once again, our local community's donations at the register were awarded to



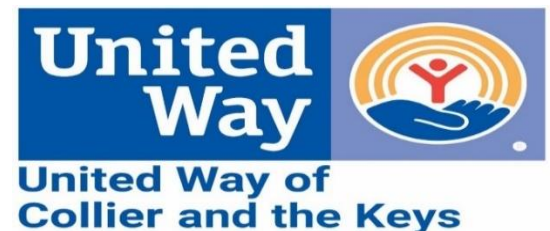
us as approved partners in the form of shelf stable products. We received peanut butter, jelly, chicken, tuna, mac & cheese, tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, Chef Boyardee, rice, canned vegetables, pasta, cereal bars, etc.

*We also want to thank Native Construction who volunteered their truck, trailer and driver to pick up this food and deliver it to Burton from our Publix store at mm101.* It was quite the project to move these huge pallets. When they arrived at Burton, the food pantry volunteers had to break the four large pallets into smaller loads to bring them into the Fellowship Center. *And a big thank you to our Trustee Chair, Normand Gonsalves, for arranging this trailer, and to all the volunteers who showed up to help.*



## United Way of the Collier and the Florida Keys Donation

Good News! The United Way of Collier and the Florida Keys Feed the Keys (Be Like Mike) food drive back in May resulted in a generous donation of 650.00 from those who donated money in lieu of canned goods. Thanks so much to UWCK and our community for this help.



## Ocean Reef Community Foundation Grant



**OCEAN REEF**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Many thanks to the *Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF)* for their continued support of Burton's Food Pantry with a **\$20,000 grant to pay for charges from Feeding South Florida's new Partner Agency Purchase Program (PAPP).** Feeding South Florida is now allowing us to purchase food at prices comparable to Walmart or BOGO sales at Publix and Winn Dixie but delivered directly to us.

They also support our food pantry program by *paying for the use of a refrigerated truck for Publix and Winn Dixie food on Thursdays, and by donating money for food purchases to supplement our other sources.*

## Pumpkin Patch is Coming

It is just around the corner - we need all hands-on deck!

*There is a Pumpkin Patch organization meeting on Thursday, August 8 at 5:30 pm in the Joy Classroom or the sanctuary if we run out of room.* Come and help plan some new events, outreach opportunities, and even a new tradition or two!



But here are some of things we DO know:

*We need a small crew to show up the week before the pumpkins arrive, on Saturday, October 5, at 8:00 am, to help set out the pallets for the pumpkin to be placed on.*

The pumpkins will arrive on *Saturday, October 12 – time to be determined.* We will need a lot of volunteers on this day to help unload around 1,000 pumpkins from the back of a semi-trailer and onto the church grounds. Those who help participate in this event will get a free pumpkin to take home to their family.

Finally, *there will be a sign-up board located in the Narthex*, in which families and individuals can sign up to *sell pumpkins in the patch from October 13 through October 31.* More plans will be announced as the details get worked out.

Donna Charlton and RaeLeigh Gonsalves will be our organizers and are excited about our 2024 pumpkin patch – they hope you are too!

*Pumpkin clean-up will be Saturday, November 2 at 8:00 am.*



United  
Women  
in Faith

Well, I missed last month's meeting and haven't heard anything from the girls about it. So hopefully all went well. They met at the Parsonage. I haven't been back there since I helped clean and paint a year ago. *This month's meeting will be at my house on Monday, July 29, 7:00 pm.* I've got the AC running.

A bunch of us went up to see Edna Waldorf in Homestead on Sunday, July 14. I just asked a few of the ladies and it was a good day with them and Edna as well, so we went. But I want to invite any ladies of the church the next time we go to come with us. Just give me a call, Mary Lou, at 305-394-3878, and I will put you on the list to see if you can make it. We take lunch with us. We have sides to share, and this time Virginia made the best Key Lime pies that I have ever had! We stay and visit then clean up and head home. We carpool and would love to have you.

Blessings to everyone,  
Mary Lou Wilkinson, President

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you, Viola (pictured on right), for the many prayer shawls and for all your teaching and giving. We will miss you. Wishing you God's richest blessings as you move north. *Please join us for fun, knitting and crocheting 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.



## Church Budget Meeting in August

Brothers and Sisters,

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

Church budgets are fun and exciting to prepare! What fellowship we experience as we crunch numbers! How thrilling...Ok, that's laying it on a little thick. I can easily think of more exciting and thrilling endeavors.

Church budgets are, however, very important and helpful. They enable us to wisely use the money as God intended. Also, as we create the budget, we prayerfully discern God's will for the church. (That part really is exciting.)

***So, on August 18, 2024, right after worship, we are having a Budget Party!*** (Some wonderful volunteers will provide tasty food.) At this party, members of all the committees and ministry teams will provide their estimate of how much they will spend in 2025. We'll also produce an estimate of the church's income. Thus, by the end of this party, we will have collected the data to produce a budget for 2025. This tool will help us achieve our goal of paying all our expenses without having to rely on income from the Child Development Center.



For this to be successful, two things must happen. First, members of all the committees and ministry teams need to attend the Budget Party. If you are part of a committee or ministry team, please make every effort to attend. Second, all the committees and ministry teams need to be ready to provide their estimates of how much money they will spend in 2025. If you are a committee chairperson or Ministry Team leader, please arrive at the Budget Party ready to give your estimates.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Budget Party! Creating a budget may not be the most thrilling endeavor but working with you all is always exciting!

God bless.

David L. Charlton, Pastor

### Burton's Garden

As we move forward into the year we are planning to plant vegetables in the back of the Fellowship Hall, for use by God's kitchen Thursday night dinners and the Child Development Center's Food Program.

Anyone willing to donate plants or seeds please bring them to Ciera. The idea is to incorporate this food grown into our daily routines. Thank you all for the support and encouragement!

Ciera Cox, Green Team member



### Watermelon Ministry

It's football season again. Burton Memorial in past years has provided the Coral Shores football team with a much-needed respite from their practices during the first full week of August with ice cold watermelons. If you are interested in organizing or participating in this ministry, please text Tim Bricker, (305) 766-0437.

## Burton Memorial CDC Screening Superstar

The CDC received an award for *Outstanding Performance with the School Readiness Developmental Screening Program in recognition of a job well done* by the Early Learning Coalition of Miami Dade and Monroe. Burton Memorial CDC is among the top 10% of providers who actively participated in the Best Practices in Inclusive Early Childhood Education, known as BPIECE. From 2022, to be a BPIECE provider, the required training in person or online must be completed. So, for a year and a half, each staff member has gone through all the required studies via zoom or in person at the nearest participating community colleges, like the Florida Keys Community College or Miami Dade College.



## CDC Teachers Credentialed

Hired a year ago, two of our CDC staff obtained their National Child Development Associate Credentials recently. *The Child Development Associate (CDA) National Credentialing Program is a professional development opportunity for educators working with children ages birth to 5 years old.* The program is designed to assess and credential early childhood education professionals. The CDA is based on a core set of competency standards that guide early childhood professionals toward becoming qualified educators of young children. The CDA Credential is a widely recognized credential in early childhood education administered by the Council for Professional Development. Congratulations to: *Ms Betty Ibargollin (left) and Ms Diana Freitez (right).*



## National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It is sponsored by the Monroe County Sheriffs Office. Join the Key Largo Library and other community groups at Key Largo Park for this annual event that takes place on the 1st Tuesday in August throughout the US. *This year the event is on Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Key Largo Park, mm 99.5 oceanside.*

