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Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
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Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.  
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# Quentin Chalaire

## Spring 2020 Graduate



Quentin Chalaire grew up in the North Port, Florida, area. He came to the Florida School of Preaching immediately after his graduation from North Port High School in 2018. He is a member of the Venice, Florida, church of Christ and is also involved with the Port Charlotte church of Christ, who generously supported him as a student. He has been on missionary campaigns to Ghana, West Africa. He has also worked with Weeki Wachee Christian Camp as both a counselor and junior counselor. After graduation, he plans to continue his education so he can “make tents” and be in the position to help smaller congregations who cannot provide for a full-time preacher. Normally, a graduation service would be hosted by SFA with a time of fellowship and celebration to follow, but with the corona virus pandemic, a graduation service will be postponed.

### **WHAT PAUL TAUGHT THE CORINTHIANS ABOUT SATAN**

**Hiram Kemp**

The New Testament tells us that Satan is a roaring lion that walks around seeking to devour God’s people (1 Pet. 5:8). Christians are clothed with the armor of God as we seek to be on guard against the wiles of the Devil (Eph. 6:11-17). The more we know about the way he operates the better off we will be in our efforts to withstand him. As Christians, we should remember that we do not have to fear the Devil because Jesus has destroyed him and the power he possesses (Heb. 2:14-15). However, he can still exercise power and influence over us if we yield to him.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul is dealing with several issues: defending his apostleship, discussing the contribution for Jerusalem, and following up on some of the things he wrote in 1 Corinthians. Also within 2 Corinthians, Paul speaks more about Satan and how he operates than he does in any of his other writings. The Corinthian congregation is known for the problems it had. Like every congregation, there were issues to deal with, and these two letters help us to see the guidance he gave to them. By looking at the warnings he gives the Corinthians and also the way in which he describes Satan’s work, we can be better prepared to resist him.

### **WE KNOW HOW SATAN WORKS**

In chapter 2 of 2 Corinthians, Paul is writing to them about receiving the one who has repented. Paul tells them that they should realize the punishment he has received is enough (2 Cor. 2:6). They should forgive and comfort him so that he will not be overcome with sorrow (2 Cor. 2:7). Additionally, they needed to affirm their love for him (2 Cor. 2:8). Paul is encouraging them to do all of these things because they were not ignorant of how Satan operates (2 Cor. 2:11). Satan would love for hard feelings to persist and for grudges to build.

The Corinthians were to be wise and not let Satan gain an advantage or outwit them (ESV). We, too, are not ignorant of his devices. We have a Bible full of the ways in which he behaves. From Genesis 3, we know that he seeks to introduce doubts into our minds about God and what he says (Gen. 3:1-6). John later speaks of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life which Satan is, no doubt, a major role player (1 Jn. 2:15-17). We read of him tempting the Son of God and how he tried to cause him to stumble when he was physically weak (Matt. 4:1-11). Knowing how he works, we should not be caught off guard by the tactics he employs. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to rely on their knowledge about him and make the right decisions. We know the things that tempt us most and how Satan has used those things in the past to trip us up. We need to be people that are aware of his strategies and respond accordingly.

### **SATAN DOES NOT ALWAYS LOOK LIKE SATAN**

Paul deals with false teachers who are trying to turn the Corinthians against him. He says the false teachers are deceitful workers transforming themselves into apostles of Christ (2 Cor. 11:13). The false teachers are similar to Satan who transforms himself into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). The Corinthians should not mistakenly think that everyone who claimed to love God and the gospel was telling the truth. Some claiming to be ambassadors of Jesus were teaching another gospel (Gal. 1:6-10). When most people think about Satan they think about a red suit,

horns, and a pitchfork. The Bible says he will not come in a costume that will easily identify him. The truth is, Satan will probably come to us with a Bible verse on his lips and a hymn in his heart. We should not be fooled, but test everything and hold on to what is good (1 Thess. 5:21). We should be sure to examine everything people teach us by what we find in Scripture so we are not deceived (1 Jn. 4:1). Many have been led astray and misled because they could not see through the disguise of the evil one. Though Satan tries to mask his appearance, he cannot mask his fruit. Jesus assured us that people could be known by the fruit that they bear (Mt. 7:15-20). Realize that Satan does not always look like Satan, but he is still Satan!

### **SATAN HARASSES CHRISTIANS**

Though Satan is not everywhere and does not know everything he does try and harass Christians. Paul said a messenger of Satan was sent to buffet (KJV), harass (ESV), or torment (NASB) him (2 Cor. 12:7). He does this in various ways and through various people taken captive by him (2 Tim. 2:26). Satan can harass us, but he cannot harm us (1 Jn. 5:18). God protects Christians and His grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9-10). Though we must temporarily deal with Satan on earth, his time is running out. Satan knows that he has a short time (Rev. 12:12).

Christians have overcome him in the past, and we can do so today as well (Rev. 12:11). When we finally overcome, we will dwell with God forever. Satan will be tormented day and night forever (Rev. 20:10).



Who  
Built  
the  
Ark?  
**NOAH, NOAH**  
(Gen. 6:13-16, 22)

God told Noah to build an ark to keep him and his family safe when the flood came. He was to make the ark out of gopherwood and cover it with pitch (black tar that would not let water in). The ark was to be 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. Noah was to make rooms for animals, one window, and one door. Genesis 6:22 says that Noah did all that God commanded him to do. He was specially chosen by God because God knew Noah was a good man. He followed God's plans to make an ark exactly how God specified. Have your parents ever given you a list of instructions for you to follow? Did you focus on each one and do them to the best of your abilities? I bet they were proud! When we follow our parent's instructions we are following the example of Noah. When we read our Bible and follow everything that God commands us, we make Him proud, too. How good are you at following instructions? Do you focus on each task? Do you ask questions if you are confused? Do you make sure you never grumble or complain? Do you try your very best? If you do, you are behaving like Noah. You make your parents happy, and your Heavenly Father happy too.

### ***Senior Saints***

#### ***Advice for Mature Citizens***

Regardless of age, always keep love alive.

Love your spouse, love life, love all of your family and love your neighbor.

Especially now, your mature neighbor may need your love more than ever.

Keep in mind that one is not old as long as one has intelligence, the wisdom to use it, and affection.

**“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity.”**

1 Corinthians 13:13

***“If you love Me,  
keep My commandments.”***

***- Jesus***

*John 14:15*

# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

*"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16*

## Our Members:

## PRAYER LIST

Ginny Hamby; Chuck & Evelyn Wyatt; Ray Nashick; Carlene Long; Bobby Simpson; Melody Baxter; Carol Pace; Cierra Edwards; Ellen Shearer; Bob Pratt; Ron & Judy Ford; Debbie Bush; Geny Johnson; Brian Smith; Sharon Washington; Bernetta Green; Stacey Paulin; Annette Phillip; Margaret Coone.

**Others:** **George French** (Kenny & Reba's son, pancreatic cancer); **Roselyn Roberts** (friend of Darlene Thompson); **Daniel Styer** (Rene' Bingle's friend's son, neck cancer); **Thelma Rachford** (Dottie Fife's sister); **Alicia Zamot** (Jagie's aunt); **Keith Cozort** (former member); **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); **Mary Ankroum** (knee surgery); **Bruce Coleman**; **Patricia Hewitt** (chemo); **Larry Lloyd** (cancer has spread to brain and lungs); **Phil Sweeney** (shingles, friend of Brenda Mask).

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS



Faith West Carol Eason  
Joyce Burbage Cheryl Barker  
Ellen Shearer Chuck & Evelyn Wyatt



## UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS

**Ray Nashick** is home from the hospital. He's been suffering with serious medical problems.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Our prayers and condolences to **Virginia Walker** on the passing of her sister, Peggy Boyles, on May 2, 2020. She was 88 years old.

We are also saddened to announce that **Mary Grow**, a former member, has passed away on May 1, 2020.

### Thank you

I want to thank all of you for your cards and calls recently. I appreciate all of you so much. In Christian love, Carol Pace

### 5th Sunday Collection

As a reminder, the next 5th Sunday collection for the Building Fund will be May 31.

If you would like to give additional funds at other times of the month, please mail or bring them to the office. Be sure to designate the contribution as part of the Building Fund.

It will be collected by the elders.

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### MAY

**Designated Elder - Bobby Sheumaker**

All worship assignments are postponed.

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Sermon ..... Hiram Kemp  
"How to Have Joy In All Circumstances (Phil. 1)"

6:00 P.M.

Sermon ..... Hiram Kemp  
"Eternal Lessons From the Last Page of the Bible"  
(Rev. 22:18-20)

Live stream will continue until further notice.

Please **do not** come to the building for worship service.

## COVID 19 NOTICE

Since March 22, we have not assembled for Bible classes or worship service at the church building. However, we *are still worshipping* our Lord on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). As scheduled, we are live-streaming the entire worship service. You are able to access this on our website and/or YouTube channel.

As commanded, we will still worship together, but it will be from home. We trust you will participate either with your family or with a small group. A handful of our men will lead worship: prayers, songs, sermons, Lord's supper. If you need communion, come by the office or it can be brought to you before Sunday. For the contribution, you may bring it or mail it to the office.

Auditorium Bible classes for both Wednesdays and Sunday mornings will be live streamed, also. Hiram and Vince will also be recording video devotionals during the week. These can also be accessed on our website.

This is a very unusual situation we are facing. We appreciate your cooperation. The safety of our members is very important. The worship of our Lord is of utmost importance. This is a temporary expediency for worshipping. This will not be a permanent situation. The Lord will see us through this crisis.

We covet your prayers,

David Anderson Kenny French  
Brian Kenyon Bobby Sheumaker  
- Elders -

### ~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Apr. 19 .....	\$6,080.00
Apr. 26 .....	\$6,915.00
May 3 .....	\$8,485.75
Contribution Average .....	\$6,997.69

*Women of the Word*  
**A Balanced View of God**  
~ Brittani Kemp ~

In Exodus chapters 7-12, we read about the plagues that God sent throughout all of Egypt because of the stubbornness of Pharaoh and not wanting to let the Israelites go. Many skeptics might read about this account and wonder, "How could a loving God destroy His own creation? (Col. 1:16). More often than not, God is misunderstood as the God who wants to condemn people as soon as they mess up. However, in Exodus 34, we get an accurate image of who God is. He is a compassionate and gracious God who is slow to anger and abounds in faithful love and truth, willing to forgive every one of their iniquities, but He will not let the guilty go unpunished (Ex. 34:6-7). Just like any good father would, God rebukes those whom He loves when they do wrong (Prov. 3:12; Heb. 12:6). He is not a God who wants to condemn everyone to hell (2 Pet. 3:9), but rather He is our Holy and righteous Father ready to forgive, show constant mercy and unconditional love (Ps. 145:8-9).



5/10 - FSOP graduation, postponed

5/10 - **MOTHER'S DAY**

5/25 - Memorial Day

5/25 - Ladies' Swap drop-off deadline

All updates to these events will appear here.

We invite you to worship the Lord with us

During this unusual time, you can worship via our YouTube channel where our service will be live streamed.

You can enjoy our Bible class at 9:30 am then morning service which begins at 10:30 am. We come together in the evening to worship again at 6:00 pm.

### **God's Plan of Salvation**

**Hear God's word (Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)**

**Believe in Jesus as God's Son (Jn. 8:24)**

**Repent of Past Sins (Lk. 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30-31)**

**Confess Faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9-10)**

**Be Baptized for Forgiveness of Sins (Acts 2:38)**

**Live Faithfully by God's Word (Rom. 12:1-2)**

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