



SOUTH FLORIDA AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER



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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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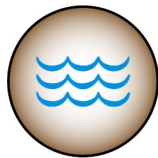
Mark your calendars!

South Florida Ave church of Christ Youth Seminar

Saturday, September 18, 2021

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Speakers:



Forest Antemesaris – Orange St.
“Peace Like a River”



Rhone Jadis – Pine Castle
“Joy Like a Fountain”



CJ Grimes – Sebring
“Love Like an Ocean”

Pre-register online:

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Exploring the Epistles Bible Class


Monday Night Class will resume

September 13 at 7:00 pm

Taught by Rick Kenyon



If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



STUDY WITH US

Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7pm

SERMON ON THE MOUNT
THE BEATITUDES Part 1

Teacher: Shenia Brownlow-Dindy

All ladies are invited to join us in the FSOP classroom at
1807 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33803 or on Facebook.
Live stream through the Facebook Group: FSOP Ladies Class.

If you have questions please contact the Florida School of Preaching at (863) 683-4043.



*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*
Proverbs 10:10

Annual Ladies' Day October 2, 2021

8:30 a.m.
registration &
breakfast

12:00 p.m.
lunch

Emily Hatfield
host of
Wifey Wednesday
Podcast



Jim Edmonson

received his eternal reward on
Friday, September 3, 2021

"Bless are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest
from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"
Revelation 14:13

Congratulations

4-5s class

for your diligent study this quarter!
You did an excellent job in the
quarterly challenge.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

I Will Not Be Afraid (Psalm 3)

"Lord how they have increased who trouble me!
Many are they who rise up against me. Many are
they who say to me, "There is no help for him in
God" (Psalm 3:1-2). We live in a world that will put
us to the test. School can be especially difficult
and lonely. What advice might David give? What
do we need to remember?"

1. God is a shield (v. 3)
 2. God lifts up the head (v. 3)
 3. God hears our cry (v. 4)
 4. God lays us down and raises us up (v. 5)
- Therefore, David was not afraid even if ten thousand set themselves against him (v. 6), he looked to God to take vengeance on his enemies (v. 7), and he looked to God for His salvation. (v. 8)

Senior Saints

by John McShane

How often have you thought or mentioned to the one sitting next to you, why don't we have this program, or why don't they do this? I know that I have heard it in every congregation that I have been to. We need to get rid of the "we" and "they" in those questions and substitute the word "I." Each one of us has a unique individual talent that, in most cases, is just waiting to be unleashed and put to good use. Our congregation would be much stronger and more cohesive if we all positively utilized our talents. Sometimes the fear of failure holds us back, but failure in most cases is a learning experience that we can use to regroup and try another avenue. A saying that I have not heard in a while that needs to become part of our mindset is, "IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME." I realize that with the Covid thing going on that now is not the time to try something new. However, it is a good time to start thinking about your talent and how it can be put to use when the time is ripe. One of the lessons from the parable of the talents is that we are to work, using our talents to glorify God, serve the common good, and further God's kingdom. 1 Corinthians 12:12 tells us that the body is a unit, though it is composed of many parts. And although its parts are many, they all form one body.

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

Our Members:

Bob Pratt - health
 Jim & Carol Edmonson - health
 Bernetta Green - health
 Brian Smith - heart
 Bobby Simpson - health
 Kathy Nester - eye surgery
 Sharon M. Washington - health
 Antoine & Marcella Swain - health
 Flo Duffy - eye problems
 Stacey Paulin - health
 Janie Wise - health

Recent requests:

Neil Entwistle - heart attack
 Darlene Thompson - health

PRAYER LIST

John & Linda McShane
 Ron & Judy Ford - health
 Jim Turner - health, tests
 Fred & Kathy Strickland - health
 Debbie Bush - health
 Margaret Coone
 Annette Phillip - health
 Vanessa Palmer - health
 Tanner Estridge - health
 Dorothea Lauther - surgery recovery
 Brenda Mask - health

Melody Baxter - knee surgery
 Cieara Edwards - strength

(Please update the office of any changes)

The **EXTENDED FAMILY** and **FRIENDS** prayer requests are emailed every week and posted on the bulletin board

Pray for our Shut-ins

Faith West Joyce Burbage
 Carol Eason Ellen Shearer

Please call before visiting. Some locations are locked down again.

Updates & Prayer requests

Kathy Nester had eye surgery on Tuesday.

Vanessa Palmer is back in the hospital.

Vince & Tiffany Daugherty are better and back to work.

Responses

Jemima Medley (Andre's mother) asks for prayers on behalf of her family and prayers for spiritual strength to overcome trials.

thank you

There are cards on the bulletin board from

**Brenda Mask
 The Andersons**

Rick Kenyon is having a brief meeting after morning service on September 12, 2021 for anyone who is interested in helping with visitors outreach.

Ladies Prayer Night In
 Thursday, September 23, 2021
 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall



This week's pantry item request:

4-roll packs of toilet paper or individually wrapped rolls

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

September

Designated Elder - Brian Kenyon

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Song Leader/prayer Stacey Paulin
 Devo Andre Medley
 Closing Prayer Josh Potvin

Sunday, September 12, 2021

10:30 A.M.

Sermon Josh Cantrell
 "Don't Just Be Blessed, Be a Blessing"
 Ruth 1:16-17

6:00 P.M.

Sermon Joey Treat
 Mission Report

10:30 A.M.

Open/Close bldg (both) Bobby Sheumaker
 Greeter J. Waldon
 Song/prayer before class Tucker Sweeney
 Announcements Tyler Anderson
 A.M. Song Leader Vince Daugherty
 Scripture reading/Prayer Rick Kenyon
 Lord's Table Wayne Shearer
 Closing Prayer Jeff Bingle

6:00 P.M.

Greeters O. Smith/Thrower
 P.M. Song Leader Vince Daugherty
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 Closing Prayer Bobby Sheumaker

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Song Leader/Prayer Jonny Singh
 Devo Zach Jones
 Closing Prayer Allen Grimes

Upcoming Events

September

10 - Bowling night, 5pm
 12 - Joshua Cantrell
 - Joey Treat
 13 - Romans class 7pm
 14 - FSOP ladies class 7pm
 18 - Youth Seminar 9am
 23 - Ladies' Prayer Night, 6:30
 25 - Teachers' workshop 9am

October

2 - Ladies' Day
 15-16- Family Retreat
 23 - Sisters reveal
 31 -Trunk or Treat

November

14-17 Fall gospel mtg
 19 - Youth group
 thankful meal

December

4 - Youth group
 caroling & parties
 18 - Wreaths Across
 America

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Aug 22 \$7,833.00
 Aug 29 (building fund) \$6,960.00
 Sept 5 \$7,829.00
 Contribution Average \$7,055.34

Except for Jericho, the Lord doesn't tell Joshua how to fight. Joshua's faith in God's promise and in his God-given ability as a warrior allowed him to conquer the Promised Land.

I have faith in God's promise of the Heavenly promised land, but do I have faith in the abilities He's given me (Matt. 25:14-30)? If not, then do I really have faith? How will I ever face & conquer the battles in my Canaan-land (Eph. 6:10-12)?

When I declare that "I can do all things through Christ," am I saying "maybe I can but..." or "I can do all things except..."? What can I do through, for, and because of Christ? (Isa. 6:8)

God did not say in Joshua 1:6,7,9 to "stay in your comfort zone and chill." He told him to be strong and courageous, that He would not leave nor forsake him. I, too, must go and do what He knows I am capable of doing, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Tim. 1:7). He will not leave nor forsake me, either (Heb. 13:5). I know I can do this because the Lord has loaned me His armor (Eph 6:13-17) so I can "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might." (Eph. 6:10)!!

"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10



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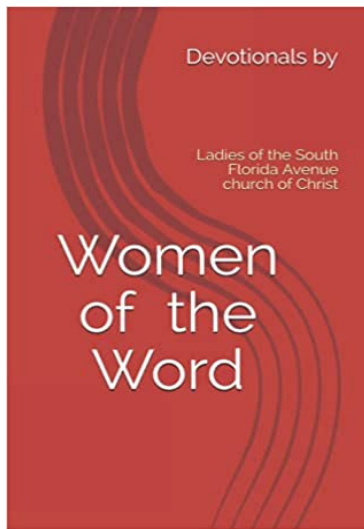
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Women of the Word articles (above) have been compiled into a book.

Each lady of SFA gets a free copy. If you would like additional copies to share with family and friends, they are available through the office for a discounted price or through Amazon.

All royalties will support the Florida School of Preaching.

2ND ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD-WIDE DOOR KNOCKING DAY
10/2/21

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Return Service Requested

**"IT IS MORE BLESSED
TO GIVE THAN TO
RECEIVE."**

Acts 20:35