



THE WORD

MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

JUNE 2019

**REFLECTING AND HONORING OUR PAST WITH RENEWED ENERGY
AND VISION FOR THE FUTURE**



MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH PREPARES FOR ITS SECOND CENTURY OF FAITH AND SERVICE ON LINCOLN ROAD

WE CONTINUE WITH OUR MULTI-LAYER RESTORATION OF OUR CAMPUS ON LINCOLN ROAD. A FULL RESTORATION OF OUR 1921 SANCTUARY – OUR LOVELY MEDITERRANEAN REVIVAL BUILDING, DESIGNED BY FAMED ARCHITECT WALTER DEGARMO AND BUILT ON LAND DONATED BY CARL AND JANE FISHER.

AS MBCC APPROACHES OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 2021, IT IS OUR HOPE AND PASSION TO CONTINUE TO SERVICE OUR COMMUNITY WITH RENEWED ENERGY, VISION, FAITH, LOVE AND A FULLY RENOVATED CAMPUS FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS!

Church services are being provided in Hice Hall during construction. Entrance is at 1620 Drexel Ave. We hope that you join us on this journey and help us to make new memories, friendships and traditions. **We are a church of the open door, open mind and open heart – Miami Beach Community Church.**

Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 40:30-31

GREETINGS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF MBCC



A Time of Reflection

I am always blessed when people tell me how much they enjoy visiting our church. It makes me feel so happy to see our members greeting one another and those who come to worship with us locally and from around the world. I was recently asked by one of my colleagues in seminary if I liked being a pastor. I responded by saying, "I absolutely love being a pastor." Being called by God makes me his disciple and like every Christian we all have a responsibility to spread the Good News.

The church is a fellowship of people who have been called by God for his purpose. The Greek term for church translated in the English Bible is 'ekklesia' and is found 114 times in the New Testament. Ephesians 4:11-12 reminds us "Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

The Apostle Paul speaks about our gifts and instructs us to stir them up. When used in the right way we will see great results. Imagine what wonderful things we could accomplish together for the kingdom of God and in our communities. So I encourage you to "Stir up the gifts. Allow God's spirit to be active and alive in your lives. And while doing so continue to love one another as Christ has loved you. Have a Fun and Safe Summer!

Many Blessings,
Minister Cynthia Lee
Designated Term Pastor



RESTORATION UPDATE

Miami Beach Community Church

Rough Electrical is complete. Duct Work, Doors and Windows are being prepped for Finishes. We anticipate doors and windows will be installed the second week of June!



The cast stone
restoration is
complete and ready
to be painted!



*Project
Completion is
now scheduled for
Mid-September!*

New Member Orientation

June 16, 2019
12:00 Noon
Green Library

July 14, 2019
12:00 Noon
Green Library

Come join our community of faith and make our church your spiritual home?

Meet Pastor Cynthia Lee and the Deacons after the service



New Member Welcome

June 23, 2019
12:00 Noon
During Sunday Service

August 18, 2019
12:00 Noon
During Sunday Service

For More Information Please contact Theresa Trantina @ 305-538-4511

Or

Check out our website at www.miamibeachcommunitychurch.com

Or

Email contactus@miamibeachcommunitychurch.com

WHAT IS PENTECOST?



Pentecost is a time to celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. This event represents the birth of the church. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, “fiftieth”). In Acts 2, we are told the story of Pentecost and the birth of the early church. Already gathered together in order to celebrate the feast, the Apostles heard a “mighty

rushing’ wind come from heaven and fill the house where they were assembled. Next they saw what appeared to be tongues of fire the house where they were assembled. Next they saw what appeared to be tongues of fire rest on each one of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages they did not know. The combination of the wind and the different languages being spoken drew a magnitude of people who stood amazed as the apostles told them of the wonders of God, in their own native tongues.

Next Peter gets up and explains what is happening in the context of Scripture. He recites a passage from the book of Joel which explains how God is going to send the Holy Spirit and pour it out on all flesh – Men and women, Jews and Gentiles, old and young. Then he talks about Jesus, who recently died and rose again. Again using scripture the crowd would have been familiar with (passages from the Psalms of David), he shows how God’s word foretold Jesus’s coming to earth, his death, and his resurrection. About 3,000 people received Peter’s words and were baptized that day.

This speech of Peter’s is the first example we are given of an early-church sermon inviting other to join the Kingdom of God. While the Holy Spirit has shown up in times previous in the Old Testament and while Jesus walked the earth in human form, this is the first time we see the Holy Spirit dwell inside people. We are to assume that prior to this equipping of the Holy Spirit, a harvest of this magnitude would not have been possible. Pentecost is to remind us that the Holy Spirit supernaturally equips us to reach the lost.



DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYER?

You can now make a prayer request through our website. Just go to <https://www.miamibeachcommunitychurch.com> look for the hands and

1. click on “**Prayer Request**”



Complete a simple online form; similar to our prayer request cards.

1 → Name of person who needs prayer:

Mary Smith

OK ✓ press ENTER

2. Type the person's name that needs prayer then press the “**Enter**” key.

3. Click on all your prayer concerns. You may select as many as you like. If you choose “**Other**” type in the specific concern and hit “**Enter**”.

Your prayer request will be sent to our prayer circle who will pray for the person identified.

2 → Please select your prayer concern. after you've typed your input.

Choose as many as you like

A	Health	✓
B	Financial	
C	Harmony	
D	Peace	✓
Key E	Relationship	✓
F	Employment	
G	Family	
H	Housing	
I	Forgiveness	
J	Salvation	
K	Spiritual Direction	✓

OK ✓ press ENTER

1 of 3 answered

WHAT ARE YOUR CREDENTIALS?

You may have felt challenged to get more involved in outreach or some other ministry at some point, but thought, *I don't know how much help I can be. I don't have any kind of education or credentials.*

Man tends to put a lot of stock in credentials, don't they? They see those with high levels of education or impressive accomplishments as someone that is more qualified or trustworthy. But God doesn't necessarily see it that way. As someone once wisely said, **"God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called."**

God doesn't look first at your credentials, and he doesn't focus first on your training and natural abilities. He's concerned first and foremost, with your willingness to obediently step out and be used by Him to influence your part of the world for His kingdom. When He finds you willing, He enables you to do what he's called you to do.

You don't need a doctorate in theology or a PhD in biblical studies for God to use you in your own sphere of influence. You just need one thing: willingness. So if you'd like to know what you can do to expand the kingdom of God, just ask Him! He'll never answer by first asking about your credentials.

**WHAT MATTERS MOST
IS HOW GOD SEES YOU!**



LINCOLN ROAD HEROES / M25 UPDATE

Two Day Yard Sale

Lincoln Road Heroes raised **\$1,560.00** as a result of the 2 day yard sale. It was a *huge success* and we want to thank everyone who donated goods and time to support this great cause.

The board will meet on **June 2**, to determine how to best use the funds. Come Join Us!!



Food Drive

We are asking that you please continue to make food donations to restock the MBCC Food Pantry

Can goods such as corn, potatoes, green beans, peas, carrots, black beans, can fruit, can Tuna, peanut butter and jelly, rice cereal, pasta and crackers



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO **WIN**

WOMEN INSPIRED NOW

June 9, 2019

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“The WIN experience is about fun, faith, growth, and love. All women are welcome, no matter where you are from, or where you are going in your spiritual journey. Come feel at home with WIN.”

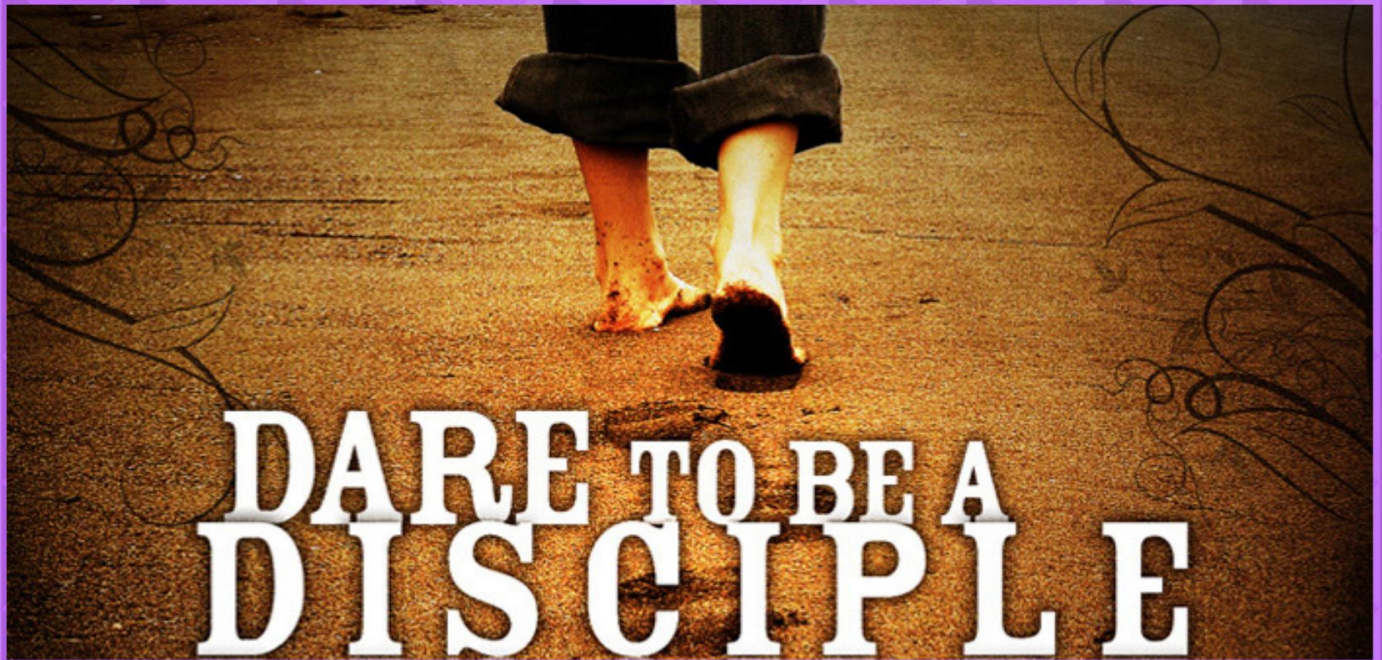
IT'S TIME TO FIRE UP THE GRILL!

ANNUAL SUMMER SEND-OFF PICNIC

JOIN US FOR A BBQ AND GREAT
FELLOWSHIP!



**JUNE 23, 2019
12:00 PM
HICE HALL**



THURSDAYS

6:00PM - 8:00PM
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DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Let's discuss the Bible openly,
honestly, and without judgement
ALL ARE WELCOME

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