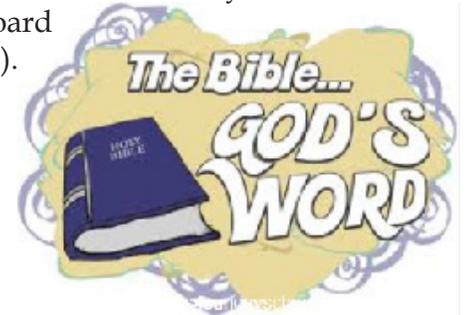


# THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!



**CALLING ALL YOUTH**  
**To Come,**  
**Be A Part**  
**Of Our**  
**Youth Group**

We are off to a good start with our youth program, thanks to you! We appreciate all who have helped, especially in these last few weeks as we have begun "revamping" now that school has started. We would like to especially thank Fred Strickland, who installed two 4' x 8' dry erase boards in the teen classroom, and David and Nikki Williams (and Pam Share), who opened up their home for the youth devotional. The singing, the Bible lesson, the food, and the fellowship were all great! If you would like to host a youth devotional and fellowship, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the main door to the parking lot (behind the greeters). While you're there, consider signing up to host a "Fellowship in Service." We also thank Jim Turner for kicking off our "pew packers" (for lack of a more original name) last Sunday night. Remember, we will meet each Sunday night before services! Adults are welcome too! Thanks for helping us grow! ❤️ *Brian Kenyon*



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## Upcoming Events



**There will be a L2L meeting for all youth involved this Sunday, September 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. We will work on the events that we signed up for. Hope to see you there!**

**Saturday, October 19\*** --- There will be a youth day hosted by the Southside church of Christ in Zephyrhills. The theme is "Transformers 4 Christ: Rise of the Fallen." See bulletin board for more information! [\*We realize all may not be able to attend, but we want you to know about it.]

**Saturday, October 19** --- There will be a youth devotional and fellowship for our youth group (and their guests). If you would like to host this event, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Future dates of our youth devotionals are **November 16** and **December 21**.

**Join us at 5:45 pm each Sunday for "pew packers"** young people (& adults) will sing and answer Bible questions

Have you ever cleaned out your closet or maybe an old drawer and found something valuable? What a pleasant surprise that was! The Bible is a little like that, but even better! Studying God's word is like mining for precious jewels, with one major exception: God's truth has eternal value! Take advantage of the opportunities to learn God's word at home and in church services!



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1807 S. FLORIDA AVENUE, LAKELAND, FL 33803

## Basic Bible Knowledge Class

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study.....9:30a.m.  
Worship.....10:30a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00a.m.  
Bible Study.....7:00p.m.

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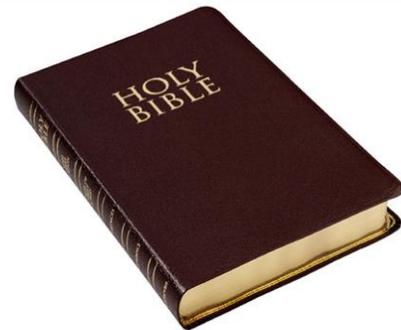
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### Fall 2013 Class Schedule

- **September 11, 2013** (Week #1)  
*Topic: How To Read Your Bible*
- **September 18, 2013** (Week #2)  
*Topic: What Is Biblical Authority?*
- **September 25, 2013** (Week #3)  
*Topic: What Was The Old Testament Law?*
- **October 16, 2013** (Week #4)  
*Topic: What Is The New Testament Law?*
- **October 23, 2013** (Week #5)  
*Topic: What The Bible Says About The New Testament Church*
- **October 30, 2013** (Week #6)  
*Topic: Why Are There So Many Churches?*
- **November 13, 2013** (Week #7)  
*Topic: How Do I Become A Member of The Lord's Church*
- **November 20, 2013** (Week #8)  
*Topic: Am I Right In The Sight of God?*



All Classes Will Be Held In Our Fellowship Hall and Will Start At 7:00pm



The South Florida Avenue church of Christ invites you to an 8-week basic Bible knowledge series of lessons. This class is designed to meet the needs of anyone who:

- ◆ Is not familiar with the Bible
- ◆ Wants to know more about The New Testament Church
- ◆ Is seeking the truth about Christianity
- ◆ Is unsure about what church is right for him or her
- ◆ Is feeling like he/she should be worshipping God, but isn't
- ◆ Wants to do something good for himself/herself
- ◆ Is feeling like something isn't right with or is missing from the doctrine that is being delivered at his/her denomination
- ◆ Wants to be a part of a church, but doesn't know which one is the right one to attend

The great thing about this class is that it is simple to understand, sound doctrine and no one will be put down or criticized for having a lack of knowledge, because our whole goal is to build knowledge in understanding God's word and the truth that is found within it. Please don't miss this opportunity to help build your basic Bible knowledge.

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# THE REIGNING KING

*Hugo McCord*

After Jesus had received “all authority in heaven and on the earth” (Matthew 28:18), “all things written about” him “in Moses’ law and the prophets and in the psalms” had not been “fulfilled” (Luke 24:44).

It had been predicted that “the scepter will not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until the Peacemaker comes, and him the peoples will obey” (Genesis 49:10).

Jesus “descended from Judah” (Hebrews 7:14), but while he was on the earth he refused a king’s “scepter” (“an ensign of sovereignty,” Webster). After he had miraculously fed “about five thousand men, besides the women and children” (Matthew 14:21), those people “were about to come and take him by force, to make him king,” he “went into a mountain alone” (John 6:15).

He knew the Scripture that foretold he would have a king’s “scepter,” but he also knew that the same Scripture stated he would be a “Peacemaker,” and another Scripture said that he would be a “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). He would be a king without a physical sword. His sword would be “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17), the “God-breathed” (theopneustos, 2 Timothy 3:16) Scripture with the power to give to everyone who “trusts in” him “perfect peace” (Isaiah 26:3). Jesus assured Governor Pilate that “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36).

The Scripture foretelling that Jesus would be a king (Genesis 49:10) was not fulfilled while he was on the earth. However, after he arrived back in heaven, another Scripture was fulfilled as the joyous Father announced Jesus’ kingship with a figurative “scepter of uprightness,” and figuratively “anointed” him “with the oil of gladness” (Psalm 45:6-7; cf. Hebrews 1:6-7), using the very same word, “scepter,” that was in the original prediction.

The Father even called “his dear Son” (Colossians 1:13, KJV) “God,” saying to him, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever” (Psalm 45:6; Hebrews 1:8). So, after Jesus returned back to heaven, he became “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 17:14; 19:16), and will continue reigning in heaven until he “delivers the kingdom to God, even the Father” (1 Corinthians 15:24). He does not come back to the earth to begin reigning, but brings it to a close when he “delivers the kingdom” back “to God, even the Father.”

Jesus’ kingdom is invisible, “inside (entos) of you,” and controlling the lives of all who have been born again of “water and Spirit,” a kingdom of “righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17; Luke 17:21; John 3:5). His “Gospel” (“good news,” euaggelion) has “power” (dunamis) to rescue (hruomai) sinners “from the power of darkness, and” to transfer them “into the kingdom of” the Father’s “dear Son” (Colossians 1:13, KJV). The rescued sinners have become Christians (1 Peter 4:16), and “they reign” with Jesus “upon the earth” (Revelation 5:10, ASV), not “will reign upon the earth” (Revelation 5:10, NASB, NIV), not “shall reign upon the earth” (Revelation 5:10, KJV, NKJV). All Christians are “kings [and queens],” (Revelation 1:6; 5:10; KJV, NKJV), who exercise their status as kings and queens by refusing to “let sin reign in” their “mortal bodies” (Romans 6:12).

# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

## Prayer List

**Our Members:** Jessica Anderson is in Tampa General Hospital due to complications related to her pregnancy. She will remain there until the birth of the twins. Dick & Joyce Burbage, JoAnn Hoback. Sam Bolding, Faith West, Ann Howard, Louise Starks, Jacquelin Dopwell, Margaret Coone & Sharon Washington.

**Relatives:** Louis Tillis, Jane Kirkland, Jo Chancey, & Annie Coone.

**Shut In Members:** Artis Bassett, Mary Shoemake.

**Others:** Graham McDonald, missionary in Scotland had surgery on Sept. 16th to remove a neuro-endocrine tumor. The surgery went well & we pray that he has a full recovery. Christina Fuessner is now facing two more weeks of chemo, and then, 60 radiation treatments. Steve Roberts, Jane Kirkland, Gene & Irma Dampier, Bonnie Hendrick, Christina Feussner, Kathy Peel & Danny Edmonds.

**Please keep all of these in your prayers.**

## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 21st** - Men's Breakfast at South Florida Avenue at 8:00am.

**Sept. 21st** - Ninth Annual One Day Lectureship at So. Seminole Church of Christ. Registration at 9:00 am.

**Oct. 4th-6th** - Gospel Meeting at Osprey Avenue Church of Christ. **See bulletin board for information.**

**Oct. 6th -9th** - Gospel Meeting here at South Florida Avenue. Jimmy Clark will be the speaker.

## Visitors

Ronald Cox, Alex Boyd, Barbara Farmer, Megan Farmer, Alexandria Fiore, Cathy Garland, Zach & Brian. Fran Hinson, Peggy Richardson, Dorothy Trice.

## Hither, Thither and Yon

Kenny & Reba French are still traveling. Bob McAnally is in Tennessee visiting family. Bob & Bea Pratt are traveling, and plan to be gone two or three weeks. Please keep all of them in your prayers, and also the men and women who are serving in the military.

## HEAR OUR RADIO SPOTS

This Week's Message

**"The Last Minute"**

1230 or 1430 on radio dial or web page

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## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### September

Bobby Sheumaker ..... **Table** ..... Jim Turner  
Fred Rapley ..... **Assist** ..... Kyle Williams

### September 22, 2013

9:30 A.M.

**Song at Bible Class** ..... David Williams  
**Prayer** ..... C. J. Grimes

10:30 A.M.

**Announcements** ..... David Williams  
**Song Leader** ..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Frank Hamby  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Tyler Anderson

6:00 P.M.

**Song Leader** ..... Paul Romine  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Steve Hunley  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Frank Hamby  
**Greeters** ..... Frank & Ginny Hamby  
**Att. Cards** ..... Sebastian Rapley & Antonio Martin  
**Open & Close Building** ..... Phil Fife

### Wed. September 25, 2013

**Song Leader** ..... Kyle Williams  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Ken Walker  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Bobby Sheumaker

*Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call Jason Hendrix, so he can get a replacement - 537-0857*

### Sunday, September 29, 2013

9:30 A.M.

**Song at Bible Class** ..... Kyle Williams  
**Prayer** ..... Frank Hamby

10:30 A.M.

**Announcements** ..... David Williams  
**Song Leader** ..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Jeremy Padilla  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Stacey Paulin

6:00 P.M.

**Song Leader** ..... Paul Romine  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Charles Paulin  
**Closing Prayer** ..... John McShane  
**Greeters** ..... The Bingle family  
**Att. Cards** ..... Antonio Martin & Quadarius Askew  
**Open & Close Building** ..... Phil Fife

### Wed. Oct. 2, 2013

**Song Leader** ..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Frank Hamby  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Phil Fife

## ~ HOW WE ARE GIVING ~

Aug 25 ..... \$3,687.24  
Sep 01 ..... \$4,596.14  
Sep 08 ..... \$3,120.77  
Sep 15 ..... \$4,454.80  
**Contribution Average** ..... \$4,152.23  
**2013 Weekly Budget** ..... \$4,255.13