

# The South Florida Avenue MESSENGER

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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 Have They Seen In Your House?

Hiram Kemp

Home and Garden Television (HGTV) is popular with a lot of people. The shows that are on this channel deal with home renovations, interior design, and other home improvement crafts. I'd rather watch football, but my wife likes this channel so sometimes I'm stuck watching it. Those who watch this channel enjoy seeing the homes of others and how a place can go from a pile of rubbish to a palace with a few renovations. King Hezekiah is considered a good King in the Old Testament for the most part. He made some mistakes, but he was a faithful man of God (2 Chr. 32:32-33). One of the mistakes that Hezekiah made was when he showed the men of Babylon all the treasures that were in his home (2 Kgs. 20:12-13). Hezekiah recently had his life spared by God. These foreign men showed up with a present for him, and he let down his guard and showed them more than he should have. The prophet Isaiah approached Hezekiah when the men of Babylon left and said, "What have they seen in your house?" (2 Kgs. 20:15). Due to the mistake made by Hezekiah, Isaiah assured him that all the treasures he had shown the men of Babylon would one day be taken from Jerusalem and carried away to Babylon (2 Kgs. 20:17-18). The question asked by Isaiah is a good one to ask ourselves today. If we were on a program like HGTV, what would people observe in our homes?

**Love (Jn. 13:34-35)?** Would people who visited our homes see love there? Jesus said people would be able to tell his disciples apart from the world by the love we had for each other. Most times as Christians we understand this, but it is possible to be kind to every Christian except the ones who live with me. Are we sarcastic, rude, or short tempered in our homes? Children in a Christian home should honor and respect their parents (Eph. 6:1-3). Parents should provide instruction and love to the children, not discourage them (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21). Christian husbands and wives should be a model for others on what true marriage is all about (Eph. 5:22-25). Would people see love in our homes? Is there forgiveness, patience, and compassion in our homes?

**Loyalty (Rev. 2:10)?** Our homes should be filled with love but they also should be filled with loyalty, loyalty to God. Are we guilty of sacrificing the loyalty we profess to God by engaging in entertainment choices that are inconsistent with the Christian life (Phil. 1:27)? God is sovereign over the Christian's entire life, even his or her entertainment choices. It is not a sin to be entertained. God has placed wholesome entertainment in the world for our good (1 Tim. 6:17; Jas. 1:17). However, if I am watching or listening to things I would not watch or listen to with Jesus present, I may be surrendering my loyalty to God in my home. Will people see a loyalty to learning the Scriptures in our home? Are we studying God's word in our homes or is the Bible a book we only pick up in the assembly on Sundays (*continued on page 4*)

**Special Monday Forum on Youth Topics! Take Advantage of MLK, Jr. Day!**



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## Do You Understand The Biblical View of End Times?

42nd Annual Lectureship **Jan. 16-19, 2017** Brian R. Kenyon, Director

### MONDAY

9:00 "First Century Times" or "End Times"? Brian R. Kenyon  
 9:40 "End Times" Preaching in Acts Daniel Stearsman  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 Intertestamental Expectations David Dixon  
 11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: Living for the "Then," Not the "Now"

1:30 Your Life Matters Now and Forever Ty Rhymes  
 2:00 Esau: Living for "Now" (Heb. 12:16) Forest Antemesaris  
 2:30 Moses: Living for "Then" (Heb. 11:26) Hiram Kemp  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Parable of the Virgins Thomas Wise  
 7:45 Jesus' Authority to Judge Sam Jones

### TUESDAY

9:00 "End Times" Teaching in Mt. 24 T. Brownlow-Dindy, Sr.  
 9:40 Daniel's "Seventy Weeks" Emmanuel B. Daugherty  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 "End Times" in the Book of Hebrews Stephen Atnip  
 11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: Which "End" Is What?

1:30 Is the "Shortened Time" (1 Cor. 7:29) the End? E. Edwards  
 2:00 When Does the OT End and the NT Begin? George Beals  
 2:30 Knowing the "AD 70 Doctrine" David Hester  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Parable of the Talents Bryon R. Schulz  
 7:45 Judgment Scene in Revelation 20:11-15 Jimmy Clark

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 "End Times" Teaching in Luke 21:5-36 Bruce Daugherty  
 9:40 Daniel's Final Revelations Emmanuel B. Daugherty  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 "End Times" in Second Thessalonians Jimmy Clark  
 11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: "End Times" Fables of False Religion

1:30 Islam Trent Wheeler  
 2:00 Mormonism Nathan Franson  
 2:30 Jehovah's Witness Charles Broyles  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Parable of the Dragnet David Stearsman  
 7:45 In View of What Is to Come Bill Davis

### THURSDAY

9:00 "End Times" Teaching in First Corinthians Earl Edwards  
 9:40 Premillennialism and Its Variations Walt Person  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 The Living and the Dead at His Coming Melvin Otey  
 11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: End Times and the Book of Revelation

1:30 Political Leaders, "Mark of the Beast," Etc. Bob Bauer  
 2:00 The 1,000 Year Reign and Premillennialism Daniel Cates  
 2:30 The Holy City John Saw Coming Down Sam Hester  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Parable of the Tares Hiram Kemp  
 7:45 Being Children of the Day Melvin L. Otey

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# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

## Prayer List

**Our Members:** It was good to have Bob Pratt back with us, after having a mini stroke. Jim Edmondson's medical testing went well. Also keep Jim Turner, Ginny Hamby, Jacqueline Dopwell, Joe Dopwell, JoAnne Mitchell, Kenny French, Genifer Johnson, JoAnn Hoback, Carol Eason, Elizabeth Tubbs, Melody Baxter, Dorothy Trice and Margaret Coone in prayer.

**Relatives:** Wayne Hendrix, Tonya Mathis, Dee Moore, Margie Bolding, Blanche Dopwell, Sarah Blevins, Willie Williams (Bernetta Green's brother) and Dayne Romine.

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

**Others:** Jackie Stearsman, Joyce Stearsman and Chrissi Fuesner. Keep all of these in your prayers.

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday January 1st:** Fellowship In Service after evening services. Please bring finger foods.

**Saturday January 14th:** Ladie's Day at the Orange Street Church of Christ in Auburndale. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.

## Thank You

Thanks so much for the great way you all responded to the Christmas stocking project! The family at S.F.A. always goes above and beyond. Love, Rene Bingle

To the South Florida Ave. congregation, Thank you so much for the calls, cards and visits on my behalf, during my recent illness. Love, Bob Pratt

## Congratulations

Rafael Paguaga, son of Jesus Paguaga, our missionary in Honduras, will graduate from the School of Preaching in Panama this month and will stay there as a teacher in the school.

## Visitors

Mary Moore, Terry & Betty McCormack, Bill Turner and, Mark Barber

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### January

Kenny French ..... **Table** ..... Jim Turner  
Fred Strickland..... **Assist** ..... Bobby Simpson

### Sunday, December 25, 2016

9:30 A.M.

**Song at Bible Class** ..... Jim Turner  
**Prayer**..... Ken Walker

10:30 A.M.

**Announcements**..... David Williams  
**Song Leader** ..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Bobby Sheumaker  
**Sermon**..... Hiram Kemp  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Tyler Anderson

6:00 P.M.

**Song Leader** ..... Tucker Sweeney  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Fred Strickland  
**Sermon**..... Hiram Kemp  
**Greeters** ..... The Bingles  
**Att. Cards**..... Quadarius & Antonio  
**Closing Prayer** ..... C.J. Grimes  
**Open & Close Building**..... Bob Cooper

Wed. December 28, 2016

**Song Leader** ..... Steve Hunley  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Bobby Sheumaker  
**Closing Prayer** ..... David Deal

Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call Chuck Wyatt so he can get a replacement - 859-5231 or 602-9005

### Sunday, January 1, 2017

9:30 A.M.

**Song at Bible Class** ..... Casey Paulin  
**Prayer**..... Ken Walker

10:30 A.M.

**Announcements**..... Bobby Shuemaker  
**Song Leader** ..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer** ..... David Williams  
**Sermon**..... Hiram Kemp  
**Closing Prayer** ..... David Deal

6:00 P.M.

**Song Leader** ..... Stacey Paulin  
**Opening Prayer** ..... John McShane  
**Sermon**..... Hiram Kemp  
**Greeters**..... The Paulins  
**Att. Cards**..... Paul & Sawyer  
**Closing Prayer**..... Kyle Bingle  
**Open & Close Building**..... Jason Hendrix

Wed. January 4, 2017

**Song Leader** ..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Bobby Shuemaker  
**Closing Prayer** ..... David Anderson

## ~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Nov. 27	.....	\$4,485.00
Dec. 04	.....	\$5,985.50
Dec. 11	.....	\$4,380.00
Dec. 18	.....	\$4,170.00
<b>Contribution Average</b> .....		<b>\$4,915.00</b>
<b>2016 Weekly Budget</b> .....		<b>\$4,422.60</b>



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 (of 6th Street) and our own Hiram Kemp. Let's point our community to the Bible!

# Should We Love Family More Than God?

Let it be known up-front (and may we never take it for granted if it applies to us) that it is a *tremendous blessing* when our earthly family is also God's faithful family! Now, having said that, should we ever love our family more than God? That is, should our flesh and blood family and spending time with them take precedence over God and spending time with Him? It is true that spending time and taking care of family is serving God (Eph. 5:22-6:4; 1 Tim. 5:8), but should these things replace God, even for just a day or two? Family situations, including emergencies, do sometimes happen and must be addressed right away no matter what else is happening, but should church "skip days" be planned to spend time with family? If so, why not for "Super Bowl Sunday"? Can't it be spent with family? Jesus said, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:37). In a seemingly harsher statement, Jesus said, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26). Following each of these statements, Jesus also said, "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:27), and "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:38). Jesus' whole point is the complete dedication and loyalty that we must have (*continued below*)



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(*continued from front page*) and Wednesdays? If people could see what takes place in our homes, they should see a loyalty to God through healthy entertainment choices and devotional quiet-time with God.

## Conclusion

Though many cannot see in our homes with a camera like on HGTV, there is a God in heaven who sees all that we do (Psa. 139:7-12). Our homes are constantly under his divine surveillance. If we are found doing what he desires this should not frighten us, but if we are not aligned with his will, it should cause us to change. Hezekiah showed the Babylonians his home and made a foolish mistake. Let us not make the mistake of allowing our homes to be unloving and disloyal environments. Ω

(*continued from top of page*) to Him! Not even the closest earthly ties should hinder us from following Him! "Hate" in this context does not mean despise, but is a drastic way of saying we should "love less" family compared to our love for God. On another occasion, when Jesus was told that his mother and brothers wanted to speak with Him, Jesus responded, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers? ... For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:46-50). We all love our families, but should we love them more than God? What is the better way to show our family that we put God first and love Him more than anything? Is it by staying home on a Sunday morning enjoying material things with family or is it by sacrificing ourselves to spend time worshipping God with family? ❤️ Brian

