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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

Biblical Love

Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 18, 2016
from 9:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Bible Classes for All Ages!
High School Class with Hiram Kemp

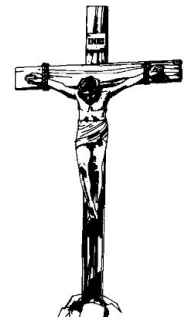
Learn the Truth About . . .

- ♥ **God's Love for Us**
- ♥ **Our Love for God**
- ♥ **Our Love for One Another**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” **John 3:16**

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.” **John 14:15**

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” **John 13:34-35**



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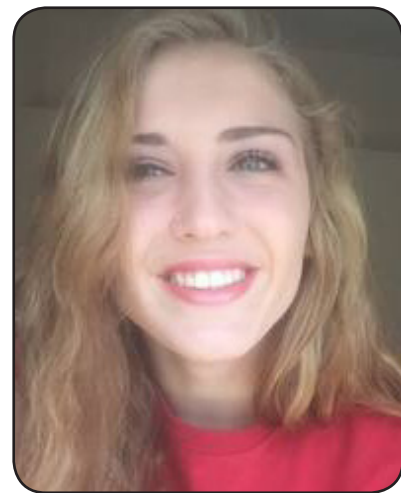
Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Heidi Bingle graduated Florida College with an AA in liberal arts and will enter Freed-Hardeman University's nursing program in the Fall.



Kyle Bingle graduated Lakeland Christian School. He will continue his education at Polk State College, taking general requirements.



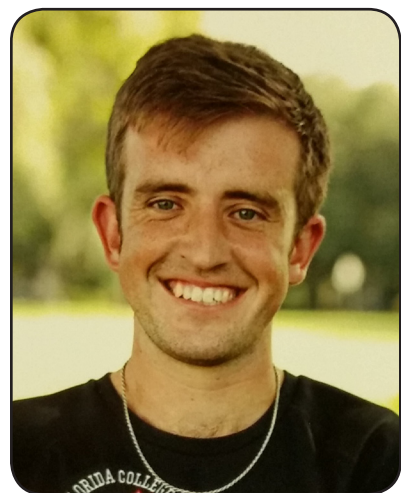
Madison Caffee graduated Stepping Stones Virtual High School. She is attending Polk State College with plans for a career in the medical field.



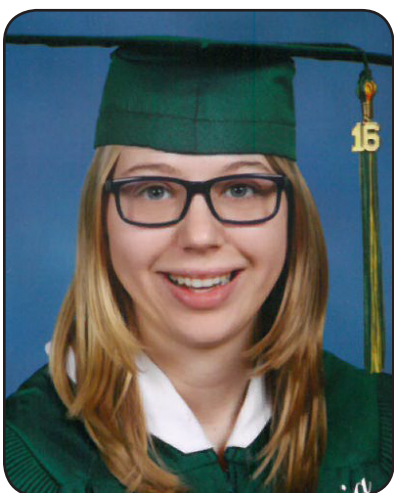
Amy Leann French, granddaughter of Kenny and Reba French, graduated Harding University with a BS in child development.



Darren F. Lester, Grandson of Jim and Wanda Turner, graduated New Mexico Military Institute with AA. He plans to continue his education.



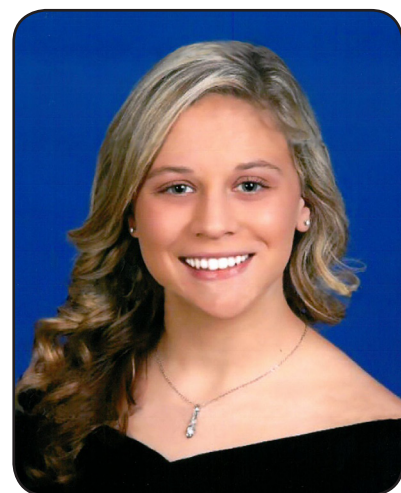
Casey Paulin graduated Florida College with a BA in sports management. He is pursuing a marketing director position with Chick-fil-A.



Olivia Smith graduated George Jenkins High School. She will attend Polk State College in the Fall and is considering being a history teacher.



T'Jean Tomlinson son of Patricia and Ivory Chisholm, graduated UCF with a BS in mechanical engineering. He is presently seeking employment.



Makayla Anne Vulpis, granddaughter of Jim and Wanda Turner, graduated from Brandon High School top. She will attend HCC.

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Jim Turner is having more testing done in the next few weeks. Also keep Evelyn Wyatt, Patricia Chisholm, Jacquelin Dopwell, JoAnn Hoback, Elizabeth Tubbs, Dorothy Trice, Debbie Horsley and Margaret Coone in prayer.

Relatives: Wayne Hendrix, Bonnie Patterson, Tonya Mathis, (daughter of Darlene Thompson), Dee Moore, Margie Bolding, Bobby Cooper, Earl Shanes, Janet Romberger, and Harold Rister.

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

Others: Jackie Stearsman, Chrissi Fuesner and Alyssa Buckner. Keep all of these in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

June 18th: V.B.S. here at South Florida Ave. from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The theme will be Biblical Love. Please invite your family and friends.

June 18th: Men's breakfast at the Central Church of Christ in Haines City at 8:00 a.m.

June 25th-July 3rd: A group of our members will be traveling to Nicaragua on a Missions trip. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels and a successful trip in spreading the gospel.

Sympathy

Ann Wood passed away on Friday 6/10/16. There will be no funeral services. Please keep all her family members and friends in your prayers.

Hither, Thither and Yon

Pam Share leaves Tuesday to return to South Africa. Please keep her in your prayers for travelling mercies.

Congratulations

Bob & Grace McAnally are the proud great-grandparents of a baby girl, Gracyn Alise born 6/6/16 weighing in at 5lb./12 oz.

Response

Janet Crosby asked for the prayers of the congregation in her behalf. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

Visitors

Sue Hirsch, Jim & Carol Edmonson, Kathy Mathis & children, Cheryl Nyikos, Pam Leuty, Penny Laing and Victor Travis

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

June

Bobby Sheumaker **Table** C.J. Grimes
 Kyle Williams **Assist** Tucker Sweeney

Sunday, June 19, 2016

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Frank Hamby
Prayer Tucker Sweeney

10:30 A.M.

Announcements Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Kenny French
Sermon Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Tyler Anderson

6:00 P.M.

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

Wed. June 22, 2016

Song Leader Bill Long
Opening Prayer Jimmy Sweeney
Closing Prayer Jason Hendrix

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

Sunday, June 26, 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 Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer David Deal

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader David Williams
Opening Prayer David Anderson
Sermon Hiram Kemp
Greeters The Williams
Att. Cards Paul & Ian
Closing Prayer Jim Turner
Open & Close Building Tim Croson

Wed. June 29, 2016

Song Leader David Williams
Opening Prayer Bobby Sheumaker
Closing Prayer Ken Walker

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

May 22.....	\$4,306.00
May 29.....	\$4,818.50
June 05.....	\$4,567.00
June 12.....	\$4,523.00
Contribution Average.....	\$5,001.93
2016 Weekly Budget.....	\$4,422.60

“Do you think that they were worse sinners . . .?”

The following post by one of our members on social media articulated what was going through my mind when I realized the tragedy in Orlando: “A sobering thought: if you were a victim of a mass shooter would you be ready to meet the Lord? We need to live each day prepared! Praying for all those who lost loved ones in the horrible shooting in Orlando! ‘No God = No peace / know God = know peace!’” Our hearts grieve for the families and friends of those who lost their loved ones. This tragedy is not about a lifestyle, though what happened in Orlando does not change the fact that the practice of homosexuality is an abomination to God and will cause people to miss heaven (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Jude 7). Islamic extremists would be just as willing to kill heterosexual Americans if they could (and have)! One lesson screaming from this incident, which is also captured in the social media quote above, was taught by Jesus long ago in reference to those who thought tragedy upon a people was the direct result those people’s sins: “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:2-5). If the moral (*continued below*)



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The End of Your Search for a Friendly Church . . .

VBS is made possible by some VERY dedicated men and women (mostly women) who are displaying its theme:

Let us pray for this effort and do our part inviting others!

Biblical Love



The time is drawing near for our mission trip, to Nicaragua **June 25 thru July 3**. If you want to make a special contribution to this work, please see the elders.

God wants all people saved (1 Tim. 2:4)!

(*continued from above*) degradation continues as it is, anyone of us could be the next victim of a mass shooting. Are we ready to meet the Lord? Let us not be so concerned about the sins of those murdered or about the sins of extremists in false religion or about the sins of our government’s leaders that we forget to be crushed by the realization of our own sins and be willing to take care of them through the only means possible: obedience to the Gospel of Christ! Jesus said, “unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). Are there sins in our lives for which we still need to repent? Life is such a beautiful gift, but it can be so quickly taken. May we never take it for granted. If we stand in need, let us repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38). If we have done so in the past, but have gone back to a life of sin, “Repent therefore of this your wickedness” (Acts 8:22). Life is too short to compromise our readiness to meet the Lord! ❤️ *Brian*