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

WEDNESDAY

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

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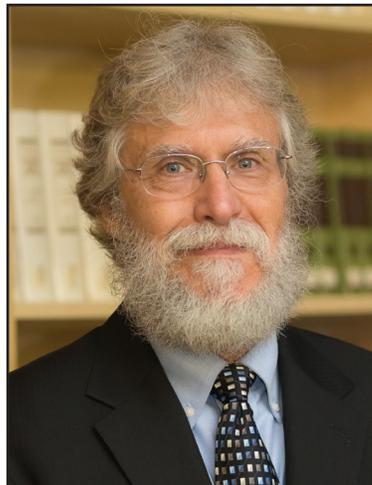
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SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

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



Gospel Meeting

with **Jody Apple**

March 4-7, 2018

Join Us to Study God's Word
On This Vital Theme!

The Big Questions . . .

About God (Sunday, March 4, Bible class at 9:30 am)

About the Bible (Sunday, March 4, at 10:30 am)

About Christ (Sunday, March 4, at 6:00 pm)

About Faith (Monday, March 5 at 7:00 pm)

About Redemption (Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm)

About the Christian Life (Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm)

Join Us for **Lunch on Sunday**, March 4,
Following Our Morning Worship Services!

Let's Invite Our Friends & Family!

What Is Our Attitude Toward Correction?

Brian R. Kenyon

Apollos was a great preacher who “spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord,” yet he “knew only the baptism of John” (Acts 18:24-25). Within the scope of his knowledge, Apollos taught effectively the truths of Jesus, but his understanding was limited to the teachings of John the Baptist. The “baptism of John” can represent the entire ministry of John the Baptist (cf. Mt. 21:23-27). Apparently, Apollos had not learned the Gospel as a reality (cf. Acts 2:22-24). We can probably assume that Apollos did not yet know of the Pentecost events and/or the significance of the connection between the Holy Spirit and “Great Commission” baptism (cf. Mt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 12:13). He may have accepted Jesus as the Messiah without knowing the full extent of His Messianic achievement. He apparently did not know about the resurrection of Christ (cf. Acts 19:4). Apollos stood in need of correction and further education.

Aquila and Priscilla’s Attitude

As Apollos spoke boldly in the synagogue, Aquila and Priscilla knew he had not been grounded in certain matters of the faith, such as “Great Commission” baptism (Acts 18:26). They took Apollos aside and taught him the way of God “more accurately [perfectly, KJV].” The term “took ... aside” reflects a concern, not to publicly call out Apollos as a false teacher, but a genuine concern for Apollos to learn the truth. This incident in Acts 18:24-28 says much about Aquila and Priscilla. First, they, unlike some in the church today, knew that there was a difference between Scriptural baptism and everything else that is called “baptism,” and they knew the difference mattered (cf. Heb. 6:1-2). Denominationalists often discount baptism by saying, “It’s only an external rite,” or “It doesn’t matter, for God looks on the heart anyway.” Yet, Jesus said to “make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt. 28:19). Second, this incident shows they loved Apollos enough to take the powerful preacher aside to teach him the truth more accurately. Though one can be eloquent, well-learned, and enthusiastic, he still may need some correcting and/or further teaching. It is interesting that Priscilla was also involved. In fact, her name appears first in many Greek manuscripts. This tells us that women can have a part in teaching others, even powerful preachers, and still remain in subjection to men (cf. 1 Tim. 2:8-15). Some things they may have taught Apollos were that Jesus had already died for sin, that He had been raised from the dead, and that His kingdom was established and open to all who will obey (Acts 2:41, 47). Aquila and Priscilla definitely had the right attitude toward correcting their brother in the Lord!

Apollos’ Attitude

This incident also says much about Apollos. First, even though he was eloquent, well-learned, and enthusiastic, he did not think too highly of himself to be beyond just criticism (cf. Mt. 5:3-10). Often, men of his caliber do not take correction easily! Second, when taught the truth, Apollos readily accepted it. Following this incident, Apollos moved on to Achaia, where “he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ” (Acts 18:27-28). Third, many today (even preachers and elders) get upset when shown their knowledge is not as accurate as it should be, but Apollos seemed content to be corrected, realizing that he was a better Christian and preacher for it. Apollos definitely had the right attitude toward being corrected by his brothers and sisters!

Our Attitude

Christians today, even preachers, are not always correct in what they teach. What is our attitude toward that? Do we have the genuine concern of Aquila and Priscilla to reach out and take such people aside to more accurately teach them? If our teaching were untrue, would we have the humility of Apollos to examine evidence and change our view? Only with the right attitude can the truth make us free (Jn. 8:32)!

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Carol Eason has been admitted to L.R.M.C. Margaret Norman is now home from the hospital after having heart issues. Nellie Anderson, David Anderson's mother, is back home after a hospital stay. David is in Tallahassee with her. It was good to have Bobby Simpson and Wanda Bruno with us Sunday morning. Also remember Faith West, Bill Long, Wanda Bruno, Ginny Hamby, Jim Turner, Brenda Mask and Margaret Coone in prayer.

Shut In Members: Virginia Plumlee, Dick & Joyce Burbage, Don Starks, Evelyn Wyatt and Sharon Edler.

Others: Lynn Stevens, Bob McAnally, Rea Rice, Jerry Cole, Joan Shanes, Doris Smith, Joyce Stearsman and Jack Pinckert.

Upcoming Events

February 25th - March 1st: Gospel Meeting at the North Lakeland church of Christ. The speaker will be Aaron Ellis.

Sunday March 4th: Fellowship meal after morning service to start off our Gospel Meeting.

Sunday March 4th: Fellowship In-Service after evening services. No finger foods necessary. We will gather to sign cards only!

Saturday March 10th: Ladies' Day at the Venice church of Christ.

Congratulations

Eunice Powell, Stacey and Rene's grandmother will turn 102 on Wed. Feb.28th. Please help us to reach our goal of 102 cards or more. Her address is 7835 Nature Trail, Lakeland, FL 33809.

Thank You Notes

Dear Brothers & Sisters, Thank you all so much for all you have done for Bill and I. How do people live if they have no support from their Christian family? Your cards, calls, visits and prayers mean so much to us.

In His name, Bill & Carlene Long
Dear South Florida Ave, What a wonderful support during my trial of faith. Thank you for all the cards, calls and love you have shown me. You remind me of I Cor. 12:26 and Acts 17:28. Love Jim Turner

Visitors

Dustin Walling, Emily Hernandez, Billie Francis, Tiffany Hash, Megan and Sam, Denise Gulizia, Bitsy Thomas, Teresa and Kaylen Reeves, George & Marion Beals and Wesley & Neyome Brunson.

Special Worship Schedule

Every last Sunday of the month, starting on **Sunday, March 25th**, we will have morning worship, then a fellowship meal and go right into our second worship service. At the fellowship meal, we will celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month. Also, in conjunction with our second service, we will have a brief singing service to learn new songs, instead of having it on the first Wednesday night of the month.



" Fellowship Meal "



SCHEDULED TO SERVE

February

C.J. Grimes..... **Table** John McShane
Bobby Sheumaker **Assist** Tucker Sweeney

Sunday, February 25, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class..... Ken Walker
Prayer C.J. Grimes

10:30 A.M.

Announcements Fred Strickland
Song Leader..... Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer..... Ken Walker
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Tucker Sweeney
Sound Booth..... Paul Sweeney

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader..... Kyle Williams
Opening Prayer..... John McShane
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Jimmy Sweeney
Sound Booth..... Paul Sweeney
Greeters Dixs
Att. Cards..... Colby/Sawyer
Open & Close Building Bobby Sheumaker

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Song Leader..... Matt Willcutt
Opening Prayer..... Jeff Bingle
Closing Prayer..... Tucker Sweeney

Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call Chuck Wyatt so he can get a replacement - (863) 602-9005

Sunday, March 4, 2018
9:30 A.M.

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

10:30 A.M.

Announcements Matt Willcutt
Song Leader..... Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer..... David Anderson
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer..... Quadarius/Ian
Sound Booth..... Casey Paulin

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader..... Stacey Paulin
Opening Prayer..... Kyle Bingle
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Charles Paulin
Sound Booth..... Casey Paulin
Greeters..... Tyler & Jessica Anderson
Att. Cards..... Antonio/Paul
Open & Close Building Fred Strickland

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Song Leader..... Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer..... David Anderson
Closing Prayer..... Kenny French

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Jan. 28.....	\$5,099.75
Feb. 04.....	\$7,286.45
Feb. 11.....	\$4,884.53
Feb. 18.....	\$5,657.69
Contribution Average	\$5,657.06
2018 Weekly Budget	\$4,716.51

Are We Devoted to the Fellowship?

Luke summarized the first church of Christ, established in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). The term, "continued steadfastly" means to be devoted (Acts 1:14; 2:46; 6:4; Rom. 12:12). There are four specific things, all spiritual in nature, to which these early Christians were devoted. In this article, we will examine the second of these. They were devoted to "fellowship." The word "fellowship" refers to association, communion, joint-participation; sharing together. The fellowship in which the early church continued was their joint participation in the kingdom of God (cf. 1 Cor. 1:9). The implied object of their fellowship is God (cf. 1 Jn. 1:3, 7). Included in this sense of fellowship were concrete expressions of that joint participation and sharing (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35). One great example is the collection Paul took among the Gentile churches to help the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. The Greek word (*koinonia*), usually translated "fellowship," in those contexts is translated "contribution" (Rom. 15:26) and "sharing [distribution, KJV]" (2 Cor. 9:13). Fellowship must be important in our life as well. No congregation can follow God without seeking and maintaining true fellowship (Eph. 4:1-3). Christians should seek other Christians for encouragement and support. This is why assembling together is so important (Heb. 10:23-25). How devoted are we to "fellowship"? ❤️ *Brian*



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Return Service Requested

The End of Your Search for a Friendly Church . . .

Set to Go!
Feb. 23-25, 2018
YES Weekend
Forrest Park, Valdosta



**Our eldership has set aside Sunday morning, Feb. 25, as "Purpose Sunday." The elders will go over our 2018 budget and congregational work goals. The Bible teaches that each Christian is to give "as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).**



GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY BANQUET

A great time of fellowship and getting to know one another better was accomplished at this event. Special thanks to John McShane for organizing, his kitchen crew for cooking & serving, and Toney & her helpers for the beautiful decorations!