

# Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

<p><b>Date:</b> July 7, 2024  <b>Sermon Series Title:</b> Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven  <b>Sermon Title:</b> Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven have a steadfast loyalty &amp; desire for God – They do not commit idolatry  <b>Old Testament:</b> Exodus 20:3-6  <b>Old Testament:</b> Jeremiah 1:16  <b>Old Testament:</b> Habakkuk 2:18  <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 6:19-24</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> July 14, 2024  <b>Sermon Series Title:</b> Living as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven  <b>Sermon Title:</b> Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven focus on self-improvement &amp; helping each other grow rather than judgmental criticism  <b>Old Testament:</b> 1 Samuel 16:7  <b>New Testament:</b> Matthew 7:1-6</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> July 21, 2024  <b>Guest Preacher:</b> Pastor Pam Feeser</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> July 28, 2024  <b>Guest Preacher:</b> Tim Bricker</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!*

## July Birthdays:

## July Anniversaries:

	<u>DAY</u>		<u>DAY</u>	<u>DAY</u>
Virginia Spear	13	Sandy Klifman	26	



# The Beacon

*a monthly newsletter publication of Burton Memorial UMC*  
*July 2024*

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

The 'Recapitulation/Divinization theory' theory is one of the oldest theories. This theory traces its origins to Bishop Irenaeus of Lyons, who lived from c. 130 to c. 202 A.D. He wrote 'Against Heresies' around 180 A.D. as a refutation of Gnosticism. In this work, Bishop Irenaeus developed what has become known as the 'Recapitulation/Divinization theory of atonement'.

In this theory, Jesus, as Fully Human and Fully God, is seen as the new Adam. The old Adam from Genesis brought sin into the world and shifted the trajectory of human development towards evil. As the new Adam, Jesus corrects the trajectory of human development towards goodness. In this way, Jesus recapitulates the genesis story and provides humanity a re-start.

Jesus tells us that if we are to follow him, we must take up our cross. (Matthew 10:38 & 16:24, Mark 8:34 & Luke 9:23) We can understand this statement through this theory of atonement. Our old, sinful, self-dependent selves die on the cross with Jesus. Our new, holy, God-dependent selves rise with Jesus' resurrection. As new, holy, God-dependent selves, we begin the process of divinization. This is a fancy way of saying that our development will progress towards Christlikeness. In this way, Jesus recapitulates our lives and gives each of us a re-start.

The following Bible passages explain the 'Recapitulation/Divinization theory'. Take the time to slowly meditate on them. 1 Cor. 15:20-23, Romans 5:12-21, 2 Corinthians 5:17, and Galatians 6:11&15.

In Christ Jesus,  
David L. Charlton, Pastor

## 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."



In a few weeks, you will receive a business card with this prayer on it. Carry it with you so you can start praying this 'breakthrough' prayer every day at 2:13 pm. 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<sup>1</sup> in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Also, starting on September 6 and ending on October 4, we will meet every Friday at 7:30 am 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 breakfast.

In Christ Jesus, David L. Charlton, Pastor

## Potluck Luncheon

Burton will be having a potluck on **Communion Sunday, July 7, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Center**, following the 10:00 am service. The theme for this luncheon is "*Summer Sunday dinner.*" Consider bringing fried chicken, potato salad and other summer food items. If you do not cook, just bring yourselves. There is always more than enough food.



## Ringing News

The Burton Ringers are on summer break until August. Watch the bulletin for the next practice date. The Praise Singers will practice at 5:00 pm until the bells return.

## Church Council

Your Church Council is taking a break in July. Our next *council dinner meeting* will be on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Center.**



## Church Council Meeting

## 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 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	5 May	\$2,700	\$1,683	<b>1,017</b>	\$34,679	\$56,697	<b>-22,018</b>
2	12-May	\$2,944	\$5,424	<b>-2,480</b>	\$37,623	\$62,121	<b>-24,498</b>
3	19-May	\$1,656	\$1,586	<b>-70</b>	\$39,279	\$63,707	<b>-28,927</b>
4	26 May	\$1,858	\$4,499	<b>-2,641</b>	\$41,137	\$68,206	<b>-27,069</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.





United  
Women  
in Faith

MaryLou is travelling for the month of June. Hopefully we will have a full report and lots of pictures of her adventures when she returns for the July meeting.

Edith gave a program on “What do dolls have to do with our Charter for Racial Justice?” Joshua Charlton helped with the video. The program was an introduction to the Doll Project of the Florida Conference. Burton UWFaith will pick up four multicultural dolls at Mission u July 19-21 in Orlando and deliver them to the unit at our July meeting. Burton UWFaith women plan to crochet or knit outfits for the dolls. Virginia offered the help of the Prayer Shawl group. ***This month the UWF will meet on Monday, July 22, at 7:00 pm at MaryLou’s house.***



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our prayer shawl ministry, in addition to making prayer shawls, is currently making baby blankets for active military and hats for cancer children. ***Join us Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Joy Classroom for fellowship.*** We 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 ***Sunday, 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. (The purpose of the CDC is not to keep the church afloat but to provide a low cost yet high quality pre-school for struggling families.)

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 Memorial CDC Summer Program Starts

*The CDC started their Summer Program sponsored by Ocean Reef Community Foundation in June – look at the cute long sleeve t-shirts with their logo that each student is wearing. Below are pictures from their first two weeks. Nilda is travelling with the children this summer as Ms. Dominique just had her baby girl. Congratulations! Our Prayer Shawl group knitted a gorgeous baby blanket for the new edition.*





## Mission u & Spiritual Enrichment 2024

In-Person Event: Friday, July 19, 4:00 pm – Sunday, July 21, 12:00 noon

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North  
2974 International Parkway  
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Join us at Mission u 2024 as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another.



Mission u 2024 offers three exciting curricula on this theme. Order your copy here:  
[uwfaithresources.org](http://uwfaithresources.org)

Adult: Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher

Youth: Cultivating Symbiosis - The Nature of God's Kin-dom by Nica Sy

Children: Me in the Kin-dom by Kathy Cook

Registration for In-person and Virtual Mission u is now open!

To register, visit the FL Conference UWFaith website at [www.flconfuwf.org](http://www.flconfuwf.org)  
or register online: [Click here to register for Mission u In-person or Virtual](#)

**In-Person Mission u Fee:** Adults: \$150; Youth ages 11-17: \$100; Children ages 10 and under: \$80

Registration deadline for In-Person Mission u is Friday, June 21, 2024.

**Scholarships:** A limited number of scholarships is available for In-person Mission u. The Scholarship Application can be found at [www.flconfuwf.org](http://www.flconfuwf.org) Completed applications must be received by Wed., May 15th.

**Virtual Mission u:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 23, 25, 30, & August 1, 6:30 p.m. – 9: 00 p.m.

**Virtual Mission u Fee:** Individual: \$25

Group of 3-5 together in one location on one device: \$75

Group of 6-10 together in one location on one device: \$100

Group of 11+ together in one location on one device: \$150

Registration deadline for Virtual Mission u is July 9, 2024.

**Hotel room reservations must be made separately, directly with the Westin Lake Mary.**

Special rate: \$127/night, single or double. Hotel room reservation deadline is June 28, 2024. To reserve your hotel room, click on this link:

[Book your group rate for United Women in Faith 'Mission U' 2024.](#)

### Florida's Right To Clean Water

A Florida's Right To Clean Water petition for you to fill out is on the next page. If we get enough of these petitions signed from Florida, we could potentially vote on this legislation on the 2026 ballot. If we pull this off, we would be the fourth state out of fifty to have a constitutional amendment protecting our waters.

No matter whether you work on the water or not, we are all here because of the health of our ecosystems. If anyone wants more petitions to take to loved ones and friends, we can make that happen! Signed petitions can go in the blue folder in the narthex.

Green Team



# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM – VOLUNTEER

## Amendment Information

**Ballot Title:** Right to Clean and Healthy Waters

**Ballot Summary:** This amendment creates an enforceable, fundamental right to clean and healthy waters, authorizing a person to sue for equitable relief when a State executive agency, by action or inaction, allows harm or threat of harm to Florida waters. This amendment provides for strict judicial scrutiny of such action or inaction; adds to available remedies; identifies affected constitutional provisions; provides for enforcement; defines terms; and requires attorney's fees and costs to prevailing plaintiffs.

*See separate document for the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment.*

**Date Approved** 03/08/2024 **Serial Number** 2403



## Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below.)

**Name:** FloridaRighttoCleanWater.org

**Address:** 13300 South Cleveland Avenue Suite 56 Fort Myers, FL 33907

## Voter's Information

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.

**Name - Last** \_\_\_\_\_ **First** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **County** \_\_\_\_\_

Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)

**Registration No.**           **or** **Date of Birth**   /   /

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed**   /   /

## Petition Circulator's Information



This Petition form is only to be collected by a volunteer or directly by the voter him or herself.

A paid petition circulator must use the DS-DE 155B version of the form. Forms for paid petition circulators can be obtained from the Division's Paid Petition Circulator website.

Visit <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/InitiativePetitions/> for more information.

## Attention

- This form becomes a public record once filed with the Supervisor of Elections.
- It is a first degree misdemeanor to knowingly sign the same petition more than once. [§104.185, F.S.]
- An improperly completed form will not be validated.