

Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

Date: June 1, 2025 Sermon Series Title: How non-violent does God expect us to be? Sermon Title: Praying for vengeance? Old Testament: Psalm 137:1-9 New Testament: Romans 12:17-21	Date: June 8, 2025 Sermon Title: What kind of river flows through us? Old Testament: Ezekiel 47:1-11 New Testament: John 7:37-39
Date: June 15, 2025 Sermon Series Title: Reflection on the Kingdom of God Sermon Title: We may not see its final triumph Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-5 New Testament: Mark 1:15	Date: June 22, 2025 Sermon Series Title: Reflection on the Kingdom of God Sermon Title: We plant the seeds, that's all we must do Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-3 & 7 New Testament: Luke 13:18-20
Date: June 29, 2025 Sermon Series Title: Reflection on the Kingdom of God Sermon Title: God brings in the Kingdom, not us Old Testament: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 New Testament: Luke 1:46-55	<u>Sunday Service Information</u> Come join us for services each Sunday at 10:00 am.

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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:

DAY	DAY	DAY
Mark Bricker	6	Julie Ratliff
	19	Paul & Renee Sebastian
		George & Victoria Pinson
		Anne Dunn
		Barbara & Gregory Koch
		6
		7
		16
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The Beacon

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Brothers and Sisters,

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



There are three phrases that summarize Christian action. Each phrase begins with the word 'great', so we can call them 'The Three Greats'. They are: 1) Great Commandment, 2) Great Commission, and 3) Great Expectation. Last month (May) we looked at the Great Commandment. This month (June), we'll contemplate the Great Commission and then, in July, we'll discover the Great Expectation. So, let's look at the Great Commission.

The Great Commission comes from Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:46-48, and Acts 1:7-8. According to these verses, God wants us to tell people about Jesus - who He is, what He teaches, and, most of all, how He changed our lives.

Who He is: We tell people that Jesus is Lord. He is Lord because He is fully human and fully God. (John 1:1-18, 8:58-59, Philippians 2:5-11) As such, we want to surrender all that we have and all that we are to the loving authority of Jesus. We look at every issue and see every person through the eyes of Jesus. In this way, we become like Jesus. As we walk in a relationship with the FATHER, the HOLY SPIRIT transforms our hearts to make us more holy and loving like JESUS.

What He teaches: The primary focus of Jesus' ministry was the inbreaking of the Kingdom of God. (AKA Kingdom of Heaven - Mark 1:15, Matthew 4:17, and Luke 4:43) Love and justice are the foundational values of the Kingdom of God and we experience it when we surrender to the loving authority of Jesus. When a worldly kingdom requires us to do something that violates Kingdom of God values, we choose Kingdom of God values. Read the Bible to learn about the Kingdom of God.

How He changed our lives: This is our personal testimonies. Share with family, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances how you met Jesus and the specific ways He changed your attitudes, desires, and character. *This is the most important part of the Great Commission.* If you have difficulty explaining theology, no problem. People can come to church and Bible studies to learn that. However, it's your unconditional love and testimony that will bring people to church so they can learn the necessary theology and meet Jesus.

Following the Great Commission does not mean we must convince people that our faith is correct. Neither does it mean converting people to Christianity. That's the work of the Holy Spirit. We simply tell people what we believe – without judgment or coercion.

The Great Commandment tells us to love everyone. The Great Commission tells us to talk about Jesus. The two go together. People will listen to us talk about Jesus only if they believe we love them. Next month, when we look at the Great Expectation, we'll discover that all three complement each other. You can't have one without the other two. Until then, may God bless you.

Pastor David Charlton

Church Council

We will have a church council meeting on **Tuesday, June 3**, in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will begin at 5:15 pm with the meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.



Church Council Meeting



June Covered Dish

*The June theme for our first Sunday of the month covered dish (June 1) is **Graduation**. We will be honoring our graduates and sharing a "summer" menu. Bring your favorite summer dish. Also, we would like to decorate with a copy of **YOUR graduation picture or Senior picture!** See RaeLeigh for more details. If you do not cook, just bring yourselves. There is always more than enough food.*

Ringling News

It's our summer break! We are polishing and packing up on Wednesday, June 4, at 4:30 pm. August will be our mass choir kick off with a ringing retreat on Saturday, August 9, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We are always looking for new ringers! If you are interested in joining our handbell choir, please see ANY ringer for more information.



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.***

Men's Bible Study

United Methodist Men will meet this month on Thursday, June 26, 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.

John Rimmel



Upcoming news!

Be on the lookout! Our newly revamped webpage will be up and running at the end of this month. ***This begins our new journey with tithe.ly as our giving platform and breeze as our communication and membership program.*** Both new programs will help us to expand the options for managing your tithes through QR coding, kiosk options and simplicity of giving - while supporting communication, membership and outreach. If you currently give to the church through our current giving platform, Vanco, you will need to stop those payments and start fresh with tithe.ly. We will be reaching out when the time comes – so get ready!

Budget Party 2025

Mark your calendars – August 17, immediately following worship, the finance committee will be hosting our second annual budget party. This event allows all the committees and ministries of our church to get together to formulate the budget for 2026. This also means looking into 2026 for events and ministry opportunities – so come prepared for your thoughts and ideas. Each committee is required to have their budget ready to present for August 17. We are required to have a ratified budget to present at our church charge conference in the fall so please plan to attend the budget party and schedule your committee meetings to have everything ready. Thank you for being a part of what makes Burton the wonderful church community that it is. ***Lunch will be provided!***



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 **April 2025**, 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	30-Mar	\$2,096	\$5,754	-3,658	\$37,308	\$49,298	-11,990
2	6-Apr	\$2,231	\$546	1,685	\$39,539	\$49,844	-10,305
3	13-Apr	\$1,577	\$6,657	-5,080	\$41,116	\$56,501	-15,385
4	20-Apr	\$3,121	\$1,940	1,181	\$44,237	\$58,441	-14,204

The above YTD expenses do not include our insurance and workman's compensation payments to the District of \$53,635, paid in March. 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 June meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 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.



United
Women
in Faith

We had a really nice turn out for our monthly meeting after church last Sunday. The ladies decided we liked meeting after church with each lady bringing their own bagged lunch, so we will keep doing it until we want to change venues. There was quite a bit of housekeeping to do as Pat Fincannon, who has been our treasurer for years, is stepping down. Pat wants to be free to travel more, and we are all happy she can. Our prayers are with her on her new adventures. Kim Youngblood will be taking her old job back as treasurer. ***Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 22, right after church in the fellowship hall.*** Bring your lunch if you would like to join us. We did have one visitor, Passion, join us after the service and it was so nice to have a very young lady join us. She didn't bring anything for lunch, but like most women in the Bible we came prepared and there was plenty for everyone. Stop by if you want a little more fellowship after church, we would love to have you join us.

Love, peace and blessings,
Mary Lou Wilkinson, President.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This beautiful prayer shawl was placed on the altar for prayer by the congregation for a Dade county school custodian who recently lost two daughters (right). He loves the Dolphins team so a big thank you to Viola for crocheting this amazing prayer shawl.

Come and learn to knit or crochet simple hats for cancer children. Below are four done by one of our remote food pantry volunteers, one with a toy, "Carl the Carrot." The hats will be sent to two hospitals in November.

We teach; we have supplies. we have fun and fellowship. Come and join us ***Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the Joy classroom.*** For information call Virginia Spear 305-522-2978.



Prayer Bead Ministry

Spring has sprung...and summer is soon upon us!

Our Prayer Bead Ministry has a fabulous inventory of both prayer beads and chaplets just waiting for YOU to view and buy for that special someone who needs them for comfort or a happy occasion like graduation!

Our handcrafted Prayer Beads, made by United Women In Faith ladies, sell for \$15. 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 Kim Youngblood at cell # 443-207-4000. Please feel free to call or text or email to kyoungblood528@yahoo.com to make arrangements.



All One in Christ Jesus

Brothers and Sisters,



Summer is here! School is out and many of us will enjoy some vacation. This gives us a tremendous opportunity. While on vacation, worship with a Christian congregation that is different from ours. Try a new denomination, worship style, or a congregation that is predominately Black, Hispanic, Korean, Haitian or some other ethnic group. If you feel uncomfortable, that's ok.



Remember, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26-28)

Pastor David Charlton

Green Team Book Review

Jack Stein Grove, PhD, Green Team

"Christians looking to reconnect to the natural world will relish Sleeth's passionate call to Christian stewardship of the Earth."—*Publishers Weekly*

Dr. Matthew Sleeth has written a number of books that you may want to read. He believed that science and logic held the answers to everything. But he discovered for the first time, when he opened the Bible, that God chose to tell the gospel story through a trail of trees. The Bible's wisdom is often referred to as a tree of life. One of my favorite books by Dr. Sleeth is *Reforesting Faith* because it serves as a connection between those who love the Creator with creation and vice versa.



But don't just read about it, make time to contemplate the beauty of nature and our responsibility to preserve the creation.

Burton Memorial VPK(Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) Graduation Ceremony

On Thursday, May 29, 2025, Nilda Bernaldez and the Teaching Staff at Burton Memorial Child Development Center will be hosting a graduation ceremony in the Sanctuary, 5:00 pm. We will be graduating 8 students this year and recognizing them for all of their accomplishments. We hope you will attend and show your support for our director, teachers and students.



Publix Feeding More Together Thank You

Burton Food Pantry wants to send a big thank you to Publix for their Feeding More Together program. 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 once again 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 three 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.***

CDC Parent/Teacher Conferences in May

The staff at the school have been doing parent/teacher conferences these past two weeks. Parents learned the developmental aspects of their child through this conference, questions and answers were shared. Top left is Ms. Lucy with one of the mothers from the Infants' room. Bottom left is Ms Barbara with the two-year-old class with both parents attending the individualized meeting on the development of their child. Top middle is another staff assisting Ms. Barbara with interpreting to the English-speaking Dad on how his two-year-old



child is doing so far at the school. Top right is Ms. Alma with the mother of a one-year-old, discussing with the mother and showing art works that the mother excitedly took with her. Bottom right is Ms Darnays happily sharing with a mother of the 3-year-old child how artistic her child is. Bottom middle is Ms. Dominique along with Ms. Yury (interpreting) with one of our VPK Students' mother on how her child has progressed to get ready for kindergarten.



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Dear Pastor David Charlton,

Along with the Council on Finance and Administration and all ministries supported through your apportionment gifts, I would like to express our appreciation to you and your church members for your hard work and commitment to our shared ministry. We are grateful for your church's dedication to the ministry of The United Methodist Church shown by paying 100% of your allocated apportionments in 2024. Apportionments are your church's share to fund the budgets of The United Methodist Church around the world, the Florida Conference, and your district.

When every local church contributes 100 percent of its apportionments, the entire church is able to meet its many commitments to mission and ministry. To name only a few of these beautiful expressions of God's love, we see churches reaching out to provide needed resources in areas with families facing food insecurity. We see caring United Methodists meeting the needs of older persons through items like food and housing, but also through spending quality time with people reminding them of God's love and care for them. We see The United Methodist Church making a difference in the lives and faith of people every day! With your support of The United Methodist Church through apportioned connectional giving, leaders have been trained, churches have been resourced, clergy have been supported in ministry, outreach beyond the church walls has flourished, and much more. We are grateful for you sharing in ministry and supporting God's work through The United Methodist Church.

While we continue to acknowledge the difficult season we have come through following the pandemic and disaffiliations, we are looking forward with hopeful anticipation to the next season of ministry in The Florida Conference and The United Methodist Church. Florida Conference churches met and rose above the challenges of this season and contributed \$9.6 million in apportionments in 2024. This was not done without sacrifice, and your sacrifice does not go unnoticed.

We look forward to the hopeful future of The Florida Annual Conference and continuing in ministry with you. I hope you will pause in one of your worship services and share this letter with the people who made this 100% support possible. It truly is a sign of the living God at work in your midst. Please share with your church our gratitude and excitement as we move forward together making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Sincerely,

Christine Dodson

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