

# From The Minister's Pen



## He That Believeth Not

Jesus, in His Great Commission, states, **“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”** (Mark 16:15-16). Belief has always been a prerequisite for salvation, for “without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Heb. 11:6). However, **faith alone** has **never saved** anyone. “Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone...by works a man is justified, and not by faith only” (Jam. 2:17, 24). The New Testament clearly teaches that a dead faith will not save, but a faith that leads to acts of obedience, [i.e. **repenting** of past sins (Luke 13:3), **confessing** that Jesus is the Son of God (Rom. 10:9-10), **being baptized** in order to have one’s sins washed away (Acts 2:38; 22:16), and **faithful living** until death (Rev. 2:10; 1 John 1:6-9)], is the faith that will save. Thus, as Jesus teaches, “he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”

Jesus also teaches, “...He that believeth not shall be damned.” Some, in the religious world, have claimed that all one must do to be saved is to believe and, further, that Mark 16:16 does not teach, “he that is not baptized

shall be damned.” To examine the verse further, one should take care to harmonize any conclusion with the entirety of New Testament teaching.

1. “He that believeth not shall be damned,” because Jesus says, “if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24). **Faith** is a requirement and condition of salvation.
2. “He that believeth not shall be damned,” because he will not repent of his past sins. One who does not believe in God nor God’s Word will not use the Bible as a standard of how one is to live and act. Therefore, he will not see the need to turn away from anything that he practices. He will most likely determine for himself what he believes to be right and wrong irrespective of the truth of God’s Word. Without **repentance**, one will die in his sins (Luke 13:3; John 8:24).
3. “He that believeth not shall be damned,” because he will not confess that Jesus is the Son of God. If an individual does not believe the teachings of the Bible, then he will not believe that Jesus is God’s Son and therefore will not confess His name before men. Without making the

**confession** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, one cannot be saved (Mat. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:10).

4. “He that believeth not shall be damned,” because he will not be baptized. One who does not believe will not accept the truth that baptism saves and therefore will not be immersed in water to have his sins washed away. If one does not accept the truth that baptism saves, he will not waste the time to do so. The New Testament teaches that **baptism saves**.
  - a. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16).
  - b. “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38).
  - c. “Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins” (Acts 22:16).
  - d. “Baptism doth also now save us” (1 Pet. 3:21).

Baptism alone will not save, just as faith alone will not save. But, the New Testament teaches that a living faith, which comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), will lead men to obey God’s commands to repent, confess, be baptized, and remain faithful in service to God until the end. One who does not believe in God nor His Word will not be baptized and will, as a consequence, not be saved.

Mark 16:16 is very clear, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” If one wants to be saved, he will believe and allow that faith to lead him towards the culminating act of God’s plan to save – **BAPTISM**. One cannot be in Christ, unless he is “baptized into Christ” (Gal. 3:27). One cannot be added, by God, to the church of His Son, Jesus

Christ, without being baptized into that One Body (Acts 2:38, 47; Eph. 1:22-23).

After being taught God’s plan to save man, the Ethiopian eunuch inquired, “See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing” (Acts 8:36-39). You, too, can rejoice, if you choose to **believe and obey**.



	<b>Hear</b> • Romans 10:17
	<b>Believe</b> • Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16
	<b>Repent</b> • Acts 17:30
	<b>Confess</b> • Matthew 16:16
	<b>Be Baptized</b> • Acts 2:38

## Church News and Views



### Vacation Bible School

July 5th - 9th, 2015

Get ready for VBS! By now, each member should have made plans to attend and has invited someone.

**Bro. Samuel Pounds** (Winter Haven, FL) will be the guest instructor in this year's adult class. Bro. Pounds is well-known for his exceptional knowledge of the scriptures and ability to deliver God's word. **Bring your friend** with you so that they too can have the opportunity to hear his lessons on the following topics:

The Bible, God's Book  
 God's Love for Us!  
 Jesus, God's Son  
 Jesus, Our Friend  
 God's Plan of Salvation



Julie Williamson

Baptized: June 7, 2015

### VBS Activity Hour

This year's Vacation Bible School will include an **"Activity Hour"** for attendees. Members of the alumni team and the VBS planning committee have planned fun and interesting activities for our youth and the "young at heart". Activities will include the "Amazing Race to Christ" experience, Light & Darkness experience, movie night, and arts & crafts activities. Activity Hour will be on Monday through Thursday of VBS from **4:00PM** until **6:45PM**. Youth and adults who plan to attend should place their name on the **registration list** that has been placed on the Hospitality Desk. This will help us determine the amount of materials needed.



COME CELEBRATE!

COME HOME!

**Homecoming Sunday** is quickly approaching! Homecoming marks the return of former members who have moved to other cities and as well as those who attend other congregations locally. Inform the former members who you know about Homecoming and let them know that they should COME and CELEBRATE!. Homecoming will be on **July 19<sup>th</sup>**!

### VBS Workbooks Available

Workbooks for the VBS **adult class** are now available. The cost of workbooks is **\$5.00** each. Purchasing a workbook now will allow students in the adult class to read each of the lessons and to be more prepared prior to the class sessions. Books may be obtained in the Education Office following the morning and evening worship services.



71st Church Anniversary and

# HOMECOMING

July 18 - 22, 2015

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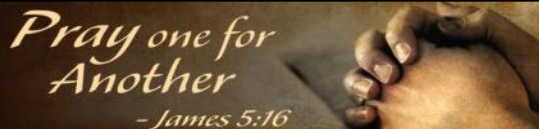


Already, many vendors will have space at our 2015 Health Fair!! Plan to come and plan to bring someone with you! Below is a partial list of the participating vendors.

- Holy Cross Hospital (Mobile Unit)
- Dept of Health-Broward County
- Broward Health
- Henderson Behavioral Health
- Broward Sherriff
- Voter Registration
- Beverly's Organic Natural Juices
- Organo Gold
- Targeted Outreach for Pregnant Women Act
- Head to Toe Posture & Rehab Center, LLC
- Humana MarketPoint
- MCNA Dental Plans
- Transamerica Life Insurance
- Zippy- Clean
- Sam's Club Membership/Optical/Vision Dept.
- Center for Independent Living of Broward
- Wellness Center Pharmacy
- 211 Broward

## THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

- Bible Study (5:00PM) ..... TODAY
- Sick Ministry (7:00PM) ..... June 15
- Mid-Week Bible Study (7:30PM) ..... June 17
- Word on the Street (9:30AM) ..... June 21



**"Lord, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick"**  
(John 11:3)

### Shut-In:

Charles Davis, Camille Ewers, Paul Facyson, Paul Frances, Ermine Mullins, Joyce Parrish, Marion Williams, Lillie Jackson

### Prayer Requests:

Bobby Ace, Ethel Bess, Laura Blidge, Louise Bowman, Richard Brazil, Arnetta Cross, Raf Campbell, Ron Cullingford, Sydnee Crow, Aletha Denmark, Felisha Downer, Sharon Eason, Nelzene Edwards, Loerine Ellis, Shirley Evans, Bessie Everitt, Barbara Freeman, Hanley Freeman, Dudley Hill, Arbie Humphrey, Lois Hutchison, Jacquelyn Irvin, Veanna Irvin, Becky Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Annie Lee, Kevin Larkins, Nancy Logan, Suzanna Middleton, George & Sharon Monroe, Willie Mae Morris, Jennifer Neita, James Newson, Rosie Newson, Johnny Richardson, Shay Roache, Akiko Robinson, Shirley Seays, Richard & Jean Sherman, Arnold Smalls, Maxine Smith, Yvonne Stokes, Linda Stokes, Brandi Stroman, Alexander (Joe) Sutton, Ernest & Mae Thomas, Samantha Tobias, Rolinne Trompe, Roosevelt Tukes, Johnnie P. Walker, Johnny Walker, Lillie Walker, Lucille Walker, Joshua Webb, Marie Webb, Annie Williams, Betty Williams, Charles Williams, Jackie Williams, Rosa Williams



### High School Graduates

Daniel Folkes  
Danielle Gray  
Deandra Johnson  
Justin Johnson  
Shavon McMillian  
Rashad Rouse  
Tyler Westbrook

### College Graduates

Jascity Hutchison  
Sychiquita Stokes

# “We Come Into This House To Worship Him”

(John 4:24)

## MONTH OF JUNE

### MORNING

### EVENING

*Announcements*

Reginald Johnson

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*Song Leaders*

Joey Snell

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*Prayer*

Willie Hamilton

Henry Brown, Sr.

*Scripture (Reading)*

Raymond Thompson

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*Song*

*Sermons*

Dr. W. F. Washington

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*Call To Obedience*

Counselors: K. Hutchison / J. West  
C. Jean / W. Hamilton

*Confessions /Prayer Petitions*

**Keith Hutchison** (Officiating)

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*Offering (1 Cor. 16:1,2)*

**AM —Officiating: Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson**

*Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7)*

(1) *Left*, J. Franklin

(2) *Left*, B. Thomas

(3) *Left*, G. Barbee

(4) *Left*, E. Holcombe

(1) *Right*, B. Byrd

(2) *Right*, M. Strong

(3) *Right*, C. Jean

(4) *Right*, D. Edwards

*Alternate: T. Evans*

**PM —Officiating: Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson**

E. Thompson M. Hughes J. Franklin

E. Holcombe C. Jean D. Stokes

*Alternates: B. Thomas, M. Strong*

*Ministerial Announcements*

*Doxology*

Dr. W. F. Washington

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*Dismissal*

Davonte Gray

Terry Evans

*Worship and Praise Leaders*

**Keith Hutchison, Reginald Johnson**

*Ushers*

**Head Ushers: Tony Hugley, Booker Bess**

**Auditorium:** Bros. T. Hugley, B. Bess, F. Williams, D. Adams,

E. Thompson, R. Johnson, J. Chance, J. Outler, M. Jeanty,

D. Gray, S. Wilson, D. Freeman, R. Rouse, C. Rouse

**Lobby:** I. Johnson, H. Penn

**Back Hall:** D. Brooks, J. West

*Hospitality Desk / Concierge*

Alice George, Sharon Evans