

# The South Florida Avenue MESSENGER

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

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

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**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m. Check local listings

## Why Attend The Lectureship?

Brian R. Kenyon

The South Florida Avenue church of Christ is blessed to host the 41st Annual Florida School of Preaching Lectureship on the theme: Do You Understand Sin? Church members may not realize the value of having a lectureship nor appreciate what is involved. May we not take for granted the value of attending this lectureship. There are at least three good reasons to attend.

**Bible Study** The Bible, when correctly translated, is the very word of God! Not only do the Scriptures make readers "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are actually *God breathed!* Paul wrote, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God," and since they are God's word, these Scriptures are all we need "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Paul also exhorted, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). The FSOP lectureship is a great opportunity to study the Bible!

**Fellowship** There are many blessings being a Christian. One such blessing is the opportunity of fellowship. One reason Christians "were called" was so they could have "the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9). John wrote "that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 Jn. 1:3). Fellowship, first made possible with God by the shed blood of Jesus on the cross (Eph. 2:11-22), is to be enjoined by every faithful child of God (Acts 2:42; 1 Jn. 1:7). What better way to fellowship God and fellow Christians than studying the Bible, worshiping in song and prayer, and spending time together? The FSOP lectureship provides a great opportunity for this!

**Personal Growth** Around the new year, sermons are preached on the subject of resolutions. Most people want to do better in the new year than they did in the past. Even more so should this be true spiritually! "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). Peter ended his last epistle, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18). God's people must constantly "be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29), and "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:15). FSOP lectureship attendees cannot help but to grow spiritually when they immerse themselves in Bible study and fellowship!

What are your plans for January 18-21? Why not take advantage of the opportunities at the FSOP lectureship to study the Bible, fellowship, and grow spiritually?



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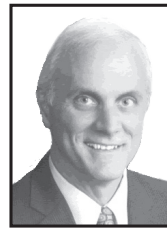
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## “Do You Understand Sin?”

41st Annual Lectureship **Jan. 18-21, 2016** Brian R. Kenyon, Director



Bill Davis



David Dixon



Earl D. Edwards



Mike Elledge



Cameron Freeman

### MONDAY

9:00 Before Sin Entered the World

9:40 The Devil and His Work

10:20 BREAK

10:50 The Effects of the First Sin

11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: Young People and Overcoming Sin

1:30 Peer Influence

2:00 Wisdom on WiFi

2:30 Defeating Worldliness

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 The Anatomy of Sin

7:45 The Promised Savior

Doug Burleson

Jackie M. Stearsman

Russ Crosswhite

Thomas Wise

Forest Antemesaris

Hiram Kemp

Will Vann

Paul Sain

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 Calvinism's Influential View of Sin

9:40 Jeroboam's Sinful System of Worship

10:20 BREAK

10:50 The Apostasy of Israel

11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: Worship and Overcoming Sin

1:30 Nadab and Abihu

2:00 When Gender Roles Go Too Far

2:30 Evaluating Current Trends in Worship

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 "Repent and Be Baptized"

7:45 Jesus' Life and Its Effect on Sin

Rick Kenyon

David Dixon

Jimmy Clark

Cameron C. Freeman

Earl D. Edwards

Rico Brown

Jeremy Padilla

Bill Davis

### TUESDAY

9:00 The Old Testament Sacrificial System

9:40 The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Sin and the Antediluvian World

11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: Families and Overcoming Sin

1:30 Eli: Failures in Parenting Lead to Sin

2:00 Sin in David's Family

2:30 Breaking Sin's Cycle in the Family

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Sins of God's People: Then and Now

7:45 Jesus' Birth and Its Effect on Sin

David Stearsman

Stephen Atnip

Rick Kenyon

Jon Podein

Mike Elledge

J. Brooks Boyd, Jr.

Ben Radford

Jimmy Clark

### THURSDAY

9:00 Korah and His Cohorts

9:40 Dealing with Divisive Brethren

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Gentiles Condemned

11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: Dealing with Sin

1:30 Between Individuals

2:00 What About "Congregational Sin"?

2:30 Withdrawing Fellowship

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 The Christian's Relationship to Sin

7:45 Jesus' Death: Reconciliation and Justification

Cameron C. Freeman

Bob Bauer

Melvin Otey

Ulysses Richardson

Jackie M. Stearsman

Tim Hayes

Brian R. Kenyon

M. Otey

**Broadcast Live at [www.fsop.net](http://www.fsop.net)**

**Make Plans Now to Attend! Take Advantage of the MLK, Jr. Day holiday!  
Special Youth Oriented Forum on Monday!**

# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

## Prayer List

**Our Members:** Grace McAnally has been home with a sinus infection. She is scheduled for left knee replacement surgery on Jan. 19th. Ginny Hamby is scheduled to start chemo on Jan. 12th or 13th. Also keep Jim Turner, Dolly Martin, Jacqueline Dopwell and Margaret Coone in prayer.

**Relatives:** Billy Moore, Barry Richardson, Louise Stewart (Becky Shuemaker's mother) who is out of re-hab and living with Bobby & Becky now, and Wayne Hendrix.

**Shut In Members:** Virginia Plumlee, Bill Burton, Claud Romine, Dick & Joyce Burbage, Duane Nelson, Betty Thornhill and Sharon Edler.

**Others:** Chrissi Fuesner, Ann Wood, Londa Beardon (mother of a co-worker of Dana Robertson), who has cancer. Please pray for all of these.

## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 16th:** Men's Breakfast at Central Church of Christ in Haines City at 8:00 a.m.

**Jan. 16th:** Clean up the church building day. Please meet at the church building at 2:00 p.m.

**Jan. 16th:** Ladies Day at the Orange Street Church of Christ. Registration starts at 8:30. Program and lunch will follow. The speaker is Joie Schauer. The theme is "Let me be a mirror...Reflecting God's Love!"

**Jan. 18th-21st:** Florida School of Preaching Lectureship on the theme: "Do You Understand Sin?" Make plans now to attend, learn more of God's word, and enjoy fellowship.

**Jan. 23rd:** Weeki Wachee Christian Camp Annual Appreciation Dinner at Pinellas Park Church of Christ at 6:00 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

**Jan. 30th:** Ladies Day at the Venice Church of Christ. Registration and breakfast at 9:00 a.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board for speakers and theme.

## Visitors

Rebecca Hill, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Scarbrough, Debra Pavlocic -Okolichany and Hazel Carmona.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. (Deuteronomy 30:19)

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### January

Kenny French ..... **Table** ..... Fred Strickland  
Fred Rapley ..... **Assist** ..... Josh Estridge

### Sunday, January 17, 2016

9:30 A.M.

**Song at Bible Class** ..... Tucker Sweeney  
**Prayer** ..... Kyle Bingle

10:30 A.M.

**Announcements** ..... David Anderson  
**Song Leader** ..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Bobby Sheumaker  
**Sermon** ..... Hiram Kemp  
**Closing Prayer** ..... David Deal

6:00 P.M.

**Song Leader** ..... Kyle Williams  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Paul Romine  
**Sermon** ..... Hiram Kemp  
**Greeters** ..... The Estridge's  
**Att. Cards** ..... Quadarius & Paul  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Steve Hunley  
**Open & Close Building** ..... Jason Hendrix

### Wed. January 20, 2016

**Song Leader** ..... Tucker Sweeney  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Kyle Williams  
**Closing Prayer** ..... David Williams

*Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call **Chuck Wyatt** so he can get a replacement - 859-5231*

### Sunday, January 24, 2016

9:30 A.M.

**Song at Bible Class** ..... Ken Walker  
**Prayer** ..... Josh Estridge

10:30 A.M.

**Announcements** ..... David Anderson  
**Song Leader** ..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Stacey Paulin  
**Sermon** ..... Bob McAnally  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Antonio Martin

6:00 P.M.

**Song Leader** ..... Kyle Williams  
**Opening Prayer** ..... John McShane  
**Sermon** ..... Brian Kenyon  
**Greeters** ..... The Fifes  
**Att. Cards** ..... Sebastian & Quadarius  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Phil Fife  
**Open & Close Building** ..... Jason Hendrix

### Wed. January 27, 2016

**Song Leader** ..... Jim Turner  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Fred Strickland  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Tucker Sweeney

## ~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Dec. 20 ..... \$4,241.50  
Dec. 27 ..... \$5,306.25  
Jan. 03 ..... \$4,605.00  
Jan. 10 ..... \$4,735.00  
Contribution Average ..... \$4,670.00  
2015 Weekly Budget ..... \$4,302.98

# What Is Sin?

Some time, seemingly shortly after the seventh day of Creation, Eve was tempted by Satan, and “when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate” (Genesis 3:6). Thus, “through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Romans 5:12). Sin is a problem for all humans, not because they inherit Adam’s sinfulness, but because they themselves sin! Thus, the question arises: What is sin? The Bible gives four definitions. First, “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness [transgression, KJV]” (1 John 3:4). Missing the mark of God’s law is sin, either by going beyond what God authorizes or by falling short. Second, “All unrighteousness is sin” (1 John 5:17). Simply put: “unrighteousness” is not doing right. Third, “to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). In the context, James referred to those who left God out of their plans. The principle also applies to other areas. When God’s people know the right thing to do, but fail to do it, they have sinned. Fourth, “But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin” (Romans 14:23). In this context, Paul was teaching that both the vegetarian and the meat eating church member were equally acceptable to God as long as they live for the Lord (Romans 14:8). However, if eating meat violated one’s conscience, as it often would back *(continued below)*



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## Announcements

**Saturday, Jan. 16** the youth group (and anyone who wants to help) will have a “clean-up the church building” day. Please meet in the fellowship room at 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 18** Special Monday session of the FSOP lectureship focusing on issues facing young people. The topics are Peer Influence, WiFi Wisdom, and Defeating Worldliness. There will be a question and answer period to follow. That Monday is a day off from school. Why not use it for a fellowship filled time in pursuing spiritual things?

**Sunday, Feb. 7** All youth group members (and any adults who want) will take the Bible Bowl test. We will Meet in the fellowship room at 3:30.

**This Week's  
Memory Verses**  
**Matt. 7:21-23**  
**Do God's will**

*(continued below)* then because of its association with idolatry, then it was sinful for that individual to eat meat. Thus, Paul uses “faith” in the subjective sense of personal conviction, or good conscience. Whenever a Christian violates his or her conscience, he or she sins. Given these four Bible definitions of sin, how many can claim to have never sinned? To the contrary, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Sin separates from God and ruins the soul (Isaiah 59:1-2). Good news: the answer to sin is the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Have you obeyed it? Are you living it? ❤️ *Brian*



**The Forrest Park church of Christ in Valdosta will host YES Weekend on Feb. 26-28, Let's start making plans now to attend this valuable event.**