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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

What Can We Learn from a Man In Torment?

Hiram Kemp

When Jesus spoke of the rich man and Lazarus, He wanted to drive home some important points about eternity (Lk. 16:19-31). Sometimes the question is asked whether Jesus is telling a parable. Since Jesus never used parables to teach something false, it does not matter if the account of the rich man and Lazarus is a parable. The information contained therein is truth. Jesus records no words from Lazarus, but there is an exchange between the rich man who is in torment and Abraham, the great patriarch. Notice the lessons we can learn from a man who was suffering in torment.

Some Pleasure Is Temporary

The rich man begs for relief as he is tormented in the flame, but Abraham assures him that he had good things in his lifetime (Lk. 16:24-25). Moses was wise enough to know that the pleasures of sin only last for a season (Heb. 11:25). Most people are getting their reward in this life and they will be disappointed in eternity (Mt. 6:2, 5, 16). If we gain the entire world and lose our souls, we have made a horrible exchange. The man in torment teaches us that pleasure is not a bad thing, but we should seek the lasting pleasures that continue in eternity.

Death Seals Our Fate

While in torment, the rich man could not pass from torment to paradise to have his tongue cooled (Lk. 16:26). There is no such thing as purgatory, baptism on behalf of the dead, or any other post-death plan of salvation. Once a man or woman dies, he or she enters the hadean realm and awaits the judgment (Heb. 9:27). We will be judged for what we have done in our bodies, and we will rise in the same spiritual state we died (Jn. 5:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:10-11). We cannot die in an unsaved state and expect to have our eternal dwelling place reversed. The man in torment wanted relief, yet once he died, it was too late.

Death Seals Our Fate

The rich man in torment knew his fate could not be reversed, but he wanted his brethren to be warned (Lk. 16:27-28). The man in torment knew the seriousness of warning people on earth about what awaits the impenitent (2 Cor. 5:11). Those of us who are in the kingdom of God would do well to learn from a man in torment about the importance of caring for the souls of others (Psa. 142:4). Jesus told us to take the gospel into the entire world (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 8:4). May we not be outdone in our evangelistic zeal by those in torment!

Make Plans Now to Participate in This Relevant Study!

Monday Is Dr. MLK, Jr. Day! What Better Way to Spend the Holiday?

Forest Antemesaris

Stephen Atnip

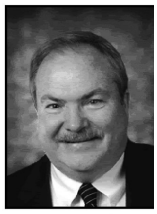
George F. Beals

Dewayne Bryant

Sheila Butt

Jimmy Clark

Caleb Glenn Coley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Emmanuel Daugherty

Do You Understand the Christian's Relationship to the Civil State?

44th Annual Lectureship **January 21-24, 2019** Brian R. Kenyon, Director

Jake Sutton

Vince Daugherty

David Stearsman

Bill Davis

Andrae L. Smith

Shane Fisher

Melvin Sapp

David Hester

Monday

9:00 Purpose and Function of Civil Government — Stephen Atnip
9:40 Evil Influences and the State — Jeff Miller
10:20 BREAK
10:50 "Separation of Church and State" — David W. Hester
11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Civil States of Mind

1:30 Learning to Respect Authority — Hiram Kemp
2:00 The Right Time to Rebel — Forest Antemesaris
2:30 Counter-Culture Character — Caleb Glenn Coley
3:30 Ladies Class: Christian Involvement with Politics — Sheila Butt
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 God's People in High Places: Joseph — Dylan Johns
7:45 Resisting Radicalization — Sidney Moore

Tuesday

9:00 Civil Leaders Who Disobeyed God — Jason Jackson
9:40 The Christian and Voting — David W. Hester
10:20 BREAK
10:50 Civil State Challenges in Revelation 2–3 — Dewayne Bryant
11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Christians and Culture

1:30 Holidays: Secular or Sacred? — Bruce Daugherty
2:00 Gender Roles in Religion — Emmanuel Daugherty
2:30 Civil Law and Marriage — Vince Daugherty
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 God's People in High Places: Daniel — Andrae L. Smith
7:45 Submitting to Jesus as King — Jimmy Clark

Wednesday

9:00 When Civil Disobedience Is Scriptural — Jason Jackson
9:40 How Should "Society" Respond to Homosexuality (1)? — G. Beals
10:20 BREAK
10:50 "Render to Caesar" — Jimmy Clark
11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Civil Questions of Life and Death

1:30 Is Abortion a Right to Choose? — Melvin Sapp
2:00 Is Capital Punishment Scriptural? — William Howard
2:30 Can a Christian "Bear the Sword"? — Jake Sutton
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 God's People in High Places: Nehemiah — Will Vann
7:45 Christianity and Patriotism — Bill Davis

Thursday

9:00 Evangelism and Civil Government — Shane Fisher
9:40 How Should "Society" Respond to Homosexuality (2)? — G. Beals
10:20 BREAK
10:50 The Bible and "Social Issues" — Melvin L. Otey
11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Controversial Civil Circumstances

1:30 Preaching That Disturbs the Status Quo — Niipaak Laar
2:00 Christians Taking Christians to Court — David Stearsman
2:30 When Involvement with "Social Issues" Goes Too Far — S. Moore
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 God's People in High Places: Mordecai and Esther — H. Kemp
7:45 Harmonizing Our Dual Citizenship — Melvin L. Otey

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Melvin L. Otey

Sidney Moore

Jeff Miller

Niipaak Laar

Hiram Kemp

Dylan Johns

Jason Jackson

William Howard

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Wanda Bruno, Wayne Shearer, Sharon Washington, Dorothy Trice, Faith West, Jim Turner, Ginny Hamby and Margaret Coone.

Shut In Members: Carol Eason, Virginia Plumlee, Dick & Joyce Burbage and Cheryl Barker.

Others: Wayne Shearer's parents, Paulisky Irizarry (Jagie's brother), Lynn Stevens, Chrissi Fuesner, Bobby Cole, Ruth Brunson, Chip Bolding, Tonya Mathis, Elizabeth Tubbs Dean, Mickey Phillips, Sam Crow, Margaret Khoury and Maureen Nichols.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Dec. 18th: Senior Saints dinner at Fred's restaurant and then going to look at Christmas lights. Meet at the building at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Dec. 22nd: We will be Christmas Caroling. Please meet at the building at 12:45 p.m. Let Jagie Kenyon know if you plan to come.

Saturday Dec. 22nd: Our Annual Holiday Party at the Sweeney's at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend please add your name to the sign up sheet and indicate what food you will bring. Remember your white elephant gift for the gift exchange.

Sunday Dec. 23rd: Ladies Hat Day.

Monday Dec. 31st: 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off at 6:00 p.m. Judging will be by a panel of experts chosen by your deacons. Please bring a side dish, drinks and dessert. Please sign up if you are bringing a pot of chili. Games and a "Senior Citizen ball drop" to follow the meal.

Sunday January 6th: Fellowship In-Service after evening services.

Saturday January 19th: Save the Date: Ladies Day at Orange St. church of Christ. Kathy Pollard will be the speaker.

New Bible Class

There will be a new Bible class on Monday evenings starting January 6th. The teacher will be Hiram Kemp and the subject is the Book of James. Please come and join us! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards and calls welcoming me. I am truly blessed with the care and concern during the loss of my daughter in law's, mother. I do not have all the words to say thank you to all of you that I worship with. Just know that I am grateful and humbled by all. In Christian love, Debbie Bush

Thank you for the generous support you all provided to the stocking project! I know they are all going to be pleased! I can always count on my family at S. FL. Ave. to go above and beyond! Love, Rene Bingle

Visitors

Janet Moore, Jerry Green, Eric Bunch, Mary Moore, Bruce & Jane Bitting, Jim & Lynn Grimes,Mike, Liz and Justin Bosley, Ana Labrador, Johnny Davidson and Sierra Gilbert

~ Communion to Shut-ins ~

Dec 23..... Kemp
Dec 30..... Kenyon
Jan. 06.....**volunteer needed**

We still need volunteers to take communion the the shut-ins for the new year 2019. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

December

Wadi Khoury ..... **Table** .....Josh Estridge
Bobby Simpson..... **Assist** .....Dustin Walling

Sunday, December 23, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class..... Kyle Williams
Prayer.....Casey Paulin

10:30 A.M.

Announcements.....Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader.....Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer.....Wesley Brunson
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer.....Wayne Shearer
Sound Booth..... Alex Parramore

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader..... David Williams
Opening Prayer..... David Anderson
Sermon..... Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer..... Bobby Sheumaker
Sound Booth..... Alex Parramore
Greeters ..... Longfellow/Kemp
Att. Cards..... Willcut boys
Open & Close Building .....Bob Cooper

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Song Leader..... Ken Walker
Opening Prayer..... David Deal
Closing Prayer..... Jeff Bingle

Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call Stacey Paulin so he can get a replacement - (863) 838-8911

Sunday, December 30, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class.....David Williams
Prayer.....Tyler Anderson

10:30 A.M.

Announcements.....Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader.....Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer..... .....Bobby Sheumaker
Sermon.....Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer.....Jim Turner
Sound Booth.....Phil Fife

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader..... David Williams
Opening Prayer..... Tucker Sweeney
Sermon.....Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer.....Jeff Bingle
Sound Booth.....Phil Fife
Greeters .....Shearer/Kenyon
Att. Cards..... .....Caelen/Cam'ron
Open & Close Building .....Bob Cooper

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

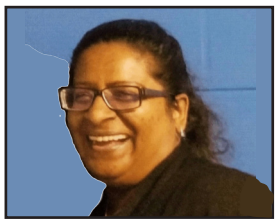
Song Leader.....Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer..... David Anderson
Closing Prayer..... Charles Paulin

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Nov. 25.....**$5,194.77**
Dec. 02.....**$7,331.10**
Dec. 09..... **$6,806.25**
Dec. 16..... **$6,222.62**
Contribution Average..... **$5,963.35**
Weekly Budget..... **$4,887.98**

New Member Spotlight

Neyome Brunson



Neyome was born in Hattan, Sri Lanka. As a child, she wanted to be a teacher. Her first job was as an accounting assistant. She currently works as a secretary. She also speaks the Tamil and Sinhala languages. She is good at working with small children. Her proudest accomplishment is changing lives through projects she did at prisons in Sri Lanka. The best advice she's been given is from her grandmother: "No matter what you do, do what you do to its perfection and correct your consciousness." Her husband, Wesley, helped bring her to Christ. Welcome!

Member Spotlight

Kenny French

Kenny, who serves in the eldership, was born in Granite, Oklahoma. He came to Lakeland in the early 1970's from Tupelo, Mississippi. His first job was at a hardware store. He is retired from secular work. He served in the USAF, which took him to the Aleutian Islands. He has also traveled to Central America and South Pacific Islands for mission work. The best advice he has ever been given is, "Don't give up." His most satisfying accomplishment is his family. He and his wife, Reba, have four children, ten grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren.

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Old House Update

We give thanks to God that a philanthropist with local ties has agreed in principle to restore and upgrade the old house to its original 1920's look. It will have up-to-code electricity and plumbing. All dangerous building materials will be removed, and any parts that need to be replaced will be done, so far as possible, with vintage material from the 1920's. Be on the lookout for survey crews soon. Once completed, possibilities for use will include housing for FSOP students. Pray for the work and our elders' decisions.

Think souls! Let's invite our friends and neighbors to church assemblies and/or to one-on-one Bible studies!

We appreciate the encouragement from **Don Iverson** last week. God is doing great things in India through His word and workers like Don and the brethren he introduced to us. We also have a part in this work through the support we give! "Be not weary in well doing"!

"The stockings were hung by the ~~chimney~~ palm tree with care . . ."

We were blessed to stuff stockings for the women's shelter. Thanks to Rene and those who helped & donated

Thanks for Your Help!