

## Learning to be Christians

Titus 2:11-14, Focus: Our attitudes, what Christianity means for daily living  
Introduction

What does it mean to be a Christian?

Consider: James 1:27

I. Christianity requires change, not just adding virtues:

Titus 2:11-12 - What does it mean to repent?

This was central to Jesus' message: Mark 1:14-15

James 1:14 - sin caused by "our own desire"  
Mark 4:14-20; Hebrews 12:1;

Ecc 4:4: all labor, achievement . . spring from man's envy of neighbor.  
II. Christianity calls for change, requiring learning

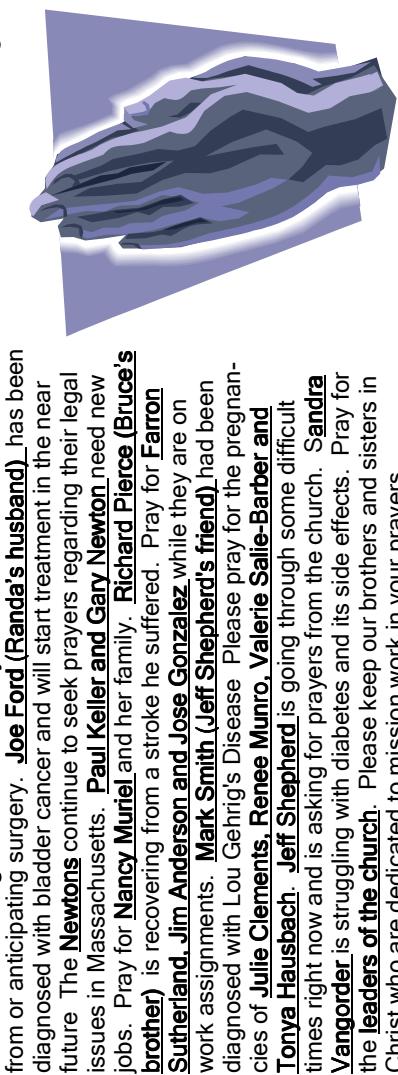
Do we see Christianity as a learning experience? Phil 4:12-13  
Titus 2:12 - God's grace TEACHES us [educates us]

III. The type of lives we are called to live and why, Titus 2:12-14

What is the prudent sensible life?

What is the reward? 2 Cor 15:21-23

Please remember the **Brow** family as they mourn the loss of Ryan's father. **Rhonda Davis** is recovering from a fractured tibia. **Pat LeBlanc** is scheduled to have surgery on Tuesday at Holmes Regional Hospital. **John Branard** is recovering from a broken foot. Please pray for the family of **Isaiah (Jasmine Muriel's friend)**, who has found dead in a burning car. **Rita Meredith, Jimmy Hines, Margaret Strickland, Melissa Vangorder's mother, Gayle Davidson, and Bob Grassman's father** are all recovering from or anticipating surgery. **Joe Ford (Randa's husband)** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will start treatment in the near future. The **Newtons** continue to seek prayers regarding their legal issues in Massachusetts. **Paul Keller and Gary Newton** need new jobs. Pray for **Nancy Muriel** and her family. **Richard Pierce (Bruce's brother)** is recovering from a stroke he suffered. Pray for **Farron Sutherland, Jim Anderson and Jose Gonzalez** while they are on work assignments. **Mark Smith (Jeff Shepherd's friend)** had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. Please pray for the pregnancies of **Julie Clements, Renee Munro, Valerie Salie-Barber and Tonya Hausbach**. **Jeff Shepherd** is going through some difficult times right now and is asking for prayers from the church. **Sandra Vangorder** is struggling with diabetes and its side effects. Pray for the **leaders of the church**. Please keep our brothers and sisters in Christ who are dedicated to mission work in your prayers.



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, WINTER, 2009	
Sunday a.m.:	Great Texts of the Bible, (Various Men, Auditorium) James, (various women, Ladies Classroom) Old Testament Survey, (Scott Clements, Young Adults)
Wed. p.m.:	The Psalms (Bruce Pierce, Fellowship Hall)
1/25-Winterfest meeting, \$60 due	

TEEN HAPPENINGS	
Check the Youth Page for further info	
Sunday morning classes:	
<b>The Abundant Christian Life</b> , David Woodford	
Wednesday night classes:	
<b>Devotional Topics</b> , CJ Salie	

# Family Happenings



## COME AND CELEBRATE!

A Baby Shower for Julie Clements (and Scott, of course...)

Sunday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m.

At the Cypress Cove at Suntree Club House

PLEASE r.s.v.p. to Randa Ford (453-4642) or Heather Deel (432-7790) because lunch will be served and they want to be sure to have enough food!

## Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC

There will be a Mother/Daughter Retreat at Central Florida Bible Camp on February 6-7, 2009. The cost is \$20 each; daughters 0-3 years of age are free. There is an informational flyer posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. This is always a wonderfully enriching time of spiritual and emotional bonding.



## World Bible School

Raymond Onwumere - our follow-up preacher in Anambra State - graduated from the School of Biblical Studies in Awka- Ibom State in West Nigeria. It took him 3 years to complete his studies - I will post his letter on the bulletin board. He attended classes once a month. He continued to do all of his "church" work while completing his courses.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Bill and Rusty Wright** have placed membership with us. Welcome to Oceanside! Their contact information is provided below.

Bill and Rusty Wright, 1702 Bayshore Drive, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

783-3782

[arusta21@gmail.com](mailto:arusta21@gmail.com)

Interested in Girl Scout cookies? Rachael Vangorder is selling them. She'd love to sell you some!

## FOOD PANTRY INFO

Do you shop at a grocery store that offers paper bags? Please ask for and save these bags for use in Oceanside's food pantry. They may be left on the kitchen counter. Pantry is open Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., to the neighborhood, community, and members. For access to the food pantry, please see **Sam or Rita Meredith or Margaret Wahlera**.



## CHURCH SIGN MINISTRY NEEDED

We have recently had the church sign along SR A1A repainted (power and lighting). If you are interested in posting and changing messages on the sign (on an every other week basis), please see Bill Werner. Thanks for considering serving in this ministry.

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR 2008

Contact Bill Werner if you would like a statement for your donation made by check for 2008. If you contributed any single donation by check that was \$250 or more, a written substantiation for those donations will be sent out in early January, and will include your total donations given by check by 2008.

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

3-Ruth & Tim Wilson, Gina Gonzalez
7-Michael Clarke
9-David Woodford, Jr.
10-Bryan Pierce
12-Ruth Wilson
15-Willie Bryant
19-Jessica Ximenez
21-Farron Sutherland, Jr.
22-Lauren Branard
24-Xavier Muriel
26-Bethany Clarke
27-Margaret Wahlera



# Celebrations

A Guide to Special Occasions at the Oceanside church Family

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## SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

January 25

February 1

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Counting People because People Count	Sunday Evening Small Groups
<b>January 4, 2009</b>	
Bible Study ..... 86	Building Conn 6:00 p.m.
Worship ..... 86	Palm Bay Bryant@Clarke 6:00 p.m.
Contribution..... \$2,637.64 Budget \$1948.56)	

Sermon	Greeters	Lord's Table	Prayer Warriors
Communion	Greeters	Chris Ankersen, Gary Apple, Jr., John Branard, Willie Bryant	Heather Deel, Eugene Foreman, Marilyn Salle
Sermon	Greeters	tbd	tbd
Communion	Suzanne Branard	Xavier Muriel, Bill Munro, Gary Newton, Bryan Pierce	Kristina Anderson, Tyler Anderson, Rhonda Davis, Annie Garner

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ELDERS John Branard Bill Werner EVANGELIST Jim Conn DEACONS Chris Ankersen, Teens Michael Clarke, Children 728-4112 Gary Newton, Small Groups 777-1269 Bruce Pierce, Adult Ed 777-9823	Bulletin News: Lyn Newton 777-1269 (home) 321-960-0916 (cell) or lynnewton@cfl.rr.com
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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

**Sunday:**  
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Kids Kingdom  
Children's Bible Hour  
10:30

**Sunday Evening**  
6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study at the building  
and in homes (communion  
available at all locations)

**Wednesday Evening**  
7:00 p.m.

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope -- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Titus 2:11–14

## Drama Warriors

This Week's Prayer Warriors: Malinee Allen, Julia Apple, Rita Meredith, Sam Meredith, Margaret Wahtera, Kathleen Withers