

# The South Florida Avenue **MESSENGER**

South Florida Ave. church of Christ 1807 S. Florida Ave., Lakeland, FL 33803

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

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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Sundays @ 7:00 a.m. Ch. 18  
7:30 a.m. on Ch. 4



March 8 – 11, 2020

## Spring Gospel Meeting

South Florida Ave. church of Christ

Sunday AM Bible Class – 9:30 am

“As For Me & My House: Developing a Family Mission Statement”

Sunday AM Sermon – 10:30 am

“Priorities & Commitments in the Home”

### **FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO FOLLOW**

Sunday PM Sermon – 6:00 pm

“Father, Help Me to Serve My Family by Washing Their Feet”

Monday PM Sermon – 7:00 pm

“The Devil’s Theology of Technology: Fracture/Frustrate/Fossilize the Family!”

Tuesday PM Sermon – 7:00 pm

“The Absence of Adam: Where Are All the Fathers?”

Wednesday PM Sermon – 7:00 pm

“What Would You Give in Exchange for Your Family?”



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## **Reasons to Go Visiting**

by Hiram Kemp

Our time is limited. We live in a busy world with plenty of demands on our time and we are constantly being pulled in different directions. No matter how much we have to get done, there are only twenty-four hours in each day and seven days in each week. Paul taught Christians to redeem the time (*Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5*). As Christians we need to make the most of our time and use it in service to our Lord. One thing that each Christian should build into his or her schedule is visiting. There are several individuals who we should visit: sick and shut-in members, wayward members, visitors, and new converts. However, for the purposes of this article, let us consider a few reasons why we should visit the sick and shut in members.

### ***Jesus Expects It***

In one of Jesus' famous judgment parables he speaks of sheep and goats. Jesus said that both groups would be surprised on the day of judgment. One group will be surprised because they did not realize they were serving Jesus. Another group will be surprised because they did not realize they were neglecting service to Jesus (*Matt. 25:31-46*). Jesus spoke of being sick, and those who are righteous visited him while the wicked did not (*Matt. 25:36, 43*). We should remember that whenever we visit the sick and those who are in nursing homes and other facilities where they cannot get out, we are serving the Lord (*John 12:26*). If we love Jesus, we will do those things that are pleasing to him (*John 14:15, 15:14*). If we call him Lord, then we should do the things that he says (*Lk. 6:46*). Visiting those who are separated from the regular assembly due to physical limitations is one way to serve our Lord.

### ***They're Lonely***

The truth is that many people who are sick or shut in are lonely. Many times, once someone's health fails, so do friends and family. When Job was prosperous and wealthy, he had many friends and visitors, but when he was suffering, he found himself alone (*Job 19:14-19*).

### **Congratulations, June!**

June Hendrix completed 100 K.I.S.S. forms.

(Kids Involved in Studying Scripture)

The K.I.S.S. forms help our young people to take notes and participate in worship.

The Elders awarded her with a new personalized Bible.

We are proud of your hard work, June!

### **Thank you for visiting**

Albert Bess  
Emanuel & Marcia White  
Brett Gerhardt  
Sharon Roy  
Emily Pflgebraar  
Ashley Thomas  
Avril, Myra and Aaron Questel  
Scout Carter  
Roger & Colleen Holsinger  
Jack & Janet Cook



When one is shut in, initially the visitors come around frequently, but as the time goes on, there are often fewer visitors. People tend to forget about those they do not see (*Gen. 40:23*). Christians must be those who can sympathize with others and who can feel what others are feeling (*Rom 12:15*). If you have ever been in the hospital for even a short time, you know how it feels to have visitors. Or to miss service due to illness and have brethren check on you. We should visit so that those who are unable to assemble with us will know that they are not forgotten but are still apart of our family in Christ, and we love and care about them.

### ***Time is Short***

We should visit because time is short. We may plan to stop by and see someone but then they may no longer be there (*Heb. 9:27*). Good intentions are only good if we put them into action. We need to be sure that we make the most of our time, and check on brethren while we can. Paul told Timothy to hurry and come to see him because he knew he was running out of time (*2 Tim. 4:21*). We do not know if Timothy made it, but hopefully, he did. I know we are all busy, but if we are too busy to dedicate time to the Lord's work, we need to restructure our schedules. Take one day a month. Go and visit a member at home or in an assisted living facility. It may be a short visit or a longer one depending on the rapport that you have with them. Invest time in others and you invest in eternity in the process (*Matt. 6:19-21*). See if there is anything they need that you can help them with. Take someone with you so that conversation will flow easily.

Go and visit someone when you can. Do not wait until it is too late.



### **POTLUCK MEAL**

Come enjoy a delicious meal with wonderful fellowship on

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

following the morning worship service.

Bring your favorite dish to share!

Set-up/clean up team:

Jimmy Sweeney's team

(last names: E - K)



### **SFA Ladies**

The first monthly Ladies' Day Out will be Saturday, March 14.

We will meet at 3:00 pm at **Munn Park** in downtown Lakeland.

Mark your calendars now.

More details to come!



# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

## Prayer List

James 5:13-16

**Our Members:** Tonya Anderson; Bobby Sheumaker; Nicole Dix; Melody Baxter; Carol Pace; Ginny Hamby; Cierra Edwards (upcoming procedure); Margaret Coone; Ellen Shearer; Bob Pratt; Ray Nashick; Ron Ford; Chuck & Evelyn Wyatt; Debbie Bush; Geny Johnson; Brian Smith; Sharon Washington; Bernetta Green (hip pain).

**Others:** **Thelma Rachford** (Dottie Fife's sister); **Felicia Plunkett** (friend of Heidi & Ty Rhymes, brain tumor); **Eric Bunch** (medication regulation); **Alicia Zamot** (Jagie's aunt); **Andre, Nasheka, Nya Medley; Kate**, baby Nya's NICU nurse; **Tonya Mathis** (hospice care); **Keith Cozart** (former member); **Larry Laster; Chrissi Fuesner; Chip Bolding; Tony Seibert; Neil Entwistle Sr.; Tanya Irizarry; Trevor & Sandy Hutchins; Derick Jordan; student of Jimmy Sweeney** (brain tumor); **Keijuan Callaway** (Sharon Washington's son); **Anna Bess** (Margaret Coone's mother); **Janet Moore; Mary Ankroum, Shirley Crocker** (back in ICU).

## Responses

Shannon Chisholm responded to the invitation on Sunday and Ron & Kristen Cox all asked for prayers.



## Remember our Shut-ins

Faith West Carol Eason  
Joyce Burbage Cheryl Barker  
Virginia Plumlee

## Senior Saints

You are cordially invited to a luncheon hosted by the SFA Youth Group. Lunch will include a salad, entree' with side item, dessert, and drinks.

March 14, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship hall

Please RSVP to office

## Our Condolences

to Stephanie Kenyon on the passing of her father.

You are in our prayers.

## Monthly singing

Orange St. church of Christ is hosting the monthly singing on Friday, February 28, 2020 7 - 8:30 pm. Our van will leave our building at 6:15 pm.



## Ladies

Venice church of Christ Women's retreat March 6-8 at Weeki Wachee Camp

Our own Brittani Kemp & Stephanie Kenyon are among the speakers

Flyer is on the bulletin board

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Concerning the Selection of Directors

To comply with state regulations, an annual meeting and selection of directors must be conducted each year. This will be done immediately following morning worship service, March 8, 2020. The following nominees have been made: David Anderson (chairman); George French (vice-chairman); Charles Paulin (treasurer); Bobby Sheumaker (secretary). Nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. However, the nominee's willingness to accept must be presented to the chairman prior to the meeting.

## Communion to Shut-Ins

March 1st ..... Deal  
March 8th ..... Deal

(We need volunteers to serve in north Lakeland. Ask the office for details.)

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### March

Designated Elder During Services - Bobby Sheumaker  
Open/Close Building - Wayne Shearer

Ken Walker ..... Table..... Terrance Dindy, JR.  
Gavin Williams ..... Assist ..... David Anderson

### Sunday, March 1, 2020

Song at Bible Class/Prayer ..... Tucker Sweeney  
Sound Booth ..... Alex Parramore  
Announcements ..... Tyler Anderson  
Song Leader ..... Jason Hendrix  
Opening Prayer ..... Allen Grimes  
Sermon ..... Hiram Kemp  
"A Thirsty Soul"  
Closing Prayer ..... Wesley Brunson  
Greeters...before: ..... Bingle  
Greeters...after: ..... McShane  
Cards ..... Caelen/Cam'ron

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader ..... Vince Daugherty  
Scripture reading/Prayer ..... Jimmy Sweeney  
Sermon ..... Hiram Kemp  
"Wedding With No Wine"  
Closing Prayer ..... Jeff Bingle

### Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Song Leader/Prayer ..... Chaz Hine  
Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Shearer

### Sunday, March 8, 2020

Song at Bible Class/Prayer ..... Rick Kenyon  
Sound Booth ..... Tucker Sweeney  
Announcements ..... Tyler Anderson  
Song Leader ..... Jason Hendrix  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Romine  
Sermon ..... Bill Davis  
"Priorities & Commitments in the Home"  
Closing Prayer ..... Wesley Brunson  
Greeters...before: ..... Jeanelle/Nona  
Greeters...after: ..... E. Smith  
Cards ..... Caelen/Cam'ron

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader..... Vince Daugherty  
Scripture reading/Prayer..... Phil Fife  
Sermon..... Bill Davis  
"Father, Help Me to Serve My Family  
By Washing Their Feet"  
Closing Prayer..... Kenny French

### Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Song Leader/prayer ..... Vince Daugherty  
Closing Prayer ..... David Anderson

## ~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Feb. 2 ..... \$8,340.61  
Feb. 9 ..... \$7,969.60  
Feb. 16 ..... \$6,704.40  
Feb. 23 ..... \$8,136.32  
Contribution Average ..... \$7,476.38

New Member Spotlight  
**Jamie Flores**



Jamie was born in Steubenville, Ohio. She has lived in Canton, Ohio but also in Largo, Florida. As a child, she wanted to be a physical therapist. She is currently an RN and an alpaca rancher. Her favorite dessert is anything chocolate. In her free time, she makes fiber art and jewelry, but she also enjoys wood working. Her proudest accomplishment is her children. The best advice she's been given is "Don't ever give up." Jamie has 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Welcome, Jamie!

New Member Spotlight  
**Fran Gabaldon**



Fran was born in Pahokee, Florida and has also lived in Louisiana and Alabama. As a child, she wanted to be a writer. Her first job was as a clerk at a "five & dime." She is a retired mental health counselor. Fran has traveled to many countries and has even eaten rattlesnake. She likes to read, write, watch historic movies, and try new recipes. The best advice she's been given is "Think then speak." Fran has several degrees and is very curious and hard working. Welcome, Fran!

**Don't Forget!**

- 3/1 - Fellowship In-service after evening worship
- 3/7 - Door knocking for our upcoming gospel meeting, 9:00 am
- 3/8 - Potluck meal after morning service to kick off our gospel meeting.
- 3/8 - Elders/deacons meeting has been cancelled!
- 3/14 - Senior Saints luncheon hosted by Youth Group, noon in fellowship hall
- 3/14 - Youth Group bowling after luncheon
- 3/14 - Ladies' Day Out, 3:00 pm.
- 3/15 - Youth Group's Stacked Sunday
- 3/17 - Senior Saints monthly meeting
- 3/21 - Semi-Annual Picnic & Singing at Mary Holland Park
- 3/20 - Youth Group Fun Outing
- 3/23 - 3/27 - Polk County Spring Break

**REJOICE!**

*"there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10*



Jean Thomas had been studying with both Terrance Dindy & Hiram Kemp. On Sunday, February 16, 2020, Jean decided to obey the gospel of Jesus Christ being baptized in His Kingdom. Welcome, Jean, to the family!



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