



# SOUTH FLORIDA AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER



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### ELDERS

David Anderson  
Brian Kenyon  
Bobby Sheumaker

### DEACONS

Tyler Anderson  
Jason Hendrix  
Rick Kenyon  
Stacey Paulin  
Jimmy Sweeney

### MINISTER

Joshua Cantrell

### ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Vince Daugherty

### SECRETARY

Dee Parramore

### OFFICE PHONE

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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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Dub Hill.....Russia  
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Graham McDonald..Scotland  
J. Paguaga....Honduras, C.A.  
Joey Treat.....Pacific Islands  
Ted Wheeler.....Ghana, W.A.



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

*Proverbs 16:24*

South Florida Ave. church of Christ Ladies Day

October 2, 2021

Emily Hatfield

8:30 a.m. registration & breakfast; lunch at noon

Please RSVP 863-682-4702 or [sfa.church@gmail.com](mailto:sfa.church@gmail.com)

pre-register on our website

# SFA Family Retreat

Vince Daugherty

I do not remember many family camping trips as a kid. The few that I do remember, I loved. I remember the campfires, roasting marshmallows, and singing together as a family. Now that I have children of my own, every time I see freshwater I want to go camping. The congregation here is organizing a family retreat at the Weeki Wachee Christian Camp located on the river in Spring Hill. "Oh that you heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea." (Isa. 48:18) The retreat dates are set for October 15th and 16th. If your family is interested in going, we will have a short meeting after the morning worship on Sunday, Sept. 26 to discuss the details. The plan is to caravan up to the camp on Friday, Oct. 15th. Then, sleep in the cabins provided by the camp, or if you are interested in bringing a tent for your family, you can do that as well (or even an RV if you are a "glamper"). Saturday, we will float down the river in canoes and enjoy God's wonder of nature while also enjoying the company of our physical and spiritual family. The songwriter Maltbie Davenport Babcock penned these lyrics, "This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres." Job said, "ask the beasts of the field, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know That the Lord has done this. In whose hand is the life of every living thing." (Job 12:7-10) In the afternoon, we can share a picnic-style meal together back at the campsite before we return home. David said, "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1) A family retreat is a great time to unplug. I pray that you would consider a great opportunity to spend time together. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Vince Daugherty for details. We will need an accurate count of families who plan on attending by Sunday, Oct. 10th.

## Youth Group News

by Vince Daugherty

### When We Cry

Being a kid can be tough. Sometimes parents or adults can forget what it was like to be a kid. Kids can often get overlooked or ignored in a time of need. No matter how alone you may feel, the God of all comfort will never leave you nor forsake you. "Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me and hear my prayer" (Psalm 4:1). Those who love and respect God are placed in His special care, "know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The Lord will hear when I call Him" (Psalm 4:3). God is never too busy working to listen, He is never too distracted to pay attention. God can put our minds at ease when we are distressed. Cast your cares upon Him for He cares for you deeply. "I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8). Thank you God that You hear us when we cry.

## Senior Saints

by John McShane

Most of us senior citizens went through our school years reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's prayer each morning before class started. In our pledge of allegiance, there is the line, "one nation under God" that was added to the pledge in 1954. Since then it seems as if everything possible is being done to eliminate God from our nation. Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance have been taken out of our schools and the ten commandments have been taken out of all government facilities. Christmas displays depicting the birth of Jesus are barred from all municipal buildings. We are starting to see the results of these actions in the morality of our nation. It appears to me that all of the things listed in Mark 7:20-23 are becoming more visible each day. It reads, "And he said, 'What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'" We, as Christians, can no longer sit back and allow the morality of our country to decline. Prayer is a start, but we are going to have to put feet on those prayers and start letting our elected officials know how we feel. It would be good to make them aware of the words in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

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

## Our Members:

Bob Pratt - health  
 Carol Edmonson - loss of Jim  
 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  
 Neil Entwistle - heart attack  
 Darlene Thompson - health

### Recent requests:

Nigel St. Bernard - traveling

**(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

Joyce Burbage      Carol Eason      Ellen Shearer

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

## Prayers

Let's pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted."*

Matthew 5:4

## Ladies Prayer Night In

Thursday, September 23, 2021

6:30 pm in the fellowship hall

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD-WIDE DOOR KNOCKING DAY

10/2/21

We will meet after ladies day so the ladies of SFA can participate again. Due to current situations, we will simply hang bags on doors. If neighbors are out, we can engage in conversation at a safe distance. Please pray for this outreach effort as well as others that are reaching out and sharing the gospel.



This week's pantry item request:  
 small packages of laundry detergent  
 (powder or liquid, but not family size)

## 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  
 Ceara Edwards - strength

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### September

Designated Elder - Brian Kenyon

### Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Song Leader/prayer ..... Tucker Sweeney  
 Devo ..... Vince Daugherty  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jimmy Sweeney

### Sunday, September 26, 2021

#### 10:30 A.M.

Sermon ..... Vince Daugherty  
 "Secret Disciples"  
 John 19:38-42

#### 6:00 P.M.

Sermon ..... Josh Potvin  
 "A School of Strength for Christians"  
 2 Timothy 1:7

#### 10:30 A.M.

Open/Close bldg (both) ..... Phil Fife  
 Greeter ..... Stewart  
 Song/prayer before class ..... Kyle Bingle  
 Announcements ..... Tyler Anderson  
 A.M. Song Leader ..... David Williams  
 Scripture reading/Prayer ..... Terrance Dindy, Jr  
 Lord's Table ..... Andre Medley  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jeff Stewart

#### 6:00 P.M.

Greeters ..... Fife  
 P.M. Song Leader ..... Rick Kenyon  
 Scripture reading/Prayer ..... Alex Parramore  
 Lord's Table ..... Andre Medley  
 Closing Prayer ..... Allen Grimes

### Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Song Leader/Prayer ..... Rick Kenyon  
 Devo ..... Bobby Sheumaker  
 Closing Prayer ..... David Anderson

## Upcoming Events

### September

23 - Ladies' Prayer Night, 6:30  
 24 - Sing at Orange St., 7 pm

### October

2 - Ladies' Day  
 2 - Annual door knocking  
 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 ~

Sept 5 ..... \$7,829.00  
 Sept 12 ..... \$6,191.00  
 Sept 19 ..... \$6,549.00  
 Contribution Average ..... \$7,019.27

Women of the Word

Cheerleading

Cieara Edwards

I attended a little league football jamboree game about a month ago. There were children at every corner and my little family stationed under our tent. I watched my son make some tackles on defense and his first touchdown for this season. I screamed with excitement for him and his team the entire game. Weeks later, he came to me and said, "Ma, it felt so good to hear you yell my name from the sidelines."

I began to think of how a simple shout or encouraging word could bring so much joy or boost of confidence to a person who is struggling with issues that are not seen. In the family of God, we are each other's cheerleader. Hebrews 10:24 says "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." When a brother or sister has done something good, no matter how small, let us remember to cheer them on. Everyone needs a boost from time to time. A hug, card or kind word is soothing, and by cheering on our spiritual family with our God-given talents, we bring glory to the name of the Lord. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Cheering does not have to cost you a dime, only a small portion of your time. Let's go brothers and sisters!

**Christ's  
Church  
and  
Salvation**

**South Florida Ave. church of Christ**

**invites you to our**

**Fall Gospel Meeting**

**November 14 - 17, 2021**

**Save the dates - more details to come**

**Robby Eversole**



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Return Service Requested

**"GREAT IS THE LORD,  
AND GREATLY TO  
BE PRAISED; AND  
HIS GREATNESS IS  
UNSEARCHABLE"**

*Psalm 145:3*