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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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IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

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



South Florida Avenue Members

We have a tremendous opportunity to better prepare ourselves to be the influential congregation God wants us to be! Let us make every effort to attend:

Sunday, March 12 from 1:00-4:00 pm

Have we ever thought about teaching a Bible class but were afraid we were not equipped? This seminar will properly equip us! The Lord wants us all to help!

Teaching Rocket is a teachers' training seminar for the local church designed to educate, equip, and empower Bible class teachers of all ages. It has been said, "As the Bible Class goes, so goes the church." Whether it's doctrinal instruction, everyday life skills, or interpersonal connection and fellowship, a vibrant education program is vital to a vibrant church. Yet most churches provide little or no training for their teachers. This seminar provides the following training:

Session 1 The Goals of an Education Program. What exactly are we seeking to accomplish when we come together to study the Bible? This session explores the goals of a successful Bible class program—they might not be what you think!

Session 2 Preparing & Delivering a Lesson. This session explores a step-by-step process of developing a lesson and tips for delivering the lesson in a classroom setting.

Session 3 Keys to Better Bible Study. Knowing how to study the Bible properly is essential to being a dynamic Bible teacher. This section discusses six Bible study habits that are guaranteed to generate material for your lesson.

Session 4 Classroom Dynamics. How does a teacher connect with students on an emotional and spiritual level? How can I come up with great discussion questions that reinforce the lesson? How do I handle the person who seems to always dominate the conversation? This session answers those questions and more.

Session 5 The Teacher's Spiritual Life. It's important that teachers keep themselves spiritually fit in order to maximize their effectiveness over the long haul. Focusing on James 3:1, this session discusses the steps necessary for a teacher to maintain his or her spiritual integrity instead of falling victim to Satan's schemes.



Michael Whitworth

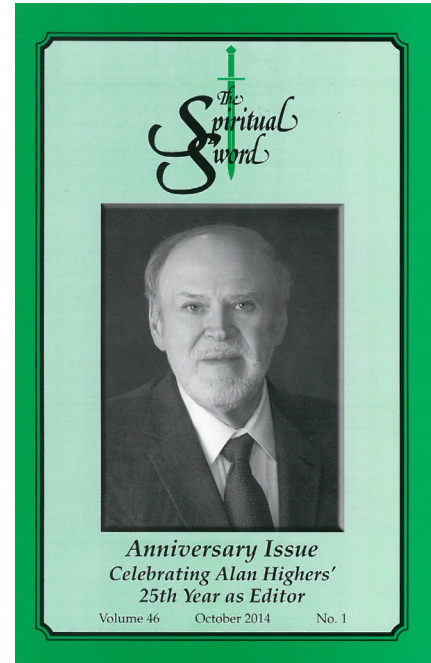
Save the Date **March 26-29**

Gospel Meeting

with **Alan Highers**

Preacher, Debater, Writer, Lawyer, Judge, and Editor

We are privileged and blessed to have brother Alan Highers scheduled for our Spring Gospel Meeting! Alan has preached for over 60 years. During that time, he has also conducted numerous debates with denominational preachers on crucial subjects. While serving as a preacher, Alan decided to attend law school at Memphis State University (now University of Memphis), from which he graduated in 1968. He practiced law for a few years before being appointed as a special judge in the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee. In 1977, he was appointed to the Circuit Court, and in 1982, he was appointed to serve in the Tennessee Court of Appeals. He retired in 2014 from the court system. Throughout all his years in the judicial system, he continued to preach, promote, and defend the Gospel of Christ. Since 1989, he has edited the *Spiritual Sword*, a quarterly publication. Let us make every effort to attend and invite others!



YES Weekend was a Great Weekend!



Special Thanks to Jagie Kenyon and Staci Smith who, because of Brian's going to an out of state funeral, drove the vehicles to transport these young people. We thank you for your prayers & the Lord for delivering our precious loved ones back to us after an uplifting weekend of Bible study!



SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Becky Sheumaker, Hannah, June and Hailee Hendrix were all home sick this week. Also keep Jim Turner, Ginny Hamby, Jacqueline Dopwell, Kenny French, JoAnn Hoback, Bill Long, Sharon Washington, and Margaret Coone in prayer.

Relatives: Tonya Mathis, Dee Moore, Margie Bolding, Sarah Blevins, Willie Williams, Owen Lewis, Bobby Cole, Evie McCormack and Deborah Leonard's husband.

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

Others: Joyce Stearsman, Chrissi Fuesner, Elizabeth Tubbs and Jack Pinkert.

Upcoming Events

Saturday March 4th: Ladie's Brunch at North Jackson Ave. in Bartow at 9:00 a.m.

March 4th-5th: Personal Evangelism Seminar at the Kissimmee Church of Christ. The speaker will be Rob Whitacre. Please let Hiram know if you will be attending.

Sunday March 5th: Fellowship In Service before evening services at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday March 12th: Teaching Seminar here at South Florida Ave. after the morning service. The teacher will be Michael Whitworth. This will give much needed info on teaching and help motivate us to have a much better teaching program.

March 26th-29th: Please Save this date! This will be our gospel meeting here at South Florida Ave. Alan Highers will be the speaker. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

Thank You

Dear church friends, thanks so much for prayers, calls, and phone calls during my stay in the hospital.

In Christian love, Evelyn Wyatt

Visitors

Victor Travis and Alexis, Jane Jessee, Mary Moore and Anthony Payne.

 Tune into AM 1330 (station WWAB) with your friends and neighbors every Monday from 5:00-5:30 p.m. for the "Way of Truth" program. Let's influence Lakeland!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

March

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

Sunday, March 5, 2017

9:30 A.M.

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

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Matt Willcut
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer David Anderson
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Tim Croson

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Stacey Paulin
Opening Prayer Kyle Bingle
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Greeters Tyler & Jessica Anderson
Att. Cards..... Quadarius & Ian
Closing Prayer Charles Paulin
Open & Close Building..... Fred Strickland

Wed. March 8, 2017

Song Leader Ken Walker
Opening Prayer David Williams
Closing Prayer Paul Romine

Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call Chuck Wyatt so he can get a replacement - 859-5231 or 602-9005

Sunday, March 12, 2017

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Tucker Sweeney
Prayer..... David Anderson

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Matt Willcut
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Jimmy Sweeney
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer David Deal

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Stacey Paulin
Opening Prayer Steve Hunley
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Greeters..... The Williams
Att. Cards..... Paul & Sebastian
Closing Prayer..... Bobby Sheumaker
Open & Close Building..... Fred Strickland

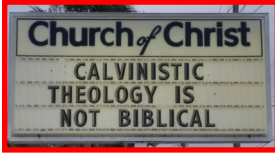
Wed. March 15, 2017

Song Leader..... Steve Hunley
Opening Prayer..... Phil Fife
Closing Prayer..... Ken Walker

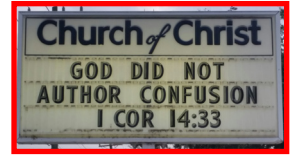
~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Feb. 05.....	\$7,001.76
Feb. 12	\$4,853.00
Feb. 19.....	\$5,761.25
Feb. 26.....	\$5,642.00
Contribution Average	\$5,491.94
2016 Weekly Budget	\$4,716.51

Calvinism (part 6) "Perseverance of the Saints"



The last tenet of Calvinism, represented by the "P" in the acrostic, T-U-L-I-P, is "perseverance of the saints," or as it is sometimes called, "Once saved, always saved." Calvinism teaches that those who are saved cannot fall from grace, but will persevere in faith until the end. This perseverance depends, not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of God's election. It is alleged that the saved may fall in sin, but they will always come out of it. However, if this were true, then all the warnings in the Bible about falling away, such as Hebrews 4:1-11, would be meaningless. Even the parable of the soils teaches that people can "receive the word with joy," but then "in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13). Examples of the saved who fell away abound in the Bible. Consider Judas, who was hand picked by the Lord (Matthew 10:1-4), but "by transgression fell" (Acts 1:25). Demas also was once faithful (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24), but forsook Paul and the Gospel, "having loved this present world" (2 Timothy 4:10). Some of the once saved Hebrews were also in real danger of forfeiting their salvation (Hebrews 6:4-6). Paul forever negates the "once saved, always saved" theory by stating to those Jewish Christians who were trying to require the law of Moses as a condition of salvation, "You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace" (Galatians 5:4). "Perseverance of the saints" is, therefore, false! Only eternity will adequately reveal the damaging effects Calvinism has had and will continue to have upon people's souls. We must look to the Bible for the true and only way of salvation. ❤️ Brian



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Let us know by March 1



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