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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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All Are Invited **VBS** June 4-7

"Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God
will enlighten my darkness. (Psalm 18:28)

Bible Classes for All Ages!

Adult Class Topics, Schedule, and Speakers Below

Sunday beginning @ 6:00 pm

Elijah and the Widow from Zarephath
(1 Kings 17:8-16) Mike Whisenant

Monday thru Wednesday beginning @ 7:00 pm

Monday: **Elisha and the Widow's Oil** (2 Kings 4:1-7)
Brian R. Kenyon

Tuesday: **The Anointing of Jesus** (Mark 14:3-9)
Forest Antimisarís

Wednesday: **The Wise and Foolish Virgins**
(Matthew 25:1-13) Robert Jackson



Bring Your Friends & Neighbors!

“Hades” Is Not “Hell”

Brian R. Kenyon

While studying the Book of Revelation, particularly the opening of the fourth seal, where John writes, “I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him” (Rev. 6:8), it was again realized the KJV makes no distinction here (or anywhere) between “Hades” and “Hell,” yet there is a significant difference in the meaning of these words. Since “Hades” (*hades*, ᾍδης) is actually a transliteration, the word was likely not in use in 1611 when the KJV was first translated.

The eternal “hell” is from a different Greek word, *gehenna* (γέεννα), which is so named after “the city dump of Jerusalem,” and serves as a “picture of the final place of judgement for the wicked” (Rogers and Rogers, *The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament*, 11). The KJV, unfortunately, translates both *hades* and *gehenna* with the word “hell.” KJV users should know and note that the following verses (also listed below) more accurately read “Hades” in the more-up-to-date translations (Mt. 11:23; 16:18; Lk. 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13-14). It does make a difference!

“Hades” is from *hades* (ᾍδης) and refers to the world of departed spirits; death (Mt. 11:23; 16:18; Lk. 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13-14). Hades is the temporary “holding place” of all human souls/spirits that have separated by death from their physical human bodies (Jas. 2:26). It can refer to the place of all departed spirits, where even Jesus’ spirit went for three days between His death and resurrection (Acts 2:27, 31). It can also refer to the place of departed wicked spirits (Lk. 16:23; Rev. 20:13-14).

Luke 16:19-31 gives a more detailed description of Hades. From that passage, we learn at least four important truths about Hades. First, it has two compartments, “Abraham’s bosom” (Lk. 16:22), also called “Paradise” (Lk. 23:43 cf. Acts 2:31), and a place of torment (Lk. 16:23-24, 28). Second, there is a “gulf [chasm, ESV]” that makes passing from one compartment to another impossible (Lk. 16:26). Third, it is a place for God to keep departed souls/spirits until judgment day (cf. Eccl. 12:7; Jn. 5:28-29). Since people’s influence can live long after their deaths (cf. Abel [Heb. 11:4]; Jeroboam [2 Kgs. 17:20-23]), final judgement cannot be just until this world has run its course. Fourth, at the end of time, when Jesus comes the “second time” (Heb. 9:27-28), Hades will give up the departed souls/spirits in it to be judged by God (2 Cor. 5:10). Then, Hades will be eternally destroyed, for its purpose will have been fulfilled (Rev. 20:11-15).

Matthew 11:23 — And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to **Hades**; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Matthew 16:18 — And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of **Hades** shall not prevail against it.

Luke 10:15 — And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to **Hades**.

Luke 16:23 — And being in torments in **Hades**, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Acts 2:27, 31 — For You will not leave my soul in **Hades**, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ... he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in **Hades**, nor did His flesh see corruption.

Revelation 1:18 — I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of **Hades** and of Death.

Revelation 6:8 — So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and **Hades** followed with him.

Revelation 20:13-14 — The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and **Hades** delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and **Hades** were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

PRAYER LIST

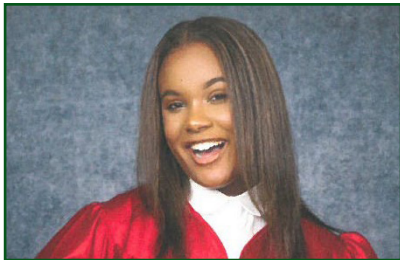
Current: Carlene Long broke her arm and is now in Highlands Lake Center, room 405A.. Declan Potvin is having complications from eye surgery, pray for positive results, Wayne Shearer recently had a PET scan and is requesting prayer concerning this, Brandi Brown is asking prayer for an upcoming move to Clearwater in June. Edna Kelly, a regular visitor, who recently lost her husband.

Continual Debbie Bush (struggles); Brian Smith (heart health); Antoine & Marcella Swain (health); Geny Johnson (health); Bill & Carlene Long (health & strength); Ron & Judy Ford (Ron-hip pain, Judy- shoulder and tests); Bobby Simpson (health); Annett Phillip (health); Janie Wise (health); Jim Turner (health). Margaret Coone (health) Kathy Nester(health), Melody Baxter (health),Melissa Craft (health),

Shut-ins: Joyce Burbage, Carol Eason, Kenny & Reba French

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Anna-Clair Ross has place membership with us at SFA! Please make a point to get to know her and to make her feel welcome here with us!



Congratulations To **Aliyah Waldon**
Janis Waldon's grand-daughter. She graduated from the IB program at Clearwater Central Catholic High School

Recipes! The Hendrix girls are collecting recipes for a Lads to Leaders Project! Please bring a copy of your favorite Recipe(s) to give to them. Thank you!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

May

Designated Elder - David Anderson

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Announcements.....Tyler Anderson
Song Leader/prayer.....Vince Daugherty
DevotionalBobby Sheumaker
PrayerKyle Bingle

Sunday, May 28, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Sermon.....Vince Daugherty
"Hard Fighting Soldiers" (11 Tim. 2:1-4)

6:00 P.M.

Sermon.....Rick Kenyon
7 Steps of Self-Examination (Jas. 1:22-25)

Those to Serve

10:30 A.M.

Song/Prayer before class.....V. Daugherty
Song Leader (both services).....Tucker Sweeney
Announcements(both)Rick Kenyon
Scripture reading/Prayer.....Wayne Shearer
Lord's Table (both).....Josh Estridge
Closing Prayer.....Terrance Dindy
Open/Close bldg (both).....Brian Kenyon
GreetersD&N Williams
Attendance cards (both).....Peyton/Landon
Sound Booth (both).....Kyle Bingle

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song LeaderAndre' Medley
Scripture reading/Prayer Ralph Rogers
Closing PrayerGeorge Beals
Greeters PM.....Brenda M/Darlene T

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Announcements.....Frank Hamby
Song Leader/prayer.....Brian Kenyon
DevotionalVince Daugherty
PrayerJosh Potvin

Upcoming Events 2023

May

27 Basket Auction to Benefit FSOP

June

3 VBS Workday
4-7 VBS at SFA
10 Baby Shower for Tiffany Daugherty
13 FSOP Ladies Bible Class
17 Men's breakfast- Haines City
25 Fellowship In Service
26 thru July 2 - Faneuf Week at CFBC

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

May 7\$15,766.00
May 14.....\$ 4,989.00
May 21\$5,824.00
Contribution Average.....\$7,340.89
Weekly budget \$7,410.00

CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH

CASEY POTVIN

There seems to be sin everywhere
We don't know what to do
We try to protect our children
But it's even taught in school

When you turn on your TVs
The truth does not come out
There's blatant lies and false alibis
All the outside noise is loud

We bring our children to Bible class
Where they learn the word of the Lord
Will it be enough for them
The words cut sharper than a sword

As a parent we try our best
And teach them right from wrong
We read to them about our God
And we sing it in our songs

I lie awake at night
praying for their souls
Will they make the right choices
Only our Lord knows

I tuck them in tight
As I lay them down to sleep
Lord, please watch over them
Their hearts are yours to keep

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Prov. 22:6)

YOUTH SECTION

V. Daugherty

Lessons from II Timothy

On your feet Soldier (II Timothy 1:6-12)

It seems like Paul's son in the faith Timothy was not always the most courageous of young men. So Paul, as a good father figure, sought to encourage Timothy in his work. He said, "I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you" (v. 6). Timothy had a special measure of the Spirit given to him, yet seemed timid to exercise that gift. You may not have the same spiritual gifts Timothy had, but you have a unique set of skills given to you by God. Do not waste those gifts but rather use them! "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (v. 7). Timothy's courage may have been shaken because of the current situation Paul was in; Paul was bound in chains. Timothy may have supposed because the enemy has Paul locked up maybe the cause of Christ was not the best path to take. Wrong, Paul told Timothy not to be "ashamed of the testimony of our Lord", nor of "me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel" (v. 8). Paul said though he was in chains, they could not take away his position before God. "for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day" (v. 12). If you are feeling down or discouraged, Paul says "ON YOUR FEET SOLDIER"!

Mission Trip to Peru! If your are interested in going on a mission trip to Peru (July 14-22) please let Brian know as soon as possible.

"Go Ye..." means "Go Me.."
(Luke 24:47-49)

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for the Lord your God goes with
you: He will never leave you nor
forsake you."
Deuteronomy 31:6*



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