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Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY

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

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The Theme To See and Be in 2023

Brian R. Kenyon

The South Florida Avenue (SFA) church of Christ was first planted in 1949, with a building located on West Patterson Street. The congregation moved to its present location in 1960. We are just one local church of Christ among many throughout the world, all of whom make-up the one church, or body, of Christ (Mt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4). As a congregation who has faced challenges (i.e., covid, change of preachers, etc.), and will continue to do so, we need to hold on to what is good while at the same time grow in several areas. This growth begins with each of us individually. Below are three mindset goals for which each member of SFA needs to strive and excel. All of us need to be more



Spiritual Spirituality is not emotionalism, like holding hands in dim light singing “kum ba yah.” Rather, it is to be focused on the kind of character and persons God wants us to be. The whole Bible gives us insight into what those spiritual traits are, which is why we need to constantly study His word (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3). These traits are summarized in such parts of Scripture as the beatitudes (Mt. 5:3-12) and the Christian graces (2 Pet. 1:5-9). Let’s make it our goal to see life, individually and congregationally, more through spiritual lenses and less through secular arrangements or aspirations (Mt. 6:33).



Family Christians are family, tied by the blood of Christ as the spiritual offspring of Abraham (Rev. 1:5; Gal. 3:27-29). The church is sometimes referred to as the household of God (Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:19; 1 Tim. 3:15). There is all kinds of family terminology used to describe various relationships in the church, such as “brothers and sisters” (1 Pet. 3:8; Rom. 16:1), “nursing mother” (1 Thes. 2:7), “father” (1 Thes. 2:11), and “bride” (Rev. 21:2 cf. 2 Cor. 11:2). The local church must be viewed more as family rather than merely the people we spend time with at the building on Sundays, Wednesdays, and special occasions. While it is true we are closer to some church members than others, we must not be “clique-ish,” leaving others outside the arms of our welcome. All who do the will of God are “brothers and sisters” with Jesus (Mt. 12:46-50).



Accountable Bible students know that every person will give an account to God when this life is over (Mt. 25:31-46; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15). However, many overlook the fact there are areas now to which we are accountable to each other in our various congregational roles (Eph. 5:21 cf. 1 Cor. 12:12-27). For example, the shepherds are definitely accountable to Jesus, the “Chief Shepherd” (1 Pet. 5:4), but they are also accountable to the flock for which they oversee (1 Pet. 5:1-3) in the sense they owe the flock work within the congregation (1 Thes. 5:12-13), the proper example (Heb. 13:7), and watch-care of their souls (Heb. 13:17). This may be summarized “to [Continued on page 4]



John Allan



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Charles Broyles



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Florida School of Preaching 48th Annual Lectureship



Rise of the Messianic Kingdom

A Study of the Book of Acts as Fulfillment of God's Promises to Israel Concerning the Church

Brian R. Kenyon, Director

January 16-19, 2023

Monday, January 16

9:00 Overview of the Messianic Kingdom in Luke B. Daugherty
9:40 John the Baptist's Preparation for the Kingdom P. Sanders
10:20 BREAK

10:50 Isaiah 2 and Daniel 2 Fulfilled in Acts 2 E. Daugherty

Forum: Since You Have Been Raised

1:30 Terms of Entrance into the Kingdom Forest Antemasaris
2:00 Blessings of the Kingdom Joshua Cantrell
2:30 Representatives of the Kingdom Hiram Kemp

3:30 **Ladies Class:** Priscilla: Strengthening...Kingdom S. Stearsman

3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER - **Alumni Reception** - Alumni and family please RSVP

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Kingdom Additions: Athenians Jonathan Singh

7:45 Inauguration of the Kingdom to Jews (Acts 2) J. Jenkins

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 Overview of the Spirit's Work in Acts Stephen Atnip

9:40 The Prophecy About the Messiah as Prophet Jeff A. Jenkins

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Forgiveness as Fulfillment...Promise to Abraham P. Sanders

Forum: Kingdom Challenges

1:30 From the Inside: Unfaithful Members Robert Lupo

2:00 From the Outside: Jew & Gentile Persecution Rico Brown

2:30 Overcome: Paul's Shipwreck Christian Torres

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER - **Appreciation Banquet** - ALL WELCOME - Please RSVP, \$12 donation for dinner

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Kingdom Additions: Philippian Jailor Al Woodard

7:45 Inauguration of the Kingdom to Gentiles (Acts 10) J. Clark

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 The Gift of the Holy Spirit Stephen Atnip

9:40 Enthronement of the Messiah King Vince Daugherty

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Harmony of Paul's Conversion Accounts Jimmy Clark

Forum: Holy Spirit's Involvement

1:30 Miraculous Spiritual Gifts David Stearsman

2:00 The Miraculous within Providence: Eunuch Steven Lloyd

2:30 Aiding and Determining the Kingdom's Spread D. Stearsman

3:30 **Ladies Class:** Lydia: Kingdom is for Women Dee Parramore

3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Kingdom Additions: Samaritans Forest Antemasaris

7:45 The "Voice of the Prophets" (Act 13) Hiram Kemp

Thursday, January 19

9:00 The Jerusalem Meeting in Acts 15 John Allan

9:40 Kingdom Faithfulness ... To the Point of Death Will Vann

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Three Baptisms Mentioned in Acts Brian R. Kenyon

Forum: Kingdom Outreach

1:30 Benevolence: Local Church and Abroad Charles Broyles

2:00 Adjusting the Evangelistic Approach Nate Miller

2:30 Churches Planted by Paul Casey Paulin

3:30 **Ladies Class:** Euodia and Syntyche Stephanie Kenyon

3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Finishing What Jesus Began Hiram Kemp

7:45 Urgency of Kingdom Loyalty Melvin L. Otey

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PRAYER LIST

Current: Brenda Mask was in an auto accident but she is home recuperating. David Deal is home after a visit to the ER for low blood sugar. Fran Gabaldon was home with tendinitis. Annett Phillip was in the hospital with blood pressure issues. Tyler and Jessica Anderson are not feeling well.

Continual: Sophia Smith & family (brain trauma recovery); Bob Pratt (health); Brenda Mask (blood pressure issues); Debbie Bush (struggles); Brian Smith (heart health); Antoine & Marcella Swain (health); Wayne Shearer (health); Geny Johnson (health); Bill & Carlene Long (strength); Ron & Judy Ford (health); Bobby Simpson (health); Annett Phillip (health); Janie Wise (health); Charles Paulin (health); Jim Turner (health).

Shut-ins: Joyce Burbage, Carol Eason, and Kenny & Reba French.

Extended family and Friends: prayer requests are emailed each week and posted on the bulletin board. Please help us keep these lists updated by informing the office of known changes in status.



The memorial service for Curtis Morelock will be January 11, 2023, at the Estates at Carpenters Auditorium in Lakeland, beginning at 10:00 am. The address is: 1001 Carpenters Way, Lakeland, FL 33809.

Work Day, Saturday, Jan. 7

Your help would be appreciated beginning at 9:00 am as we polish pews, clean stairwells & upstairs, tidy the grounds, etc. in preparation for the upcoming lectureship!



Calling All Youth Group Parents!

There will be a parent planning luncheon Sunday, January 8, following morning service to discuss and plan youth group goals and activities for 2023. Lunch will be provided. Your presence is appreciated!

Join Us for Bible Classes!

Christianity is a taught religion (John 6:44-45). It is impossible for our faith to outgrow our knowledge of God's word (Rom. 10:17). Come and grow spiritually with us!

Winter Quarter Schedule

Cradle Roll (behind tech booth)

Sundays: Nikki (Bible basics)

Wednesdays: Jagie (Bible basics)

2-3 Year-Old (Room 18)

Sundays: Nicole (Life of Christ)

Wednesdays: Nicole (Life of Christ)

4-5 Year-Old (Room 7)

Sundays: Anita (Life of Christ)

Wednesdays: Tiffany (Life of Christ)

Elementary (Room 17)

Sundays: Kyle (Life of Christ)

Wednesdays: Stephanie (Life of Christ)

Teenage (Room 19)

Sundays: Joshua (Life of Christ)

Wednesdays: Vince (Ezra/Nehemiah)

Adult (Auditorium)

Sundays: Vince (Book of Acts)

Wednesdays: Brian (Revelation)

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

January

Designated Elder - Bobby Sheumaker

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Announcements Jimmy Sweeney
 Song Leader/prayer Frank Hamby
 Devo Vince Daugherty
 Closing Prayer Josh Estridge

Sunday, January 8, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Purpose Sunday: Use of Church Funds (Gal. 6:6-10)
 Brian Kenyon

6:00 P.M.

When My Flesh & Spirit Have a Conversation (Rom. 7:21-22)
 Joshua Cantrell

10:30 A.M.

Song/prayer before class Stacey Paulin
 Announcements David Anderson
 A.M. Song Leader David Williams-
 Scripture reading/Prayer Tyler Anderson
 Lord's Table Jeff Stewart
 Closing Prayer Paul Sweeney
 Open/Close bldg (both) Bobby Sheumaker
 Greeters Bingle
 Attendance cards (both) Peyton/Landon

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Josh Potvin
 Lord's Table Jeff Stewart
 Closing Prayer Terrance Dindy Jr.
 Greeters E & C Smith

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Announcements Bobby Sheumaker
 Song Leader/prayer Kyle Faneuf
 Devo Josh Cantrell
 Closing Prayer Jimmy Sweeney

Upcoming Events 2023

January

6 - New Year's Bonfire @ Brian & Jagie Kenyon's

7 - Workday at 9:00 am

8 - Parent Planning Luncheon after morning services

8 - Elder's Deacon's & Preachers Meeting

16-19 - FSOP Lectureship

February

24-26 - YES Weekend (Forrest Park, Valdosta)

March

12-15 - SFA Gospel Meeting (with Victor Eskew)

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Dec 18.....\$6,511.00

Dec 25.....\$5,437.00

Jan 01.....\$6560.00

Contribution Average.....\$6560.00

Weekly budget \$7,663.43

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shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). When the shepherds fail in their role, the whole church suffers a lack of peace among themselves (cf. 1 Thes. 5:12). This accountability is not just true of the shepherds, but when any member fails to fulfill his or her role in the local body of Christ, to that extent the whole congregation suffers (cf. 1 Cor. 12:14-26). While the Lord is our Head (Col. 1:18), each of us must realize our accountability to each other in fulfilling our roles in the local church!

Conclusion

With God's help, 2023 can be our best growth year ever, not just in numbers, but even more importantly, in spirituality, in family (belonging and love), and in accountability! May each member concentrate individually on his or her growth in these areas. When we string together matured **Spirituality**, **Family** (belonging and love), and **Accountability**, (in fulfilling our roles), the **SFA** congregation will "grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body ... according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:15-16). Let's adopt this **SFA** theme to be in 2023! ♥ *Brian*

Wanted: Women of the Word

Women have always been an important part in God's plan. God has always elevated women in their proper role. From the beginning, Eve and Adam were both made "in the image and likeness of God" (Gen. 1:26-27). Furthermore, God included women in the genealogy of Jesus (Matt. 1:1-17), something unheard of in genealogies of the time. Some of those women could even have been considered "shady" by outsiders. Tamar deceived her father-in-law and became pregnant by him (Matt. 1:3); Rahab was a harlot (Matt. 1:5); Ruth was a Moabite (Matt. 1:5); and Mary was pregnant before her appropriate stage of marriage (Matt. 1:16). Paul mentioned several women in his epistles, including Priscilla, who along with her husband, risked her life for Paul (Rom. 16:3-5). Lydia was the first convert in what we know as Europe (Acts 16:14-15). Women are important to SFA as well, and we want to hear from you. This section of the bulletin is reserved for your articles. Please submit them to the office for the shepherds to approve. We appreciate all our members developing, cultivating, and using their talents for God!

LESSONS FROM FIRST TIMOTHY (PT. 2): DO NOT RUN AWAY FROM PROBLEMS

When problems arise, the easy thing to do is cut and run, but Paul urged Timothy to "remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine" (1 Tim. 1:3). The problems Timothy faced would be difficult, but if he put himself together properly, he would be the man to see the church through. This is the command Paul gave for Timothy's work: love (1) from a pure heart; (2) from a good conscience; and (3) from a sincere faith. When tasked with any work, you must be pure in the reasons for doing the work. We are servants of God offering service for our King. May our work never be for a reward we may receive but for a good job we ought to do for others and for our God. If we are not in it for the right reasons, when the going gets tough, we will be tempted to run. Young sons and daughters of SFA, seek out a task that is just the right size for you. Do it to the best of your abilities from a pure heart, and stick it out until the job is done. **VINCE DAUGHERTY**

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"Delight thyself also in the
Lord, and he shall give thee
the desires of thine heart."

Psalms 37:4



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