

## The Importance of the Cross

### 1 Corinthians 1:20—25

I. Do We Think About Defending the Cross?

How is the Cross a problem? Romans 10:13—14; Acts 4:10—12; John 14:6; Acts 17:22—23, 30—31

II. The Defense of the Cross, 1 Cor 1:20—25

What was the problem of the Cross in the first century? Acts 2:22—24; 1 Cor 1:20—25; 1 Cor 2:4; 2 Cor 11:6

III. The Importance of the Cross

Do we understand just what the Cross means? Romans 5:9—11; Matthew 26:27; Hebrews 9:15; 1 John 4:7—12

IV. The Danger of Sin

Do we appreciate the danger of Sin? Romans 1:32; 6:23; 8:1—2; Mark 9:42—48; Isaiah 34:9—10; Romans 3:21—26

## PRAYER

**SPIRITUAL NEEDS:** Those dedicated to mission work; the leaders of the church, Our **College students**. Our **Teen Ministry Piero and Edita Drago**. **Clarence LeBlanc (Pat's son)**: recovery and renewal. **Emily Madey**: difficult divorce and custody issues.

**HEALTH NEEDS** **Rusty Wright** will be undergoing testing to determine the extent of her breast cancer. **Marlene Shirley's** eye surgery has been rescheduled for March 28. **Suzanne Branard** will be undergoing biopsy mapping for her Paget's Disease on March 9. A friend of **Erika Masterson's** has been diagnosed with leukemia. **Elizabeth Jambor (Rhonda Davis' grandniece)** is undergoing chemotherapy for Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

**Cherie Ramos (friend of Lyn Newton)**, stage 4 cancer with no hope of recovery. **Julia Peters Goldstein (friend of Julia Apple)**, cancer. **Muriel Burke** has been admitted to Carnegie Gardens Nursing Center. **Sam Meredith** is dealing with health issues. **Billie Branham (Jennifer Godby's sister)** is dealing with colorectal cancer. **Pat Dixon's mother** is dealing with heart problems. **Ed Masterson's mother** is suffering from several serious health issues. **Jimmy & Sarah Hines**: many critical medical issues. **Cressy (Pat LeBlanc's niece)**: recurrence of breast cancer.

**FINANCIAL AND FAMILY NEEDS** **Jim Anderson** has a potential offer in Columbia, Maryland. **Rhonda Davis and Marjie LeCavalier** need jobs.

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** **Jane Fruscella's granddaughter, Zhana Young**, has been deployed to Afghanistan. Pray for a safe return.

**MOURNING/LOSS:** **Debbie Ankersen's mother, Avis Martin Combs**, died recently. **June Vogt's father, Frank Hanel**, died recently. **Gayle Davidson's father, Frank Savage**, died recently. Please keep all these families in your prayers

PRAISE!!! Gary Newton was recently promoted to full-time work at Home Depot. Jim Anderson's contract has been extended indefinitely. Good news for both families.

### TEEN DEVO SCHEDULE

3/10—M'Oceanside at Oceanside  
3/17—At Werner's home  
3/25—no one scheduled yet  
3/31—Bazile at Oceanside

### ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, WINTER, 2012

Sunday a.m.: *Psalms*, Adults, Auditorium  
Wed. p.m.: *Hebrews*, Bruce Pierce. Fellowship Hall  
Teens: *Selected Lessons*, CJ Salie

# Family Happenings

**Eastern European Missions Dinner:** the New Smyrna Beach Church of Christ will be hosting a dinner to promote Eastern European Mission (EEM). The dinner will be held at their new facility on Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 6—8 p.m. They will provide the meal, EEM will provide the program. There will be an opportunity to see the new facility, learn about EEM, and (if desired) contribute to EEM. A flyer is posted on the main hallway bulletin board.

## Spiritual Growth Workshop

Start making you plans to attend this year's Spiritual Growth Workshop (SGW)!! This year's SGW will be held June 28 through July 1 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. The theme will be "Not Ashamed." An informational poster is posted on the main hallway bulletin board. The SGW website is [www.spiritualgrowthworkshop.com](http://www.spiritualgrowthworkshop.com). The website is being updated to reflect this year's program, so be sure to check the website in the coming weeks.

Sermons are recorded. If you are ill, in the nursery or out of town and wish to hear one you missed, please see Jim Conn or go to our website: [cofcoceanside.net](http://cofcoceanside.net)

## Singles Happenings

Mar 16—18 Central Florida Bible Camp

April 7—12 Christian Singles Cruise

May 4-6, East Ridge, Chattanooga

For Info: Carol—321-698-1111

An up-to-date copy of the Church budget and expenditures is posted on the bulletin board between the WBS Office and the kitchen.

## PANTRY PONDERINGS

Doubled plastic and paper bags are in constant need

*Please call Margaret at 960-5227 if there are food needs during the week (members and visitors)*

Pantry Report for week ending February 29 households visited the pantry, feeding a total of people.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

2—Marilyn Salie, Malinee Allen  
6—Sue Autry  
8—Cade Willingham  
16—David Woodford  
17—Nathan Clements



ELDERS  
 John Branard 454-4145  
 Bill Werner 254-0283

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 Jim Conn 676-7954

DEACONS  
 Scott Clements, Worship  
 901-831-2832

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David Woodford, Sr., Teens/Youth  
 773-1850

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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. Service

**Pantry Hours**  
*Available to the neighborhood,  
 community, and members*  
 Wednesday, 2:00–4:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.  
 In case of emergency, contact the Wahleras  
 259-6253

**Counting People because  
 People Count**

**February 26, 2012**  
 Bible Study.....31  
 Worship.....98  
 Contribution.....\$2,947.48 (Budget, \$1985.44)

**Sunday Evening  
 Small Groups**

Location	Leader	Time
Building	Conn	6:00 p.m.
Palm Bay	Bryant@Clarke	6:00 p.m.

**SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS**

	March 4	March 11
Song Leader	CJ Salie	Scott Clements
Opening Prayer	John Branard	Bob Grassman
Scripture Reading	David Woodford, Jr.	Scott Clements
Closing Prayer	Willie Bryant	Michael Clarke
Communion	Tbd	Chris Ankersen
Sermon	Jim Conn	Jim Conn
Lord's Table	Dennis Beard, Jeff Shepherd, Bill Werner, David Woodford, Sr.	Dennis Beard, Jeff Shepherd, Bill Werner, David Woodford, Sr.

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# Celebrations

*Worship and Family News for the Church of Christ Oceanside*

**Song Leader, Scott Clements**  
**Welcome, Scott Clements**  
**Scripture Reading, 1 Corinthians 1:20—25, David Woodford, Jr.**  
**Opening Prayer, Willie Bryant**  
**Communion/Offering, Scott Clements**  
**Dismiss Children**  
**Message: "The Importance of the Cross" Jim Conn**  
**Closing Comments, Bill Werner**  
**Closing Prayer, Dennis Beard**

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. 1 Corinthians 1:20—25

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