

The Rule of God

Mark 4:1-34

I. The Planter of the Word, Mark 4:1-20

Are we ready for God's rule in our life?

II. Hiding the Word of God, Mark 4:21-25, 4:10-12

God's Word is meant to be heard and understood!

1 Cor 2:6-7; 14-16 - How do we understand spiritual things?

Mark 4:23-25 - Consider carefully what you hear!

III. A Couple of Examples, Acts 24:24-26; 26:24, 27

How did Felix, Festus, Agrippa hear the word of God?

As a bribe, as madness, not convenient?

IV. Growing the Word in our Lives, Mark 4:26-32

Are we willing to grow in God's will?

V. Learning to Listen to God

How important is listening to us?

Are we on the "outside" or the "inside"?

Isaiah: 6:8-10 - see, hear, understand, turn > be healed!

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

HEALTH NEEDS **Patrick Wessel (Tyler Anderson's brother):** diagnosed with acute leukemia. **Joe Montello's mother, Peggy** has inoperable pancreatic cancer. **Alice (June Vogt's mother):** recovering from hip replacement surgery. **Jimmy Hines:** has congestive heart failure. **Max Barrett (Suzanne Branard's uncle):** suffering from Parkinson's Disease. **Ruthie Wilson's Uncle Bob. Patty Tarasavage, friend of Ruthie Wilson, co-worker of Bruce Pierce:** diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. **Helen Barham (Julia Apple's mother):** recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Marilyn Salie:** recovering from shoulder surgery. **Jasmin Muriel:** dealing with some medications to control seizures. **Vickie Keller:** shoulder injured at work—may need surgery. **Peter (Pat Le Blanc's brother-in-law):** diagnosed with diabetes. **Cressy (Pat LeBlanc's niece):** diagnosed with breast cancer. **Gayle Davidson:** recurrence of cancer. **Jose Gonzalez (Samantha and Joey's dad):** recovering from shoulder surgery. **Nancy Muriel and Jackie Gonzalez' Uncle Herman** has inoperable cancer. **Bob Daubert (June Vogt's friend)** has leukemia. **Liz Ribeiro, friend of Pat LeBlanc. Carolyn Capshaw (Suzanne Branard's cousin):** recovering from chemotherapy treatments. **Sandra Vangorder:** diabetes

FINANCIAL AND FAMILY NEEDS **Julia Apple:** legal issues. **Melissa Vangorder:** major life changes. The **Newtons:** legal issues in Florida and Massachusetts. **Paul Keller, Gary Newton, Rhonda Davis:** new jobs. **Nancy Muriel** and her family. **Jim Anderson and Jose Gonzalez:** away on work assignments.

MOURNING/LOSS: Marlene Shirley's grandson died recently.

PIERO AND EDITA SUPPORT

Piero and Edita Drago are currently in two years of training for full-time Spanish ministry. The address and website for TGCBI is Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute, 1502 Avenue I, South Houston, TX 77587, www.tgcbi.org. If you are supporting Piero and Edita, please send your support money to the TGCBI address.



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, FALL, 2009

Sunday a.m.: Book of Judges, (Various men, Classroom 6)
Crazy Love, (Suzanne Branard, Thelma Werner, Ladies Classroom)
Wed. p.m.: Strengthening Your Grip
(Bruce Pierce, Classroom 6)

TEEN HAPPENINGS

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

Family Happenings



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 20

Last Day to Sign Up

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held Sunday, December 20th at the Doubletree Hotel, 1665 North A1A, Indialantic, from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$9 for children ages 12 and under. Menu information is posted on the hallway bulletin board. This is always a fun time of fellowship and celebration. Sign up soon to be a part of this special event. Please see Suzanne or Rhonda if you have questions. Anyone interested in being on the Entertainment Committee, please see Rhonda or Suzanne, as well.

CAMPBELLS LABELS AND BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

If you do not have a school to collect these for, collect them for Mt. Dora! Give yours to Rita Meredith.

CANS FOR HABITAT

The boxes are back in the hall—teens are collecting empty, rinsed out, soda cans.

RECYCLING MINISTRY

Bring old ink cartridges, cell phones and lap top computers to the box in the fellowship hall and they will be redeemed for cash. This cash will be applied to our children's ministry.

PANTRY PONDERINGS...

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:35, 40
Do you have any of those twist-tie sheets that come with garbage bags? Well, the pantry can use them! Also, please keep bringing in your plastic and paper grocery bags! The need is ongoing. Please leave them on the kitchen counter. Thank you so much.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

2—Juan Gonzalez
4—CJ Salie
8—BJ Hackman
11—Logan
18—Bruce Pierce
21—Thelma Werner
24—Cherilynn Broy
28—Peggy Clarke
31—Sutherland



BLANKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED

We would like to begin making knitted blankets for those in need. Right now, the plan is to send them to Honduras, where the mountain nights can get quite cold. The blankets will be made from knitted squares that are then crocheted together. Each blanket will be the efforts of many working together. Freddi Woodford has the dimensions necessary, and a lot of patterns meant to inspire. If you knit, see Freddi for details. If you don't knit, Lyn Newton can teach you. If there is enough interest, we can gather together as "knitting ninnies", enjoy some fellowship and make a blanket or two together! If you do not want to knit for this project, but have yarn to donate to it, see Freddi.

STAMPS FOR WBS—box in the WBS office

Sermons are now being recorded. If you are ill, in the nursery or out of town and wish to hear one you missed, please see Jim Conn



SINGLES HAPPENINGS

10th Annual LAUNCH SINGLES WEEKEND at Walt Disney World, January 29-31. Registration \$60/\$50 for 3 or more, (Please register as soon as possible as \$1500 deposit is on my card).

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**Counting People because
People Count**

**Sunday Evening
Small Groups**

December 6, 2009

Bible Study.....
Worship..... 88
Contribution.....\$1,911.00 (Budget, \$1916.85)

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

SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

	December 20	December 27
Song Leader	Scott Clements	John Wahtera
Opening Prayer	CJ Salie	Eugene Foreman
Scripture Reading	Matt Provonsil	CJ Salie
Closing Prayer	Gary Newton	Bruce Pierce
Communion	Bruce Pierce	Willie Bryant
Sermon	Jim Conn	Jim Conn
Lord's Table	Ryan Broy, Aron Krischel, Joe Montello, Matt Provonsil	Ryan Broy, Aron Krischel, Joe Montello, Matt Provonsil
Prayer Warriors	Malinee Allen, Julia Apple, Rita Meredith, Sam Meredith, Margaret Wahtera, Kathleen Withers	Eugene Foreman, Marilyn Salie

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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.

Pantry Hours

Available to the neighborhood,
community, and members
Wednesday, 3:00–5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
In case of emergency, contact the
Wahteras 259-6253

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Celebrations

Worship and Family News for the Church of Christ Oceanside

John Wahtera, Song Leader

We're Marching to Zion 261
Joy to the World

Welcome, Scott Clements

I Stand Amazed 119

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus 210

Scripture Reading,

Isaiah 6:8–10, Tyler Anderson

Opening Prayer, Gary Newton

The Lord's My Shepherd 48

His Grace Reaches Me 638

Communion/Offering, John Branard

My Only Hope is You

Dismiss Children

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Message: "The Rule of God", Jim Conn

Invitation Song: *Trust and Obey*

Closing Comments, Bill Werner

Closing Prayer, Bob Grassman

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell this people: 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." Isaiah 6:8–10

prayer warriors

Bob Grassman, Paul Keller,
Diane Kromko