



The Lighthouse

Matecumbe United Methodist Church
"Bringing the Light of Jesus Christ to Our Islands"



May 1, 2020

Church Services and Activities Cancelled *thru at least May 15.*



From the Pastor's Desk:

Dr. W. A. Criswell tells his story:

There were two rather mischievous boys who get ahold of the preacher's bible and glued some of the pages together.

The preacher stood up to deliver the sermon and to read his text. He read:

"And in those days Noah took unto himself a wife."

He turned what he thought was one page and continued to read:

"And she was 15 cubits broad and 35 cubits long, made out of gofer wood and doped on the inside with pitch."

He stopped, held up the bible and said, brothers and sisters, "That's the first time I ever read that in the bible but if the bible says it, I believe it."

I'm not sure I would believe that but the bible is indeed our truth source.

Your word unto my feet, and a light to my path....
Psalm 119:10

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YouTube Services

Pastor Bob Pavey is providing weekly services during these difficult times. Click on title you wish to listen to.

March 22, 2020: ["We will not Fear"](#)

March 29, 2020: ["Why Me?"](#)

April 5, 2020: ["A Week to Remember"](#)

April 12, 2020: ["The Price of my Salvation"](#)

April 19, 2020: ["God's Heart Remedy"](#)

April 26, 2020: ["Divine Design"](#)



Goodbye for now....

May is upon us and so many members of our church family will be leaving us soon. With online church services for weeks now and canceled activities, we've missed seeing each other this winter. Please be safe during your travels, keep in touch, and hurry back. We will miss you more than ever this summer.



When a natural disaster strikes, so many Americans respond with acts of kindness, turning both regular people and notables into heroes.

It is great to see how many people have remained resourceful and generous when helping others during the current pandemic. People have been rescuing each other... providing for the needs of the community.

Example... For 40 days now Islamorada's own Mangrove Mike and his team of volunteers have been providing free hot meals to people throughout the Keys. The count is up to over 1600 grateful people a day. Go to <https://www.mangrovemikesendeavors.com/> to learn more or to contribute. Mike Forster and so many others personify community spirit here! So many folks in the Keys have their spirits lifted because of remarkable kindnesses during these uncertain days.

Food Ministry



Our church members generously donate to the food pantry and Tuesday dinners at the Baptist Church. When told food ministry needed bread... look how our church came to the rescue.

ONLINE Tithing and Giving... Now Available!

It's so easy! Please give it a try.

You can now contribute to the church, safely and easily using your credit card... with a highly secured encrypted system that the church has set up with the bank. [Click here](#) to donate. For more detailed instructions [click here](#).

Staying Connected ...

Click on any of the highlighted words – links to websites or pages of the church website – all intended to keep us connected:

[Church website](#) – Don't forget to check regularly.

[What's New](#) feature of the website to make it easy to see what and when changes are made.

[Bulletin Board](#) on the website where a variety of announcements can be posted.

[Calendar](#) – for meetings, birthdays, etc.

[Links of Interest](#) – local news, missions, and more

[Church YouTube Account](#) - listen to any of Pastor Bob's recent sermons and a variety of spiritual music by Pastor Bob, Richard Russell or the Island Quartet.

[FaceBook](#) – for Matecumbe United Methodist Church



Prayer List...

If you know someone on the prayer list, why not reach out to them or to a family member. Your call, card or email may mean the world.

Rev. Dick Smith, Jay and Carol Richard, Emma Kuchynskaya, Slava, Larisa, Dorothy Hertel, Anne Krampitz, Ralph Harding, April Dugger, Sarah Belotto, Don Light, Alma Dalton, Tania Martin, Ray Law, Paul and Ceilia Raia, Karen Lucas, Janet Lewis, Randy Baad, Glenda Whitman, Jim Reynolds, Ron Valdes, Elizabeth Stanley, Beth Nichols, Gary Nichols Jr., Susan Bateman, Gretel Duncan

Do you know someone else who needs our prayers now? Let Jan Grewe know at jangrewe@bellsouth.net or call her at 305-393-6196 and she will notify the Prayer Warriors. Or email the church:

matumc@bellsouth.net



Let's Read

As suggested in our previous newsletter, we invite readers to submit a brief review of a book they have read recently that they would recommend.

And send us titles and authors of books you think others would love too. [Click here](#) to go to the list of recommended books we have already compiled.

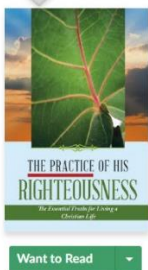
Barbara Haudenschild recommends "Carnegie's Maid"

Clara Kelley, a young immigrant in the 1870's, was so desperate to help her destitute family back in Ireland, that she stole the identity of another Clara Kelley to become the personal maid of Andrew Carnegie's mother. In Pittsburgh, young Andrew and his mother were almost as desperate to acquire great wealth. Though an historical novel, "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict tells how this young woman could change Andrew Carnegie from a ruthless businessman to the first philanthropist in U.S. history.....best loved for building many, many free libraries. Pam Jenoff of NY Times said, "Downtown Abbey" fans should flock to this charming tale.

Behind these masks at Crystal Health and Rehab....High Point Rd. Plantation Key. To the left is nurse Jenn Leak, to the right is chef Lee Dieujuste (also known as Esther's husband!) They currently have 82 residents, including our own Ralph Harding (also known as Faye's husband).



And speaking of Lee, he is also an author.



The Practice of His Righteousness: The Essential Truths for Living a Christian Life

by Leonel Dieujuste

★★★★★ 4.67 · Rating details · 3 ratings · 0 reviews

Everyone aspires to live the glory of God, only many of us don't know how or worse, what it even means. Therefore, we get involved in strange practices and lifestyles that ultimately torment us and make our lives miserable. Yet meanwhile, right under our noses, there is a perfect knowledge to help us achieve our greatest needs and wants, both on this earth and beyond. In

Birthdays....

Think how thrilled friends would be if you called or sent a birthday greeting! [Click here](#) to go to the calendar in our website to see birthdays in May.

It's a Puzzle....

Let's have some fun. Kathy Sill has created a puzzle to test your skill! Answers and another puzzle next week!

Bible word scrambles:

1. The arc was built by haon
2. There are 12 plisides
3. Two of the disciples names are
 1. Mweholrboat
 2. Suedtahd

Multiple Choice:

1. How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus (one, two, three, four times)
2. What animal announced the betrayal of Jesus (Sparrow, Rooster, Crow)

Matecumbe church and past sermon scrambles:

1. God's plan cannot be whteratd
2. In the bible, multiples of seven represent ntecfpiroe
3. Another name for God is eyhwah
4. Bring the Light of Jesus Christ to Our islands is the church osnimsi tmtsae

Bonus question:

Who stands at the left hand of God?

The Latest...

This is phase 1 for re-opening the state of Florida. The three counties to our north are excluded. [Click here](#) for Islamorada's plan: no tourists yet, park information, etc. Monroe County plans to keep the checkpoint in place.

REOPENING FLORIDA

PHASE 1: MAY 4TH

- SCHOOLS CONTINUE DISTANCE LEARNING
- VISITS TO SENIOR FACILITIES PROHIBITED
- ELECTIVE SURGERIES CAN RESUME
- RESTAURANT OUTDOOR SEATING AT 6-FT SPACING; 25% INDOOR CAPACITY
- RETAIL CAN OPERATE AT 25% INDOOR CAPACITY
- NO CHANGES FOR BARS, GYMS, PERSONAL SERVICES
- VULNERABLE SHOULD AVOID CONTACT WITH PEOPLE
- EVERYONE IN PUBLIC SHOULD DISTANCE FROM OTHERS
- AVOID SOCIALIZING IN GROUPS OF MORE THAN 10
- FACE MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL

Borden Makepeace



Borden Makepeace – a fixture at the Matecumbe United Methodist Church.... he's the man that first greets you with his friendly smile, handing you the bulletin, as you enter the church on Sunday morning. Now let's get to know him.

George Borden Makepeace II, was born June 11, 1934. He was named after his father who went by George, so Borden was always known by his middle name.

Borden spent his first four years in Thompson CT. According to Borden... this little town of Thompson is along the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg... famous because it has the longest name of any place in the United States.... 45 letters and 14 syllables!

In 1938 the family moved to the high bluff behind the town of Tiverton, Rhode Island. It is there that Borden had his very first experience with the fury of a hurricane. While Borden was only four years old, he remembers in detail that storm, one of the deadliest and most destructive hurricanes to ever strike Long Island, New York, and New England. The town was flooded but the Makepeace family lived on the bluff where they experienced minimal damage to their home.

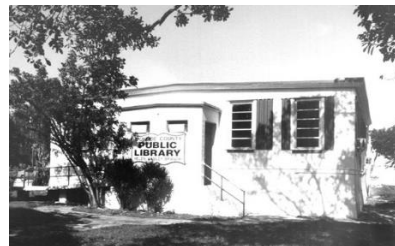
During World War II, the Makepeace family lived near several military bases. Borden had four years of learning challenges as his classmates were usually the children of military families who typically spent three months in school and then when the father completed training

and was shipped overseas, the kids moved away and an all new group of students arrived, and a new teacher... not the ideal environment for learning.

It was in 1949 when Borden's father was between jobs that the family traveled to the Florida Keys for a visit. Borden's mother, Edna, was the daughter of Ernest Arnold, prosperous owner of the huge Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery in Lincoln, RI. Ernest owned a vacation home in the Florida Keys that he built in 1937. Can you imagine a vacation home in the Keys back then... before air conditioning and mosquito control!

The Makepeace family fell in love with this island community. They held a family get-together to discuss a move to the Keys with 15 year-old Borden and younger sister Judith having a say in the decision. Together the family agreed they wanted to make the Florida Keys their home.

The next phase of Borden's education was attending school in the front section of what is now the Islamorada Library. Ferran Pinder taught 6th through 9th grade and Katherine Albury taught 1st thru 5th. Borden remembers that the Islamorada school had 75 students... 70 of them were blood relatives of one of the two teachers! He was one of five "outsiders."



Ferran Pinder

The school bus was a GMC Suburban with a bench seat for the driver and a couple kids in the front and three bench seats in the back so the "bus" could hold 12 to 15 kids. Borden commented that it was lucky kids back then were skinny so they'd all fit. The bus driver for years was Evenette Pinder Stone (Alma Pinder Dalton's aunt).

In 1951 Coral Shores School opened for grades 1 through 11. The following year grade 12 was added. But Borden didn't graduate from Coral Shores. Because they didn't offer some of the classes that interested him, he took a Greyhound bus to Miami and attended Miami Jackson. The school arranged room and board for him so he could graduate in June 1953. He graduated in the top 1/3 of his class in spite of all of the educational challenges he faced throughout his school

years, including learning to compensate for dyslexia. To this day he claims he can read backwards as well as forward.

Borden attended the University of Florida for several years but soon ran out of money. Now it was time for real life as an adult – finding a job and a career. Borden returned to the Keys and went to work for Alonzo Cothran, on a dredge boat at Duck Key. Alonzo kept crews busy three shifts a day, rotating weekly. Borden's boss at that time was Warren "Bones" Russell... Rich Russell's father.

After a year or so, Borden went to Miami looking for work and got a job selling typewriters door to door. He spent a short stint in the Army and then returned to the Keys. He was offered a job selling office equipment in Marathon. It didn't take Borden long to decide that he would be better off doing it his way, so with \$100 and two typewriters, he went into business for himself. And thus Makepeace Office Equipment was born!

In June of 1960 Borden bought a property and opened his own store across from the airport in Marathon. And then Hurricane Donna hit in September and Borden and his wife returned home to a vacant lot, with both store and home completely destroyed. All their personal possessions were gone, including the family photographs.

Borden and his pregnant wife lived in a 15' trailer for a few months and then were able to buy a storm damaged home for just \$10,000... with nothing down. It took loads of manual labor, but they fixed up the house with the help of a wheel barrel, shovels and water hose.

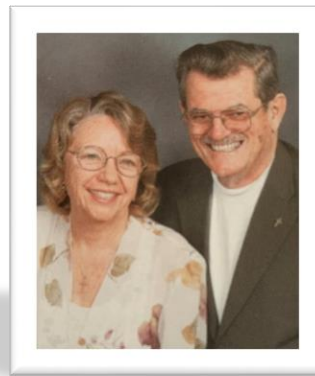
Two sons were added to the family: George Borden III (better known as G.B.) and Carl Ernest. Beginning when the boys were 6 and 9 years old, Borden faced the extreme challenge of being a single father, raising the boys while still expanding his office equipment business to pay the bills and provide a good life for the three of them. It was certainly "no walk in the park" according to Borden, but how proud he is that the boys turned out to be so special. Now decades later, Borden has four grandsons and two great grandsons!

In 1979 Borden was still growing his business and his boys. He found a great location just north of the Marathon Airport where he designed and built a 3000 sq ft two story building to house his thriving office equipment business. Because Borden knew first-hand

the devastation storms can cause, it was a bunker of a building.

By the turn of the century Borden had successful stores in Marathon and Islamorada, always providing for the unique needs of his many loyal customers. But as Borden approached 70 years of age, his life took another twist. Borden Makepeace found and married the woman dreams are made of... Johanna... born and raised in Germany in the Hitler era. He retired from business and adored being able to spend his time with Johanna.

Married in 2003, Borden and Johanna had the perfect marriage... they worshipped each other. And it took no time at all for Borden's friends and family to fall in love with Johanna too. What a lady!



Borden and Johanna always coordinated each other's look when they dressed for Sunday church services... making certain they were wearing the same colors.

Johanna loved to entertain... and Borden loved to help, usually fixing part of the meal. They did everything together.

But then tragedy struck. In 2011, Johanna was hit by a distracted driver while walking the dog. She was on life support for several weeks. Making the decision to discontinue the life support, at the recommendation of doctors, was the most heart-wrenching decision Borden ever had to make.

Borden is a student of the Bible. One of his favorite passages: "I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten." Perhaps that gives Borden hope and faith and keeps him smiling so genuinely.

So when you see Borden and his smile know that this is one special man who has overcome many challenges in his life but has the strength to face each tomorrow with hope, faith, and amazing memories. Always with that smile.

Some Old, Some Recent

