



# 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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## 7 Habits of Highly Effective Christians

Vince Daugherty

Recently I listened to an excellent sermon by my father, Bruce Daugherty, in which he took a wordplay on the book, *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, by Steven Covey. Though Mr. Covey has passed away and his book was written over thirty years ago, it is still a top-selling book. My father's sermon title was "7 Habits of Highly Effective Christians." The sermon was good, but what made it excellent was the image stacking he employed throughout. With each habit, paint for yourself a mental picture, then stack those pictures on top of each other to aid memorization.

**1. Opening a Bible:** "Be diligent [Study, KJV] to present yourselves to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). I cannot know the will of God if I do not feed upon His word.

**2. Folding Hands:** "Pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17).

**3. Catching Little Foxes:** "Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes" (Song. 2:15). We may think sin looks cute and innocent, like a little fox. But sin like that little fox is wild. It will spoil the fruit of righteousness before our God and Father.

**4. Sharing French Fries:** "But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Heb. 13:16). Make it a habit of putting others before self. It may look like a father's allowing his sons to take the last French fry.

**5. Cultivating Fruit:** "the fruit of the Spirit is—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Gal. 5:22,23). Fewer and fewer people are going into vocations of farming and gardening, but Christians should have a spiritual green thumb when it comes to cultivating the fruit of the Spirit.

**6. Grabbing a Towel and Bowl:** "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with a towel with which He was girded" (John 13:3-5). My God and Savior Jesus Christ took upon the role of a servant. What task do I think I am too good for?

**7. Wearing a Wedding Ring:** Wearing a Wedding Ring: "Wives submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her" (Eph. 5:22,25). In a world that has made divorce easy, we ought to be the model. Faithful to Christ until death is what we promised. Just like those couples who say "I do" in marriage.

Stack the images, memorize the verses, and practice the behaviors. That is how a habit is formed. The kingdom and South Florida Ave. need more highly effective Christians.



John Allan



Forest Antemasaris



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## Florida School of Preaching 48th Annual Lectureship



# Rise of the Messianic Kingdom

A Study of the Book of Acts as Fulfillment of God's Promises to Israel Concerning the Church

Brian R. Kenyon, Director

## January 16-19, 2023

### Monday, January 16

9:00 Overview of the Messianic Kingdom in Luke B. Daugherty  
9:40 John the Baptist's Preparation for the Kingdom P. Sanders  
10:20 BREAK

10:50 Isaiah 2 and Daniel 2 Fulfilled in Acts 2 E. Daugherty

#### Forum: Since You Have Been Raised

1:30 Terms of Entrance into the Kingdom Forest Antemasaris  
2:00 Blessings of the Kingdom Joshua Cantrell  
2:30 Representatives of the Kingdom Hiram Kemp

3:30 **Ladies Class:** Priscilla: Strengthening...Kingdom S. Stearsman

3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER - **Alumni Reception** - Alumni and family please RSVP

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Kingdom Additions: Athenians Jonathan Singh

7:45 Inauguration of the Kingdom to Jews (Acts 2) J. Jenkins

### Tuesday, January 17

9:00 Overview of the Spirit's Work in Acts Stephen Atnip

9:40 The Prophecy About the Messiah as Prophet Jeff A. Jenkins

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Forgiveness as Fulfillment...Promise to Abraham P. Sanders

#### Forum: Kingdom Challenges

1:30 From the Inside: Unfaithful Members Robert Lupo

2:00 From the Outside: Jew & Gentile Persecution Rico Brown

2:30 Overcome: Paul's Shipwreck Christian Torres

3:00 BREAK

3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER - **Appreciation Banquet** - ALL WELCOME - Please RSVP, \$12 donation for dinner

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Kingdom Additions: Philippian Jailor Al Woodard

7:45 Inauguration of the Kingdom to Gentiles (Acts 10) J. Clark

### Wednesday, January 18

9:00 The Gift of the Holy Spirit Stephen Atnip

9:40 Enthronement of the Messiah King Vince Daugherty

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Harmony of Paul's Conversion Accounts Jimmy Clark

#### Forum: Holy Spirit's Involvement

1:30 Miraculous Spiritual Gifts David Stearsman

2:00 The Miraculous within Providence: Eunuch Steven Lloyd

2:30 Aiding and Determining the Kingdom's Spread D. Stearsman

3:30 **Ladies Class:** Lydia: Kingdom is for Women Dee Parramore

3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Kingdom Additions: Samaritans Forest Antemasaris

7:45 The "Voice of the Prophets" (Act 13) Hiram Kemp

### Thursday, January 19

9:00 The Jerusalem Meeting in Acts 15 John Allan

9:40 Kingdom Faithfulness ... To the Point of Death Will Vann

10:20 BREAK

10:50 Three Baptisms Mentioned in Acts Brian R. Kenyon

#### Forum: Kingdom Outreach

1:30 Benevolence: Local Church and Abroad Charles Broyles

2:00 Adjusting the Evangelistic Approach Nate Miller

2:30 Churches Planted by Paul Casey Paulin

3:30 **Ladies Class:** Euodia and Syntyche Stephanie Kenyon

3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic

4:30 DINNER

6:30 Congregational Singing

7:00 Finishing What Jesus Began Hiram Kemp

7:45 Urgency of Kingdom Loyalty Melvin L. Otey

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# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

## Our Members:

Bob Pratt - health  
 Jim Turner - health  
 Brian Smith - heart health  
 Debbie Bush - struggles  
 Antoine & Marcella Swain - health  
 Wayne Shearer - health  
 Geny Johnson - health  
 Neyome Brunson- trip to Sri Lanka  
 Bill & Carlene Long- strength

## PRAYER LIST

Ron & Judy Ford - health  
 Pat Chisholm - tests done  
 Bobby Simpson - health  
 Annett Phillip - health  
 Janie Wise - health  
 Brenda Mask - blood pressure issues  
 Sophia Smith- LRMC  
 Charles Paulin- health  
 Jeff Bingle- health

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### December

Designated Elder - Brian Kenyon

### Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Announcements .....David Anderson  
 Song Leader/Prayer.....Brian Kenyon  
 Devo .....Bobby Sheumaker  
 Closing Prayer .....Tucker Sweeney

### Sunday, December 25, 2022

#### 10:30 A.M.

Behold the Mayservant of the Lord (Luke 2:38)  
 Vince Daugherty

#### 6:00 P.M.

Here I Am to Worship (Matt. 2:1-2)  
 Joshua Cantrell

#### 10:30 A.M.

Song/prayer before class .....Andre Medley  
 Announcements .....Stace Paulin  
 A.M. Song Leader .....David Williams  
 Scripture reading/Prayer .....Josh Estridge  
 Lord's Table .....Rick Kenyon  
 Closing Prayer .....David Deal  
 Open/Close bldg (both) .....Brian Kenyon  
 Greeters.....Bingle  
 Attendance cards (both) .....Klark/Sawyer

#### 6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song Leader .....David Williams  
 Scripture reading/Prayer .....Terrance Dindy  
 Lord's Table .....Rick Kenyon  
 Closing Prayer .....Paul Sweeney  
 Greeters .....Sweeney

### Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Announcements .....Rick Kenyon  
 Song Leader/prayer ..... Frank Hamby  
 Devo .....Deacon  
 Closing Prayer .....Kyle Bingle

### Upcoming Events 2023

#### January

1 - Fellowship In-Service  
 6 - New Year's Bonfire @ Brian & Jagie Kenyon's  
 8 -Elder's Deacon's & Preachers Meeting  
 16-19 - FSOP Lectureship

#### February

24-26 - YES Weekend (Forrest Park, Valdosta)

#### March

12-15 - SFA Gospel Meeting (with Victor Eskew)

### ~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Dec 4 ..... \$10,213.00  
 Dec 11.....\$9,659.00  
 Dec 18.....\$6,511.00  
**Contribution Average.....\$6,555.43**  
**Weekly budget ..... \$7,663.43**

**Special urgency:** Toney Wilson's cousin, Marcus Cunningham, has a life threatening issue and is on life-support. Pray for him and his parents.

**Shut-ins:** Joyce Burbage and Carol Eason

**Our Extended Family and Friends** prayer requests are emailed each week and posted on the bulletin board. **Please help us keep these lists updated by informing the office of known changes in status.**



**Curtis Morelock** passed away on Monday morning, December 19, 2022. Arrangements are pending. We thank Curtis for his service in WW II and for his service in Christ. His Bible class comments were humorously memorable and applicable! Thanks to the promises of Jesus, we "sorrow" but not "as others who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13). Please pray for Eve & the family.

## Welcome to the SFA Church of Christ Family

We are happy to announce that **John Hunt** has placed membership with our church family. Let us welcome and encourage him in every way possible! May we grow spiritually and numerically even more in 2023!



The SFA church directory is now available on the **Instant Church Directory App**. Privacy and safety is an absolute factor! To access the app, your email address **must** be registered with the office to verify identity. If the office does not have your email, access to the directory will be **denied**. If you need assistance or more information about it, please see Rick Kenyon.

## Join Us for Bible Classes!

Christianity is a taught religion (John 6:44-45). It is impossible for our faith to outgrow our knowledge of God's word (Rom. 10:17). Come and grow spiritually with us!

### Winter Quarter Schedule

#### Cradle Roll (behind tech booth)

Sundays: Niki (Bible basics)  
 Wednesdays: Jagie (Bible basics)

#### 2-3 Year-Old (Room 18)

Sundays: Nicole (Life of Christ)  
 Wednesdays: Nicole (Life of Christ)

#### 4-5 Year-Old (Room 7)

Sundays: Anita (Life of Christ)  
 Wednesdays: Tiffany (Life of Christ)

#### Elementary (Room 17)

Sundays: Kyle (Life of Christ)  
 Wednesdays: Stephanie (Life of Christ)

#### Teenage (Room 19)

Sundays: Joshua (Life of Christ)  
 Wednesdays: Vince (Ezra/Nehemiah)

#### Adult (Auditorium)

Sundays: Vince (Book of Acts)  
 Wednesdays: Brian (Revelation)

## Women of the Word

# Song of Praise

Ingrid Stewart

Glory and honor  
Glory and honor  
Glory, glory to Jesus  
Praise His name

Glory, glory He is mine  
Glory, glory Jesus is mine  
Glory, glory praise His name

Sing hallelujah to God  
Sing hallelujah to God  
Bless His holy name

Give thanks and praises  
Give thanks and praises  
To our heavenly King  
Let our voices ever ring

Glory and honor to His name  
Glory and honor we proclaim  
Jesus is our savior, praise His name

For months I have been trying to create a melody for this hymn I wrote, but nothing good has come to mind. Finally, I thought to myself that God doesn't require well scripted hymns with perfect melodies. He just requires us to sing and praise Him. When you are happy and thankful for God's mercy, grace, salvation, and spiritual blessings; you can't help but sing a joyful song!

Psalm 7:17 "I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High."

Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him."  
Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."



**Special Thanks** to our young people and their chaperones who participated in our annual visiting the shut-ins to sing and bring good cheer! We had a good turnout, Many hearts were lifted. Let us remember those in need as we enjoy this time of year. Let us pray for those traveling as we get ready for a productive 2023!

## Instructions from a Father (Part 5) How to L-E-A-R-N: N is for No Distractions

Once when Jesus came to town, He entered the house of Mary and Martha. As any good hosts would do, they wanted to prepare the place for their guest. However, when Jesus got there, Mary stopped what she was doing and gave her complete attention to Jesus. "But Martha was distracted with much serving" (Luke 10:40). When she complained to Jesus that her sister was not helping, Jesus said to her, "you are worried and troubled about many things" (Luke 10:41). Mary was not going to let one second be wasted from being able to be with Jesus. It is good to learn to get rid of any distractions. Psalm 119:15 reads, "I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways." Think about our eyes. When there is only one place to focus them, and it is on what we are learning, we have eliminated distractions. Turn off the TV, video games, phones, and tablets. If we want to learn something, we must give 100% dedication to what it is we are wanting to learn. Set a timer and give ourselves to whatever it is for 5, 10, or 15 minutes. After the timer goes off, take a break, relax and do it again. We will find yourself learning how to learn without distractions. "Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you" (Prov. 4:25). VD

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Return Service Requested

Holy, holy, holy, Lord  
God Almighty, Who was  
and is and is to come!

Revelation 4:8



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