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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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**COURTNEY WILLIAMS**

Courtney graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in Foreign Languages and Cultures with a concentration in Spanish. She will be moving back to Lakeland and would like to pursue a career as a flight attendant.



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**GARRETT SHEUMAKER**



Garrett is the son of Bobby & Becky Sheumaker. He is graduating from the University of Arkansas with a doctorate degree in pharmacy. He plans to work with Walgreens in Little Rock, Arkansas

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# DESTYNI S. BROWNLOW-DINDY



Destyni is the daughter of Terrance and Shenja Brownlow-Dindy. She graduated from the University of South Florida with a B.S. in Exercise Science. She moved to Nashville to work with TITLE Boxing and is a self-employed personal trainer for BeyondOurBest, LLC. Destyni is working towards getting a physical location in Nashville and Florida in the next 5 years.

~ Youth Group ~

## The Good News

Whenever my son wakes up from his nap, I can hear his steps coming down the hall. He is still half-asleep with bed head and sleepily says “good-morning”. You can’t help but smile and open up your arms for a big hug. He has recharged his energy boosters and is ready for fun and adventure that the afternoon and evening will hold. It is a “good” morning message from God’s gift to me. There are two times in the Bible God talks about the “feet of him who brings good tidings.” The first is found in the Old Testament, Isaiah 52:7 and Nahum 1:15. The good news is the enemies of God’s people are going to be destroyed. In the New Testament, it is found in Romans 10:15. Preachers are God’s messengers who bring good news. Satan has been defeated, and Jesus is Lord. Now that is good news!

by Vince Daugherty

# MORGAN SIMPSON



Morgan is the granddaughter of Bobby and Linda Simpson. She is graduating from Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School with an AA degree as well as a High School Diploma. Morgan is graduating with high honor distinction and is ending with a 4.418 GPA. In the fall, she will be attending the University of Florida and pursuing a career in Physical Therapy.

## Senior Saints

John McShane

### *Advice for Mature Citizens*

Laugh a lot.  
Laugh at most things in life.  
You are one of the lucky ones.  
You have managed to live a long life.  
Many never get to this age, never experience  
a full life, but you have.  
So what’s not to laugh about?  
You can find humor in almost any situation if  
you look for it.  
Be happy. Laugh. Smile.  
Enjoy the rest of your life.

**“A merry heart maketh a cheerful  
countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the  
spirit is broken.”  
Proverbs 15:13**

# 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; Linda McShane; 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); **Phil Sweeney** (shingles, friend of Brenda Mask); **Vontreal Mitchell-Copeland** (Ruby Lewi's nephew, cancer).



## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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



## UPDATES & PRAYER REQUESTS

**Linda McShane** is having cataract surgery on Thursday, May 14.

**Vontreal Mitchell-Copeland, Ruby Lewis'** nephew, has been diagnosed with cancer.

## Thank you

To my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and food. Your love and caring has been a great encouragement to me. God has blessed me beyond measure in being a member of the church at South Florida Avenue. I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers.

With love, in His name, *Faith West*

## Thank you

To God be the glory, thank you to my brothers & sisters for the cards, calls, prayers, help, food and jokes during my sickness that made me feel so special. You are all a blessing to me. I'm grateful for all of you. Thanks, thanks, thanks!

*Annette Phillip*

## 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 17, 2020

Sermon ..... Hiram Kemp  
*"Having the Humility of Christ" Philipians 2:1-16*

6:00 P.M.

Sermon ..... Hiram Kemp  
*"A God Who Hates" Proverbs 6:16-19*

*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. 26 .....	\$6,915.00
May 3 .....	\$8,485.75
May 10 .....	\$8,483.00
Contribution Average .....	\$7,075.86

Women of the Word

T.H.I.N.K.

~ Nicole Dix ~

How often do we forget how powerful our tongue is? In Proverbs 18:21 it says that death and life are in the power of our tongues. God has given us our tongues to be used to His glory (1Cor. 10:31), for teaching the gospel to the lost (Mark 16:15), encouraging others (1 Thess. 5:11), and loving others (John 15:12). But how many times do we use our tongues to gossip, spread lies and tear others down (Prov. 6:16-19)? We, as faithful Christians, must try our hardest to tame our tongues (Prov. 21:23; 1 John 2:15) so we are a shining light to those who aren't Christians because if we fail to do so, Matthew 12:36-37 says we will have to give an account for every word we have spoken. This is why we should all stop and T.H.I.N.K. before we say anything:

T = is it TRUE? H - is it HONEST or HELPFUL? I = is it INSPIRING? N = is it NECESSARY? K = is it KIND

The Kind of People  
Jesus Came to Save

The Lost (Lk. 19:10)

Tax Collectors (Matt. 9:9)

The Devout (Acts 10:1-2)

His Enemies (Acts 9:1-2; 1 Tim. 1:12-16)

Women (Lk. 8:1-3; Acts 16:14-15, 17:4)

The Enslaved (Lk. 4:17-19)

The Convicted (Acts 2:37-41)

Seekers (Jn. 12:21)

Everyone (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9)

What To Expect from Preaching?

Expect to hear the word (2 Timothy 4:2)

Expect to hear Christ preached (Acts 17:3)

Expect to be challenged (2 Timothy 4:2)

Expect to be corrected (2 Timothy 2:24-26)

Expect to be encouraged (Jeremiah 1:10)

Expect to hear the words from God (1 Peter 4:11)

Expect to be enlightened (Matthew 7:28-29)

Expect to be comforted (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

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