



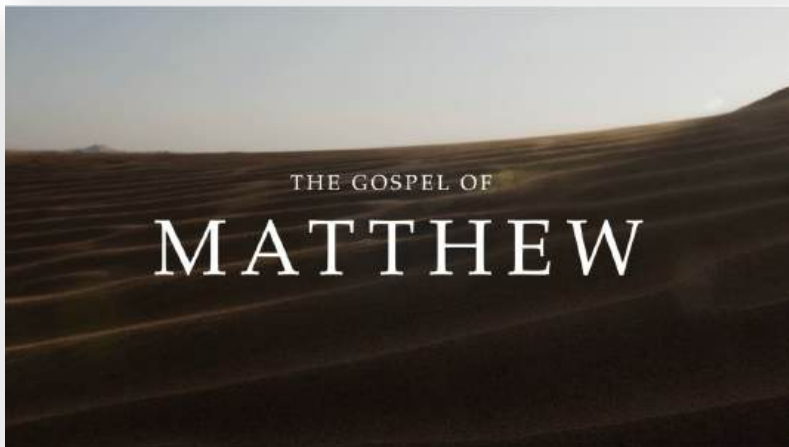
April 26, 2026

Authority

Scripture

- 23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority?”
- 24 Jesus answered them, “I will also ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I will tell you by what authority I do these things.
- 25 Did John’s baptism come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’
- 26 But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we’re afraid of the crowd, because everyone considers John to be a prophet.”
- 27 So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.
- 28 “What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘My son, go work in the vineyard today.’
- 29 “He answered, ‘I don’t want to,’ but later he changed his mind and went.
- 30 Then the man went to the other and said the same thing. ‘I will, sir,’ he answered, but he didn’t go.
- 31 Which of the two did his father’s will?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.
- 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn’t believe him. Tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; but you, when you saw it, didn’t even change your minds then and believe him.

Matthew 21:23-32 CSB



Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: Matthew 14 - 28, Spring 2026; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org;
Biblehub.com/commentaries; *The New American Commentary, Matthew*, Craig L. Blomberg*



God's Word - Devoted to Him

JESUS HAS ALL AUTHORITY

*Then Jesus came to them and said,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
Matthew 28:18*

Have you ever felt like your sin is stronger than the Spirit of Jesus living inside you? It might feel strange to admit, but sometimes, sin seems to have the upper hand, and we start to listen to the voice of our enemy more than the voice of our Savior.

But Jesus is not some puny god. And He's certainly not flimsy or frail or helpless or toothless. The reason Jesus came to earth was to crush the power of sin and death. That's what Jesus did. The work is finished.

Yet even though Jesus completed the work on the cross, sin still plagues us today. We are new creations living in a fallen, broken world.

When you feel this tension, remember that you are not left alone to sort this all out. You have the Spirit of God to guide and lead you each and every day. He does this by reminding you of who you are and where your true power comes from—Jesus, the One who has all authority over sin and death.

From: *Grace & Glory*

Jesus

THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

*Prayer is the risen Jesus coming in with His resurrection power,
given free reign in our lives, and then using His authority
to enter any situation and change things.*

O. Hallesby

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Honor

Main Passage for May 3 – Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40 CSB

Monday - Matthew 22:15-17

Wednesday - Matthew 22:21-22

Friday - Matthew 22:37-38

Tuesday - Matthew 22:18-20

Thursday - Matthew 22:34-36

Saturday - Matthew 22:39-40

Memory Verse: Matthew 22:37-38

He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command."

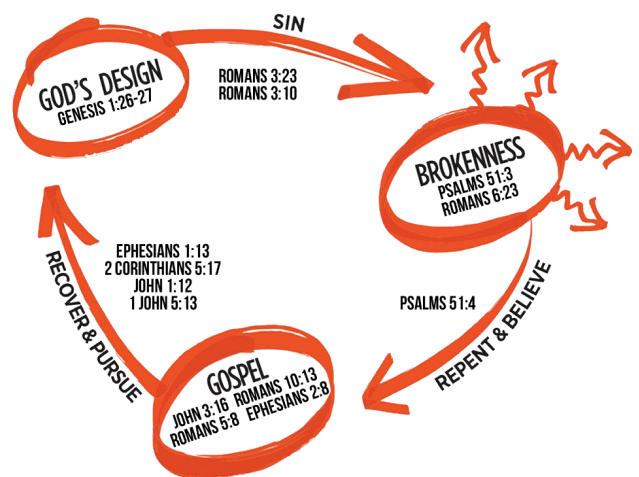
Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Connect Church Prayer Request

SOME PEOPLE THINK GOD
DOES NOT LIKE TO BE TROUBLED
WITH OUR CONSTANT
COMING AND ASKING.
THE ONLY WAY TO TROUBLE GOD
IS NOT TO COME AT ALL.

D. L. MOODY





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Compounding Joy

Many years ago, I loaned a new portable stereo to our church's high school group. It came back beat up and, I admit, it bothered me. But the Lord convicted me, reminding me it wasn't *my* stereo—it was His. And it had been used to help reach young people. Who was I to complain about what was God's?

Back then the material possessions I valued most were my books. My money went towards many great books. Thousands of them. Those books meant a lot to me. I loaned them out, but it troubled me when they weren't returned or came back looking shabby.

Then I sensed God's leading to hand over the books—all of them—to begin a church library. I looked at the names of those who checked them out, sometimes dozens of names per book. I realized that by releasing the books, I had invested in others' lives. Suddenly, the more worn the book, the better. My perspective totally changed.

Fast forwarding to the early 1990s. Scripture really hit home.

- * The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)
- * "The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the LORD Almighty. (Haggai 2:8)
- * Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. (Deuteronomy 8:18)
- * You are not your own; you were bought at a price. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

God was teaching me the first of the six keys to understanding the Treasure Principle:

God was and is the owner of everything, including books, and stereos. He even owns me. God never revoked His ownership, never surrendered His claim to all treasures. He didn't die and leave the earth to me or anyone else.

To be continued from...
The Treasure Principle

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Offering

He gave His ONLY begotten Son that we might have eternal life.



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Adults - 10:30 AM - Dr. Janet Plummer: askadminex@gmail.com
Adults - 10:30 AM - Clayton Hutcheson: claybmw@bellsouth.net
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TUESDAY

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Men - 7:00 PM - Chip Hausman: jwmhausman@gmail.com
and Jim Bass: jbass1961@gmail.com

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Adults - 7:00 PM - Ed Samour: ed@ecengineers.com

THURSDAY

Adults - 7:00 PM - Leslie Dakers: ladakes@hotmail.com

SATURDAY

Men - 9:00 AM - Grantley Coulthrust:
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Family Beach Day

CONNECT KIDS

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The graphic features a wooden signpost with three directional signs pointing right. The top sign says "Ocean Reef Park", the middle sign says "April 26th", and the bottom sign says "2:00 PM". To the left of the signpost is a seagull perched on a post. In front of the signpost is a beach basket filled with items like a water bottle, sunscreen, and a beach towel. Next to the basket is a pink inflatable flamingo ring and a pair of pink and white striped flip-flops. The background is a light blue sky with a palm frond visible in the top left corner.



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the Patio Today!*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
EVENTS | MEETINGS | FELLOWSHIPS

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Following
the Service!*

Family Beach Day
April 26th

Beach Baptism
April 26th

CT - Yard Sale Formal
April 29th

Awana - Transformer Night
April 29th

Parent/Child Dedication Class
May 3rd

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Event Page*



Beach Baptism

April 26th - 4:00 PM
Ocean Reef Park - Riviera Beach



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Yard Sale Formal Connect Teens

April 29th - 6:30 PM
Activity Center



A Silly Themed - Prom Dress Up Night
All Attire should come from Good Will,
Yard Sales, or Your Parent's Closet
Prize Drawing for those who Dress Up and Bring a Friend

For more info. - tristan.nelson@cc.today

Transformer Night! April 29th

Clubbers,
It's time to get really creative.
Wear something that transforms to Awana.





CONNECT CHURCH

Parent/Child Dedication Session

May 3rd

9:00 AM

Children's Department



Registration - cc.today

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Vacation Bible School Leader Meeting

May 3rd

11:45 AM

Children's Worship Room



Lunch Provided

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**GRILL
BBQ**

**YOUNG ADULT
BBQ**

Food, Fun, Fellowship



May 3rd at 6:00 pm

Activity Center



Stewardship. Simplified.

Florida Baptist Financial Services

Kingdom-Minded Estate Planning Seminar

Date: May 17th

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: Activity Center / Lunch Provided

**Everything we have is a Gift from God.
Biblically Grounded Estate Planning for the Future.**



**Registration: April 15th - May 11th
Limited Availability for 60 Participants / Adults Only
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