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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

Great Group of Young People

For over twenty years, the South Florida Avenue church of Christ has been participating in Lads to Leaders (also known as L2L). Last weekend, several of our young people and their mentors/chaperones attended the L2L convention in Orlando. We are proud (in a good way) of our young people (see page 2 for a list of events in which each participated). Some of them did what many adults will not do: stand in front of a crowd (consisting of friends and strangers) and give Bible based speeches and/or lead singing. Boys may speak and/or lead singing in mixed gender assemblies. In the girls events, no men nor boys were allowed to attend in order to keep in harmony with such passages as First Timothy 2:8-15. We appreciate our eldership for seeing the value of the L2L program and making the investment in our youth, not just at convention time, but throughout the year as well. We also appreciate the adult chaperones who attended the whole weekend: Brian, Hiram, Jason and Jenna, Jimmy and Kathy, Pat, and Rene; the Saturday chaperones: Steve and Pat; the college aged helpers: Casey, Courtney, and Heidi; and especially all the young people (listed on page 2) for their efforts and sacrifices throughout the year. Because of the God we serve and His perfect plan, Paul could write, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Everything we do for the Lord will make us better people. We may study Biblical information that we do not immediately use or practice leading a song, and then, because of "stage fright," disappoint ourselves. Rest assured, however, our labors in doing so will make us better prepared and stronger the next time, if we are truly doing it for the Lord! We encourage our young people (and adults): Don't give up, but keep giving your all to the Lord and His work! May we all live in such a way that the Lord will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"!



Back row: Jimmy, Shannon, Katrina, Antonio, Brian, Casey, Hiram, Rene, Kyle, Jason. Middle row: Darrenicka, Courtney, Lorelly, Heidi, Kathy, Pat, Tucker, Jenna. Front row: Hannah, June, Paul, Ian.

Youth Group Members Who Participated in Lads to Leaders 2016

Kyle Bingle

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Art Says It - Photography
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Good Samaritan—**Gold**
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle*—**1st place**
Song Leading
Year-Round Song Leading—**Bronze**

Shannon Chisholm

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Bible Bowl Test—**High Score**
Bible Bowl Team
Good Samaritan—**Bronze**
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Songs of Praise
Keepers: Childcare

Ian Enamorado

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Bible Bowl Test
Oral Bible Reading
Good Samaritan—**Bronze**
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Song Leading

Lorelly Enamorado

Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Good Samaritan—**Bronze**
Mass Media - Article/Editorial—**1st place**
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Songs of Praise—**3rd place**

Zsazeli Enamorado

Bible Bowl Test
Good Samaritan—**Gold**
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**

Darrenicka Harrison

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team (alternate)
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Songs of Praise

Hannah Hendrix

Art Says It (Display Only) - Drawing/Sketching
Bible Bowl Test
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Oral Bible Reading
Know the Books—**Bronze**
Songs of Praise

June Hendrix

Bible Bowl Test
Songs of Praise

Antonio Martin

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team (alternate)
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Song Leading

Katrina Martin

Bible Bowl Test
Songs of Praise

Sophia Smith

Art Says It - Photography
Bible Bowl Test
Individual Scrapbook—**2nd place**
Good Samaritan—**Silver**
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Keepers: Childcare
Year-Round Bulletin Board—**Bronze**

Paul Sweeney

Art Says It - Drawing/Sketching
Bible Bowl Test
Oral Bible Reading
Good Samaritan—**Bronze**
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Song Leading

Tucker Sweeney

Bible Bowl Test
Bible Bowl Team
Good Samaritan—**Silver**
Group Scrapbook Winner's Circle—**1st place**
Song Leading—**2nd place**
Year-Round Song Leading—**Gold**
Speech—**3rd place**

* "Winner's circle" designates categories consisting of those who have already won first place in previous conventions.

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Jim Turner is home from the hospital a second time after having more mini strokes. Jacquelin Dopwell is scheduled to start chemo in May. Also keep Janet Crosby, Carol Eason, Debbie Horsley and Margaret Coone in prayer.

Relatives: Wayne Hendrix, Dee Moore (bettie bolding's sister in law), Alyssa Buckner and Harold Rister (Debbie Horsley's father).

Shut In Members: Virginia Plumlee, Bill Burton, Ann Howard, Dick & Joyce Burbage, Duane Nelson and Sharon Edler.

Others: Chrissi Fuesner and Barbara Savage (friend of the Kirkland family). Please keep all these in prayer.

Upcoming Events

April 3rd: Fellowship In-Service after evening services. Please bring finger foods.

April 16th: A Meet-N-Greet Brunch for the ladies that is in honor of Brittani Kemp as Hiram begins full time ministry. The flyer and sign up sheet are on the bulletin board.

April 16th: Men's breakfast at Eagle Lake Church of Christ at 8:00 a.m, door knocking to follow.

Sympathy

Claud Romine, father of Paul Romine passed away March 26th. There will be no services. Gale Doak, Bob Doak's mother passed away last week. Please pray for these families.

Congratulations

C.J. & Kelcey Grimes are the proud parents of a baby girl, Avery Elizabeth born March 28th at 7:39 p.m., weighing 8 lbs 5 oz. We look forward to them growing together as a family in the Lord.

David & Cara Muhydro are the proud parents of a baby girl, Calla Grace born on March 22nd. The proud grandparents are Bobby & Becky Sheumaker.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the calls, cards and prayers for our family during this sad time. Love you all for your sweet thoughts and taking time to join us for his memorial.

Love you all, The family of Kenneth Barnett. Steve, Harold, Denise and families.

Visitors

Tania Portelles-Driggs, Marc & Carol Palermo and family, Heath Rowe & Danielle Eisenhower and family.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

April

Stacey Paulin..... **Table** Josh Estridge
Fred Rapley..... **Assist** David Anderson

Sunday, April 3, 2016

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Tucker Sweeney
Prayer..... Ken Walker

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Bobby Sheumaker
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Antonio Martin

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader David Williams
Opening Prayer Charles Paulin
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Greeters The Longfellows
Att. Cards..... Ian & Paul
Closing Prayer Jeff Bingle
Open & Close Building..... David Anderson

Wed. April 6, 2016

Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Kenny French
Closing Prayer Bobby Sheumaker

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

Sunday, April 10, 2016

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Jim Turner
Prayer..... David Anderson

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer John McShane
Sermon..... Bob McAnally
Closing Prayer Paul Romine

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader David Williams
Opening Prayer Fred Strickland
Sermon..... Brian Kenyon
Greeters The Frenchs
Att. Cards..... Paul & Quadarius
Closing Prayer Tim Croson
Open & Close Building..... David Anderson

Wed. April 13, 2016

Song Leader Steve Hunley
Opening Prayer Kyle Bingle
Closing Prayer Charles Paulin

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Mar. 06.....	\$5,087.21
Mar. 13.....	\$4,475.82
Mar. 20.....	\$4,252.00
Mar. 27.....	\$6,809.58
Contribution Average	\$5,153.52
2016 Weekly Budget	\$4,422.60



One of the few times our young people were together! Keep up the good work & “Be not weary in well doing.”



Darrenicka and Paul representing



Lorelly with 1st place in mass media: article/editorial



“Coach” Hiram and Tucker, who earned 3rd place in 9th grade speech. It was actually a polished version of the sermon he delivered to South Florida Avenue back on a 5th Sunday in July.

“Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth” (Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1).



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Lads to Leaders Banquet

April 10 in fellowship room @ 11:45 a.m.

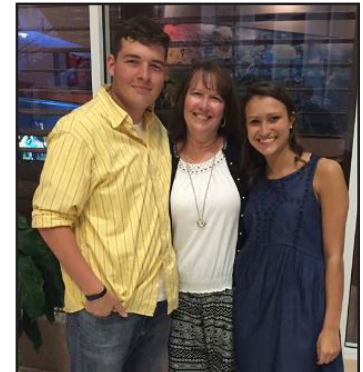
Help us celebrate the accomplishments of our young people and encourage them to further cultivate their talents for the Lord’s service!



Bible Bowl team ready



Hannah and June, our youngest participants this year. They both lead songs of praise to an all female audience and Hannah also did oral Bible reading.



“Bitter-sweet” for Rene. Kyle and Heidi grew up with L2L their entire eligible years. Kyle is graduating this year and will not be participating in events next year.

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine” (1 Timothy 4:12-13).