



# South Florida Avenue CHURCH OF CHRIST *MESSENGER*



1807 S. Florida Ave.,  
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Bobby Sheumaker

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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.....6:30 p.m.

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Graham McDonald ..... Scotland  
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Ted Wheeler ..... Ghana, W.A.

# YOU'RE INVITED

MARCH 22-24, 2024

# GOSPEL MEETING



Join us  
for a weekend  
of studying  
God's word  
and enjoying  
fellowship



STEVEN FORD  
PREACHING

## MEETING TOPICS:

**Friday March 22**

@ 7:00pm Existence of God \*

**Saturday, March 23**

@ 7:00pm Three Portraits of Faith \*

**Sunday, March 24**

@ 9:30am A Christ Centered Life

@ 10:30am The Love of the Father

@ 6:00pm Serving from an Empty Cup \*

**\*Please stay for refreshments & fellowship  
following each evening service.**

# INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, & NEIGHBORS!

# *“Do This in Remembrance of Me”*

Brian R. Kenyon

I recently spoke with a brother in Christ who said he reads Matthew 27 at least once a month to make sure he does not forget the suffering the Lord endured on our behalf. Throughout the conversation he kept emphasizing the cross was too important to forget. As he was saying this, I realized even more the wisdom of God. While it is a great idea to read the crucifixion accounts once a month to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, God knows the value of remembering and thus desires His church to set time aside time every “first day of the week” to remember the suffering and death of Christ (Acts 20:7). Jesus instituted the Lord’s supper the same night He was betrayed (1 Corinthians 11:23). The first Gospel records:

And as they were eating [the Jewish Passover meal], Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” <sup>27</sup>Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. <sup>29</sup>But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” (Matthew 26:26-29)

## *What Are We to Remember?*

It is significant that Jesus instituted the Lord’s supper “as they were eating” the Passover meal. The Passover commemorated the exodus from Egypt, which was the greatest single redemptive event known to Israel up to this first century point in time (Exodus 12). Because the Lord’s supper was instituted during the Passover, we know it involved unleavened bread and non-intoxicating wine. In fact, the New Testament never calls the liquid element “wine,” but always refers either to “the cup” or to “the fruit of the vine” (Matthew 26:27, 29; 1 Corinthians 11:26-28). Jesus took this centuries-old annual remembrance of God’s deliverance from an evil physical oppressor (Egypt) and gave it new meaning, weekly remembrance of what was necessary for deliverance from the greatest spiritual oppressor, sin (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23).

In addition to the general remembrance of deliverance, Jesus specified two particulars, memorialized by two elements. First, there is to be remembrance of Jesus’ body and what He bore in it by partaking of the bread (Matthew 26:26 cf. Isaiah 53:5). Second, there is to be a remembrance of Jesus’ blood and what was accomplished by its being shed when Christian’s partake of the cup (Matthew 26:27-28). Jesus identified His blood as being that “of the new covenant [testament, KJV]” (cf. Exodus 24:8). A covenant is an agreement, or contract, between two parties. Even in the Old Testament, making a covenant with God often required blood (Genesis 15:9-18). This new covenant of which Jesus spoke was prophesied centuries before (Jeremiah 31:31-34). This covenant required the death of the one making it to become operative (Hebrews 9:16-17). Furthermore, Jesus identified His blood as being “shed for many for the remission of sins.” Blood being “shed” (i.e., poured out) is clearly sacrificial language, especially relating to the vicarious (in our behalf) suffering of Christ (Isaiah 53:10-12). The prime object of Christ’s death was remission of sins, which required “shedding of blood” (Hebrews 9:22).

## *Conclusion*

Remembrance is important to faithfulness (Deuteronomy 4:9; Hosea 4:6; 1 Timothy 4:6). Our remembering the death of Christ every week was so important to God that Jesus commanded His disciples to “Take, eat [unleavened bread]; this is My body,” and “Drink from it [fruit of the vine], all of you” in remembrance of what He did for us in His body and with His blood. Remembering this weekly (Acts 20:7) will not only help us spiritually, but, like the Passover (Exodus 12:26-27), it gives an opportunity to teach others (1 Corinthians 11:26).

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

Concerning the Lord’s supper, we are told to remember the suffering death of Christ (Matt. 26:26-29), not His burial and resurrection, yet some say, as if in a formula, we remember His “death, burial, and resurrection.” The reference, “till He comes” (1 Cor. 11:26), concerns how long the church is to observe the Lord’s supper, until His Second Coming (Heb. 9:27-28).

**PRAYER LIST**

**Current:** Stacey Paulin is home but still in extreme pain, awaiting surgery. Fran Gabaldon is awaiting an appointment at Moffit. Jeff Bingle will be having a PET scan next week.

**Continual:** Debbie Bush (struggles); Antoine & Marcella Swain (health); Bill & Carlene Long (health & strength); Ron Ford (health); Linda Simpson (health); Annett Phillip (health); Janie Wise (health); Margaret Coone (health); Melissa Craft (health); Kathy Nester (health); Jim Turner (health)

**Shut-ins:** Carol Eason, Kenny & Reba French, Barbara Jones, Charles Paulin

Also continue to pray for those on the extended family and friends list!

**Extended family and Friends List is Emailed Weekly.**

Jarred Spivey responded to the invitation asking for prayers of the congregation.



There will be a “door knocking” opportunity for those interested in distributing fliers and sowing the gospel seed. We will meet at the building at 9:30 am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 21-23, in conjunction with our Gospel Meeting with Steven Ford. “The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:11).

**EGG HUNT**

**Sunday March 24, 2024  
2:00 PM  
at the Sheumaker's home.  
1621 Yorkshire Trail  
Lakeland, FL**



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The Elders would like to meet with each SFA family to hear your ideas, concerns and questions.

They will be at the building on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please call the office or set up a time and day that works best for your family.

There will be a **Gospel Meeting** at Alachua Church of Christ  
March 20-22 @ 7:00 PM

**Bob Bauer** will be the Guest Speaker each night.

**Wed-** "The Urgency of Evangelism"

**Thurs-** "Embracing the Responsibilities of an Older Christian"

**Fri-** "An Everliving Hope"

**Scheduled to Serve in March**

Designated Elder	Brian Kenyon
<b>Wednesday, March 13, 2024</b>	
Announcements	Bobby Sheumaker
Song Leader / Prayer	Landon Willcut
Devotional / Invitation	Wadi Khoury
Closing Prayer	MattWillcut
<b>Sunday, March 17, 2024</b>	
10:30 am Sermon	Rick Kenyon
Close to the Kingdom (Mark 12:28-34)	
6:00 pm Sermon	Andre Medley
The Power of Encouragement (1 Thes. 5:1)	
<b>Those to Serve 10:30 am</b>	
Greeters	Brunson's
Song/Pray before class	Kyle Faneuf
Announcements (both)	Frank Hamby
Song Leader (both)	Tucker Sweeney
Prayer / Bible reading	Joseph Faulk
Lord's Table (both)	Brian Williams
Closing Prayer	Josh Estridge
Open/Close Building	Brian Kenyon
Attendance Cards	N/A
Sound Booth (both)	Jason Hendrix
<b>Those to Serve 6:00 pm</b>	
Greeters	Van Allens
Announcements	Frank Hamby
Song Leader	Tucker Sweeney
Prayer / Bible reading	Paul Sweeney
Closing Prayer	Mike Van Allen
<b>Wednesday, March 20, 2024</b>	
Announcements	Tyler Anderson
Song Leader / Prayer	Terrance Dindy
Devotional / Invitation	Jarred Spivey
Closing Prayer	David Deal
<b>How We Are Giving</b>	
February 25	\$5,816.00
March 3	\$8,225.00
March 10	\$7,520.00
Contribution Average	\$7,271.38
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$7,410.00</b>

**If you cannot serve as scheduled, please notify Stacey or the office. Even if you arrange your replacement, please notify Stacey or the office. Thanks!**

## WHAT MAKES A BEACH?

One of my favorite places to go is Sanibel Island. I remember going to that beach for as long as I remember. I am always at peace there. I can forget the troubles of this world. But what makes the beach a beach? Is it the sand, the ocean, the sun, or the seagulls terrorizing you for your food? These qualities separately do not make an oasis, but put them all together and you get a sandy sanctuary. First Corinthians 12 discusses the spiritual gifts given by the Spirit and how each member makes up the whole church. No one Christian makes up the congregation as no one quality makes up a beach. If we say to another Christian that they are not as important as ourselves, it is like the sun telling the waves it is the most important. Each individual person in the congregation is vital to the church, from the babies to the elders. Let us not forget we are all valuable to the church.

The Ladies Of Eagle Lake Church Of Christ  
 Invite You To Our 2024 Ladies Day With  
*Sister Pamela Clark*  
**"Living In The World, But Not Like The World"**

Romans 12: 1-2



Saturday April 20th, 2024; 8:30 Till 11:30 a.m.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Please R.S.V.P. By: March 30th, 2024

Gail Jackson: 903-243-1445

Lorraine Hubbard: 863-514-3379

We Look Forward To Seeing You There!!!



## Ladies Day

Saturday, April 6, 2024

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### RECIPE FOR PEACE

**SPEAKERS:**

"Stock Your Spiritual Pantry"  
 "Putting It All Together"

Stephanie Kenyon  
 Unita Orr

**Registration:** 9:30 A.M.  
 Continental Breakfast

**Program Begins:** 10:30 A.M.  
 Lunch Provided: 12:00 NOON

**KISSIMMEE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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R.S.V.P - no later than March. 25<sup>th</sup>

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 with names of attendees so name tags  
 can be made ahead of time.

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Return Service Requested

" Confess your trespasses to one another,  
 and pray for one another, that you may  
 be healed. The effective, fervent prayer  
 of a righteous man avails much."

James 5:16



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