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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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SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

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

Life Is A Wonderful Gift

Life is a wonderful gift
Don't let it slip away,
Open your heart to others
Give of yourself each day.

See the beauty in everyone
Regardless of where they've been,
Some have a difficult journey
And really need a friend.

Share your gifts and talents
Listen with your heart,
Do the things you dream about
But don't have time to start.

Pick a bouquet of flowers
Show someone that you care,
Be gracious and forgiving
Life is never fair.

If you practice all these things
No matter where you roam,
You may find both sun and rain
But you'll never feel alone!

Author Unknown

The Great Value of Work

Jerrie Barber

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2: 10)

I read about an insurance agent who was talking to a prospective client at her home. He pointed to a fancy vase on the table next to the sofa.

“Do you keep anything in it?” he asked.

“Yes. My husband’s ashes.”

“I’m so sorry,” the agent replied. “I didn’t realize he had died.”

“He didn’t” the lady said. “He’s just too lazy to hunt for an ashtray.”

Working is a part of God’s plan for man’s fulfillment and happiness. After creating the world and making man of the dust, *“the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it”* (Genesis 2:15). Paradise was not then in the beginning nor is it now, a place of constant leisure and no responsibilities.

Whether we are thinking of work by which we provide a living for our family or a task we do in the Lord’s service, there are some biblical principles that will help us.

1. Find a work suited for you. Because of background, natural ability, education, experience, and interest, we do some things better than others. *“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”* (Romans 12:4).

2. Do your best. Whether we are doing “church work” or whether we are on the job, we are working for the Lord. *“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ”* (Col. 3:23-24).

3. Schedule times of rest. God set the example by resting on the seventh day after creating the world in six. When the apostles had completed some work and reported to Jesus on the results, Jesus said, *“Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”* (Mark 6:3 1).

4. Be training others to do your work. It is no compliment to anyone’s effectiveness and leadership for any work to show a decline after he or she moves, is promoted, or retires. Paul gave the principle to Timothy when he wrote, *“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”* (2 Tim. 2:2).

5. Prepare for work in the future that will call for growth. The challenging work of an elder is being addressed when Paul wrote Timothy, *“If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.”* (1 Timothy 3: 1). The person who does well in any task - is one who has set his heart on it and has prepared for it.

Work is designed by the Lord to be a blessing -- not a curse!

How do you plan to be blessed in your work today?

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Carol Pace had knee surgery on Tuesday. Also: Jim Turner, Jacqueline Dopwell, Janet Crosby, Debbie Horsley and Margaret Coone.

Relatives: Wayne Hendrix, Dee Moore, Alyssa Buckner and Harold Rister.

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

Others: Jackie Stearsman, Chrissi Fuesner, Barbara Savage, Nancy Griffith & Thelma Alesion. Keep these in prayer.

Upcoming Events

April 16th: A Meet-N-Greet Brunch for the ladies at 10:30 a.m. It will be at C.J. & Kelcey Grimes house.

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

April 17th-21st: Gospel Meeting at the Eagle Lake Church of Christ. The flyer is on the bulletin board for more info.

April 24th-28th: Gospel Meeting at Laura St. Church of Christ, Plant City. Terrance Brownlow-Dindy, Minister at 6th St. will be the speaker. Flyer is on Bulletin Board.

Sympathy

Billy Harrison, son of the late Tommy Harrison, and nephew of Vicki Rapley, passed away on April 10th. No arrangements have been made at this time.

Charity Event

Taleah Anderson is collecting empty prescription bottles for the V.A. clinic. The deadline is June 29th. The box is in the foyer. Please remove all the labels.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family, It's so comforting to have the love and support of the faithful. Thanks for all the cards, comments and prayers. Love in Christ, Paul Romine

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ. Thank you for all your love and kindness. Your cards, visits and calls meant so much during my illness. Our love in Christ, Jim & Wanda Turner

Visitors

Tania Portelles-Driggs, Rodney Gadsden, Charles Ferguson, Wadi Khoury, Peggy Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Turner, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Pfettscher, Debra Okolichany.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

April

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

Sunday, April 17, 2016

9:30 A.M.

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

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Kenny French
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Jim Turner

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader David Williams
Opening Prayer Steve Hunley
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Greeters The Bingles
Att. Cards..... Sebastian & Quadarius
Closing Prayer Ken Walker
Open & Close Building David Anderson

Wed. April 20, 2016

Song Leader David Williams
Opening Prayer John McShane
Closing Prayer Fred Strickland

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

Sunday, April 24, 2016

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Kyle Williams
Prayer..... Paul Romine

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Fred Strickland
Sermon..... Bob McAnally
Closing Prayer David Deal

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader David Williams
Opening Prayer David Anderson
Sermon..... Brian Kenyon
Greeters The Kenyons
Att. Cards..... Paul and Ian
Closing Prayer Tyler Anderson
Open & Close Building David Anderson


Wed. April 27, 2016

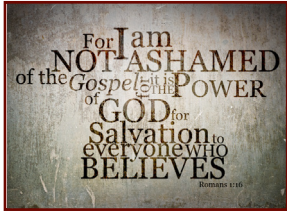
Song Leader Jim Turner
Opening Prayer Jimmy Sweeney
Closing Prayer Jeff Bingle

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Mar. 20.....	\$4,252.00
Mar. 27.....	\$6,809.58
Apr. 03.....	\$4,771.00
Apr. 10.....	\$4,550.54
Contribution Average	\$5,087.82
2016 Weekly Budget	\$4,422.60

Paul's Declaration About the Gospel (PART 1)

Paul stated his purpose for writing the Book of Romans: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith'" (Romans 1:16-17). Consideration will be given to the significance of these verses in the next few bulletin articles. From the start, Paul declared the Gospel as God's power to save! The word translated "gospel" simply means "good news," or "glad tidings" (Luke 1:19). The fundamental facts of the Gospel are the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). However, the Gospel is not limited to these facts, as if belief in these facts alone were all God required. The Gospel includes the entire new covenant (Galatians 2:14)! Paul's attitude toward the Gospel was in stark contrast to some who were ashamed of its simplicity (Acts 17:32; 1 Corinthians 1:18). The word "ashamed" here refers to the shame that "comes when one is disappointed by something he has trusted in" (Newman's *Lexicon*). Since Paul knew the Gospel, properly understood and applied, could never disappoint the true follower of God, he could say, "I am not ashamed of the gospel"! Paul had complete confidence in the "good news" of Christ! The Gospel is not just the mere subject matter of preaching, but it is the agency through which Almighty God saves people from sin (1 Corinthians 1:18; 2:4-5)! There is absolutely no other way for a person to be saved other than through obedience to the Gospel (Matthew 7:21-23; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 6:46; Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 1:22). Have you been  **save Brian**



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YOUTH DEVO & ACTIVITY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23



Meet in the fellowship room for devotional and food. Following that, we will play miniature golf. Please bring money for miniature golf.

WEEKI WACHEE YOUTH RETREAT APRIL 29 - MAY 1

Make plans now to attend this annual event! Let Brian know if you want to attend. We will arrange the transportation. This will be a great weekend!



Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:4)

save the Date VBS Saturday June 18

Our young people and their chaperones are gearing up for a mission trip to Nicaragua June 25 thru July 3. If you want to make a special contribution to this work, please see the elders.



SFA Graduates We will put together a bulletin announcing our graduates. Please submit a picture to the office ASAP. Thanks!