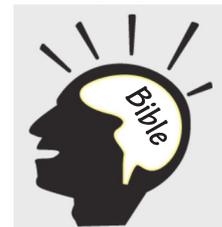




Purpose of Education

According to the textbook, *America: Land I Love*, the purpose for founding Harvard College in 1636 was stated: “the main end of his [a student’s] life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning” (page 37). Harvard, probably, would not even remotely claim such

day! Consider for a moment, though, if “outside” education was intended to be for the purpose of knowing Jesus in the beginning of our country’s history, what should be the purpose of the local church’s education program? Now, more than ever, should it not also be “to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life”? If we do not learn Jesus and put that learning to action, all other educational endeavors will pale into total insignificance in eternity! Come, be a part of our Bible education program! Attend regularly as a student and when your “cup runs over,” join our teacher’s program and get into the rotation! Let us together “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18). ❤️ *Brian Kenyon*



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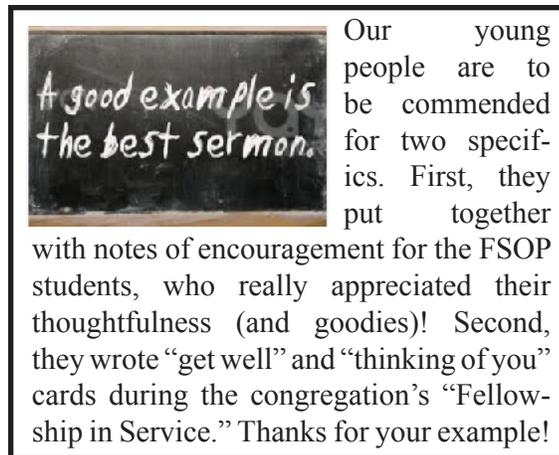
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Dates to Remember



September 8 --- Following morning services, a fellowship meal and congregational meeting will be held to let the congregation know about our youth program’s plans, events, and ways you can help. Hope to see you there as we discuss one of our most entrusted treasures!

Saturday, September 14 --- There will be a youth devotional and fellowship with activities. Our guest speaker will be Kyle Smith. The time will be 6:00 pm. If you would like to host this event, or one in the future, see Brian Kenyon or Jason Hendrix.



Our young people are to be commended for two specifics. First, they put together with notes of encouragement for the FSOP students, who really appreciated their thoughtfulness (and goodies)! Second, they wrote “get well” and “thinking of you” cards during the congregation’s “Fellowship in Service.” Thanks for your example!



This is the time many of our young people, who haven’t already done so, commit to events they will participate in for L2L. We have a great group of young people! Let us pray for them daily and encourage them every chance we get!

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study.....9:30a.m.
Worship.....10:30a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00p.m.

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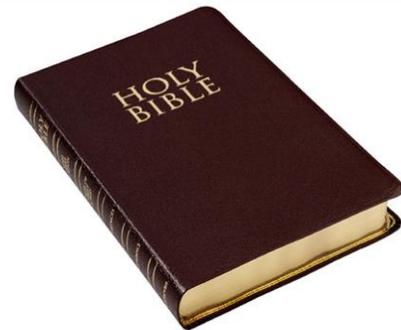
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Fall 2013 Class Schedule

- **September 11, 2013** (Week #1)
Topic: How To Read Your Bible
- **September 18, 2013** (Week #2)
Topic: What Is Biblical Authority?
- **September 25, 2013** (Week #3)
Topic: What Was The Old Testament Law?
- **October 16, 2013** (Week #4)
Topic: What Is The New Testament Law?
- **October 23, 2013** (Week #5)
Topic: What The Bible Says About The New Testament Church
- **October 30, 2013** (Week #6)
Topic: Why Are There So Many Churches?
- **November 13, 2013** (Week #7)
Topic: How Do I Become A Member of The Lord's Church
- **November 20, 2013** (Week #8)
Topic: Am I Right In The Sight of God?



All Classes Will Be Held In Our Fellowship Hall and Will Start At 7:00pm



The South Florida Avenue church of Christ invites you to an 8-week basic Bible knowledge series of lessons. This class is designed to meet the needs of anyone who:

- ◆ Is not familiar with the Bible
- ◆ Wants to know more about The New Testament Church
- ◆ Is seeking the truth about Christianity
- ◆ Is unsure about what church is right for him or her
- ◆ Is feeling like he/she should be worshipping God, but isn't
- ◆ Wants to do something good for himself/herself
- ◆ Is feeling like something isn't right with or is missing from the doctrine that is being delivered at his/her denomination
- ◆ Wants to be a part of a church, but doesn't know which one is the right one to attend

The great thing about this class is that it is simple to understand, sound doctrine and no one will be put down or criticized for having a lack of knowledge, because our whole goal is to build knowledge in understanding God's word and the truth that is found within it. Please don't miss this opportunity to help build your basic Bible knowledge.

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And A Little Child Shall Lead Them

T. Pierce Brown

The subtitle of this article might be, “Stop, look and listen.” My least granddaughter, Chelsea, almost 3-years-old, came into my study while I was sitting in front of my computer working on my workbook, *The Mind of Christ*. She said, “Paka, may I do my artificials?” I felt sure I would like to see her do her artificials, but I had no idea what they were. So I asked. (That is the proper thing to do when you do not know something. It is seldom proper to hide your ignorance from a child – or any other person – for they will soon find out anyway.) She replied, “They are compediate letters.” That sounded like a good word, from “com,” a Latin prefix meaning “with” and “pedi,” a Latin form meaning “foot,” but I did not remember it, so I punched the buttons on my computer for the Thesaurus and it was not there. Then, I got up and went to my big unabridged Webster’s of over 3,200 pages and did not find it. So I stopped and said, “Show me what you mean.”

She sat down at the keyboard and ran her little stubby fingers over it at random. Since I knew that she knew at least part of the alphabet, and do not like to see people wasting time when they can be doing something constructive, I said, “Why do you not type the alphabet?” She replied, “No, not now. I just want to do artificials.”

After looking and listening for a while, I discovered that “artificials” were not real meaningful letters, but were made just by playing around on the keyboard. Although I am sure she had never heard anyone use the word “compediate,” I thought, “Since she said that is the same as “artificials,” maybe that means ‘just walk your fingers through the keyboard at random.’ After all, if a brilliant mathematician has a right to make up “googol” to refer to a number so big he can’t use it, or a scientist has a right to make up “argon,” as a Greek term for an inert gas, meaning “it will not work,” I suppose Chelsea has a right to make up a word with Latin derivation that eventually means “working with letters that do not really mean anything, which – are, therefore, artificial.”

One of the better lessons I got from that experience is that if we stop, look and listen, we may learn something – even from little children. If we do not learn anything else, we can at least learn what they mean.

That principle is valid in all teaching and communication of any sort. Even those of us who have been teaching teachers how to teach for many years may forget that teaching is really a two-way street – not just imparting information in the hope that some of what you mean will soak in, but listening for feedback to see what your words mean to the persons you are trying to teach.

Another small and incidental lesson which is hard for me to learn is that a person does not always have to be doing what I think is constructive and useful to be doing something that is worthwhile for them. Solomon might have put it, “There is a time for every event under heaven – a time to work and a time to play.” Both grandfather and granddaughter can learn from playing if they will take the time to do it – and look and listen while they are doing it.

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Those who are recovering at home are: Dick and Joyce Burbage, and JoAnn Hoback. Also: Sam Bolding, Ann Howard, Louise Starks, Jacquelin Dopwell, Margaret Coone & Sharon Washington.

Relatives: Jimmie Mathis is in the care of hospice. Louis Tillis is not doing well. Jo Chancey, & Annie Coone.

Shut In Members: Artis Bassett, Mary Shoemake.

Others: Maurice Davis, Steve Roberts, Gene & Irma Dampier, Bonnie Hendrick, Christina Feussner, Kathy Peel, Bonnie Billingle, Katelyn Donavant & Danny Edmonds.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 4th - The Ladies Bible Class will commence here at So. Fla. Ave. at 10:00 am.

Sept. 7th - Ladies Brunch, N. Jackson in Bartow at 9:00 am.

Sept. 7th - Community Bible Study at 5th Ave. Church of Christ in Bartow. Begins at 10:00 am.

Sept. 7th - Door knocking party for our Basic Bible Knowledge class, Meet at the church building at 8:00 am.

Sept. 8th - Potluck/fellowship meal & congregational meeting following our morning worship service.

Sept. 8th - Gospel Meeting at Springhead Church of Christ, with a hotdog roast on Saturday.

Sept. 21st - Men's Breakfast at South Florida Avenue at 8:00am. **See bulletin board for information on events.**

Visitors

Larry Exum, Jane Jessee, Bill Turner, Christy Wright.

Congratulations

To Ken Luigs who will celebrate his 94th birthday this Thursday, September 5th.

Sympathy

To Bea Pratt in the passing of her sister, Helen Nappier on August 27th. Please keep Bea and the family in your prayers.

Please keep those who are traveling in your prayers.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

September

Bobby Sheumaker **Table** Jim Turner
Fred Rapley **Assist** Kyle Williams

September 8, 2013

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Brian Kenyon
Prayer Jason Hendrix

10:30 A.M.

Announcements David Williams
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Phil Fife
Closing Prayer Jeremy Padilla

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Paul Romine
Opening Prayer Kenny French
Closing Prayer David Anderson
Greeters The Sweeney Family
Att. Cards Paul Sweeney & Ian Enamorado
Open & Close Building Phil Fife

Wed. September 11, 2013

Song Leader Jim Turner
Opening Prayer Fred Strickland
Closing Prayer John McShane

Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call Jason Hendrix, so he can get a replacement - 537-0857

Sunday, September 15, 2013

9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Stacey Paulin
Prayer Brian Kenyon

10:30 A.M.

Announcements David Williams
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer C. J. Grimes
Closing Prayer Bob Pratt

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Paul Romine
Opening Prayer Jason Hendrix
Closing Prayer Steve Hunley
Greeters The Anderson Family
Att. Cards Ian Enamorado & Sebastian Rapley
Open & Close Building Phil Fife

Wed. Sept. 18, 2013

Song Leader Ken Walker
Opening Prayer Jim Turner
Closing Prayer Charles Paulin

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Aug 18 \$4,978.91
Aug 25 \$3,687.24
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2013 Weekly Budget \$4,255.13

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