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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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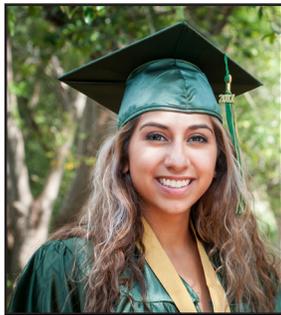
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IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

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

Our 2017 Graduates



Lorelly Enamorado, daughter of Brian and Jagie Kenyon, graduated from George Jenkins High School with honors. She plans on working this summer and saving money. She plans to attend Polk State to finish the associate's degree that she started in high school. Then she will work on a bachelor's degree in education at the University of North Florida.



Courtney Williams, daughter of David and Nikki Williams and granddaughter of Pam Share, graduated from Polk State with a Associate of Science degree. She has been a member of the University of South Florida's "heard of thunder" marching band since entering Polk State. She will continue her education at USF in the fall.



Aiden Terflinger, grandson of Frank and Ginny Hamby, son of Dylon and Heather Terflinger, graduated from Harden Valley Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is moving to this area sometime during this summer and will begin his college studies in the Spring semester at the University of South Florida.

Rejoice O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment **Remember** now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them" **Fear God** and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. (Ecclesiastes 11:9, 12:1, 13)

My Panama Experience

C. J. Grimes

I did not really know what to expect on my first missionary campaign outside of the U.S. I have heard the mission reports just like we all have and heard the stories that everyone comes back with, but it is very different when you are the one going out to spread the Gospel. When we landed in Panama City coming from Miami and stepped into the airport and there is no A/C, you cannot help but get a little worried about staying hot and sweaty for eight days (that's 194 hours of sweating for those who have never done the math). Luckily, in both hotels we had air conditioning that worked really well, so crises avoided.

The first day of the campaign was Sunday July 2nd, where we met everyone and split into our teams and got the "411" on how the mission was going to operate. Since this was my first missionary campaign, I thought they would put me with an experienced leader who could show me the ropes and the different things I would need to know for future campaigns. Wrong. They assigned me my own team to lead, but they did allow me to shadow someone for that afternoon and Monday morning. Then, I was on my own. I was a little nervous but, I was able to get the hang of it after a little while. It always helps when you have a good group who had gone on a couple campaigns and also the son of the local preacher. We were assigned an area that was at the base of a mountain, so our days were walking up and down a mountain all day every day, from Monday afternoon through Friday night and 75% of our area was down dirt roads (which after the two nights of rain, they turned into mud roads). It never failed when we scheduled a Bible study at the bottom of our area, our next one would be at the top and vice versa. I am pretty sure that everyone on my team was able to tighten their belt another notch by Friday.

We have all heard the stories about how receptive people in other places of the world are to the Gospel, but I do not think that I fully understood until going on this campaign. After Monday, I do not remember a day where we did not have at least four Bible studies set up. They did not always show, but they were at least willing to set a date and time with us. Even in the instances where they did not show, we would have studies with people on first contact and would be invited back to study again. The predominant religion in Penonome, Panama, is Catholicism. They were usually pretty quick to let you know that they were Catholic but were almost always willing to study, unlike here in the States where they are quick to let you know what denomination they belong to and then remind you what their front door looks like. When we try to share the word of God and we get shut down and rejected, we have to remember that they are not rejecting us. They are rejecting Christ, and they are rejecting God. Jesus told His disciples, "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me" (Lk. 10:16).

There is one study that I will remember for the rest of my life. Josue and I went in to study with a man who was paralyzed from a disease he had. The study went very well, and he was open and receptive to God's word. We studied with him for over an hour, and he wanted to go to services that night. It was a great experience just for his eagerness to study and learn, but what was amazing and awesome was something that I did not know had taken place. While we were studying with the man, his daughter was evidently following along with the study in the next room. The man and his daughter came to services that night, and then the following night, his daughter was baptized and added to the Lord's church. That really brought Romans 10:17 ("So faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ") to life for me.

I would like to say thank you to the elders for allowing us to go on this mission and to all of those you made special contributions to help with the expenses of the trip. I would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and for our safe travels and for the effectiveness of the campaign. I would ask that you please continue to pray for your new brothers and sisters in Christ and also those who were studied with over the course of the campaign.

Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to be a part of spreading the Gospel message. You do not have to go to a different country to do it. There are plenty of opportunities here in Lakeland, Florida. All we have to do is plant the seed. God will do the rest (1 Cor. 3:3-9).



SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Continue prayers for Jim Turner, Ginny Hamby, Margaret Coone, Mickey Phillips, Sharon Mathis-Washington and Josephine Bowman.

Relatives: Brian Patterson, son of Gene Patterson, had a massive heart attack on July 16th, he is now out of a coma. Benny Martin, Allan Cooper, son of Bob & June Cooper, Cameron Soles, grandson of Cheryl Barker, and Dorothy Trice.

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

Others: Joyce Stearsman, Chrissi Fuesner, Connie Hyer, Jack Pinckert and Corey Perry, a good friend of Stacey Paulin.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 29th: Remember our VBS here at SFA. The theme this year is "God's Team-Stories of God's Power." Terrance Brownlow-Dindy from 6th Street church of Christ will be teaching the adult class.

Sunday, August 6th: Fellowship In-Service will be after evening services, please bring finger foods.

Tuesday August 8th: Elder/Deacons Meeting at the building at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday August 19th: Men's breakfast at Jackson Ave. in Bartow at 8:00 a.m.

August 4th-6th: Fall Teen Youth Recharge at the Weeki Wachee Christian Camp. Applications available in office.

Sept. 29th - Oct. 1st: A weekend of spiritual enrichment called **Rush** at Freed Hardeman University for middle school and high school students.

Refreshments

If you can help with V.B.S. refreshments, please bring cookies, fruit and "concession stand" snacks, between now and Saturday. Your contribution would be much appreciated.

Directory Corrections

Jim Edmonson's birthday is September 5th. Also Chuck Wyatt's email is cwyatt14@tampabay.rr.com. Thank you.

Visitors

Leigh Anne Garland and children, Jane Jessee, Kevin Holloway, Renee Soule, and Linda Boon and grand-children.

 Tune into AM 1330 (station WWAB) with your friends and neighbors every Monday from 5:00-5:30 p.m. for the "Way of Truth" program. This is a joint effort to evangelize involving Terrance Brownlow-Dindy (6th Street) and Hiram Kemp. Let's point our community to the Bible!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

August

Frank Hamby **Table** Fred Strickland
Chaz Hine **Assist** Bobby Simpson

Sunday, July 30, 2017

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Kyle Bingle
Prayer..... Tyler Anderson

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... Fred Strickland
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Paul Romine
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Tucker Sweeney

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Stacey Paulin
Opening Prayer Kenny French
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Chuck Wyatt

Greeters The Edmonsons
Att. Cards..... Willcutt boy's l
Open & Close Building..... Phil Flfe

Wed. August 02, 2017

Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer David Anderson
Closing Prayer Kenny French

Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call Chuck Wyatt so he can get a replacement - (863) 602-9005

Sunday, August 6, 2017

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Frank Hamby
Prayer..... Stacey Paulin

10:30 A.M.

Announcements..... David Williams
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Kenny French
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Jim Edmonson

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Tucker Sweeney
Opening Prayer Kyle Bingle
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Paul Romine

Greeters The Pratts
Att. Cards..... Paul and Ian
Open & Close Building..... Phil Flfe

Wed. August 9, 2017

Song Leader Ken Walker
Opening Prayer Kenny French
Closing Prayer Paul Romine

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

July 02.....	\$5,127.00
July 09.....	\$5,336.05
July 16.....	\$4,392.82
July 23.....	\$5,344.94
Contribution Average	\$5,319.04
2017 Weekly Budget	\$4,716.51

Are We Instilling Genuine Faith?

When Paul wrote a second time to Timothy, he was thankful “when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also” (2 Tim. 1:5). Timothy’s faith was indeed remarkable, when considering his family background. He came from a religiously mixed family where his mother was a “Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek” who did not believe in God as evidenced by the fact that Timothy was not circumcised (Acts 16:1, 3). Yet, even from a home like that, Paul could say that Timothy’s faith was real. The word “genuine [unfeigned, KJV; sincere, ESV]” is translated from a word that means sincere, genuine; without hypocrisy (1 Tim. 1:5; Rom. 12:9; 2 Cor. 6:6; Jas. 3:15; 1 Pet. 1:22). How was Timothy able to have such genuine faith from that less than ideal family situation? The answer is his mother and grandmother! Later in this letter, Paul would acknowledge that “from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:15). Parents, and even grandparents, must teach the Scriptures to their children and grandchildren! Children must be receptive to their teaching! Many family situations today are less than ideal, but that does not mean we cannot do what Timothy’s mom and grandmother did! Let us always teach and exemplify God’s word! ❤️ Brian



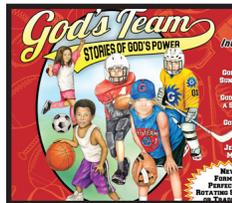
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“Super Saturday”
VBS July 29



Special Thanks to all who helped with the door-knocking last Saturday. We certainly got the message out about our VBS, and even more importantly, about Jesus and His church! Let us continue praying for souls to be saved!



Enjoy the Summer!

Will Your House Endure the Storms of Life?



Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall. (Matthew 7:24-27).