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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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"Restore My Spirit, Lord"

Joshua Cantrell

As we embark on a new year, there is much for which to be thankful. We look at this world and often long for the days when we can be with our God for all eternity, but like Paul, there is still much work for us to do here (Philippians 1:21-25). During the course of a year, our fire and passion sometimes go away. The excitement we had at the beginning of the new year, slightly dims towards the end. As Paul writes to the brethren in Ephesus, he is about to tackle the importance of putting on the new man in Christ (Ephesians 4:24-32). Before he begins this, he tackles the mind, "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind" (Ephesians 4:23). The words of the song, "Restore My Spirit, Lord," will be our focus.

"Restore My Spirit, Lord, I Need Restored"

The word restore means "the act of returning something to its former condition." Our zeal for the Lord at the beginning of the year will also serve us towards the middle and end of the year. During the Olympics some are naturally drawn to the runners, the sprinters more specifically. Often the ones running the marathon are overlooked. The Hebrews writer writes, "let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). This year is a marathon, not a sprint.

We must acknowledge our zeal for the Lord needs to be sparked. Our passion for God's will leads to our devotion to God. The spiritual man will often get tired from the hurts of this world. Because we are in God's family, we must often bury beloved family members of His kingdom. We are reminded that this world is not our home. While that does bring a sense of sadness, it also should encourage us to be renewed in the spirit of our mind.

"Revive the Fire, Lord, Deep in My Soul"

We typically do not look at fire as something to be desired. When we see fire, we see the danger. Fire also serves as an igniter. The second verse of this song reads, "Revive the fire Lord, deep in my soul; Stir my desire to work in your fold. Light in my heart, dear God, your zeal grown cold." Fire serves as warmth. When people are in the forest camping and darkness begins to fall, they immediately begin the process of lighting the fire.

Our fire for the Word of God must continue. The psalmist declares, "As the deer panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee" (Psalm 42:1). There is much work in the kingdom of God that must get done. This year challenge yourself to work more for God's glory and kingdom. You will see your fire burns longer than those who do not work.

"Renew My Courage, Lord, It Needs Restored"

Toward the end of 2022, we preached a few lessons from the Book of Joshua. God told him multiple times to be "strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:6-7, 9). Paul records, "God has not given us the spirit of fear" (2 Timothy 1:7). The song states, "My cup is empty, refill it, dear Lord. Replace all doubts [Continued on page 4]



John Allan



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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

6:30 Congregational Singing RSVP, \$12 donation for dinner

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 Chrch 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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PRAYER LIST

Current: Anita Shearer was not feeling well but has improved; Emily Paulin's mom, Marcia, is battling a rare infection; Pat Chisholm had some tests done; Neyome (and Wesley) Brunson, as Neyome is in Sri Lanka. We praise God with thanks for the favorable test results Jeff Bingle received.

Continual: Sophia Smith & family (brain trauma recovery); Bob Pratt (health); Brenda Mask (blood pressure issues); Debbie Bush (struggles); Brian Smith (heart health); Antoine & Marcella Swain (health); Wayne Shearer (health); Geny Johnson (health); Bill & Carlene Long (strength); Ron & Judy Ford (health); Bobby Simpson (health); Annett Phillip (health); Janie Wise (health); Charles Paulin (health); Jim Turner (health).

Shut-ins: Joyce Burbage, Carol Eason, and Kenny & Reba French.

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.



The memorial service for Curtis Morelock will be January 11, 2023, at the Estates at Carpenters Auditorium in Lakeland, beginning at 10:00 am. The address is: 1001 Carpenters Way, Lakeland, FL 33809.

Work Day, Saturday, Jan. 7

Your help would be appreciated beginning at 9:00 am as we polish pews, clean stairwells & upstairs, tidy the grounds, etc. in preparation for the upcoming lectureship!



Calling All Youth Group Parents!

There will be a parent planning luncheon Sunday, January 8, following morning service to discuss and plan youth group goals and activities for 2023. Lunch will be provided. Your presence is appreciated!

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)

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

December

Designated Elder - Brian Kenyon

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

AnnouncementsRick Kenyon
 Song Leader/prayer Frank Hamby
 DevoDeacon
 Closing PrayerKyle Bingle

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Drum Major Mentality (Mark 10:33-34)
 Joshua Cantrell

6:00 P.M.

God Over Everything (Acts 17:24)
 Joshua Cantrell

10:30 A.M.

Song/prayer before classDavid Williams
 AnnouncementsFrank Hamby
 A.M. Song LeaderKyle Faneuf
 Scripture reading/PrayerBrian Kenyon
 Lord's TableWayne Shearer
 Closing PrayerPhil Fife
 Open/Close bldg (both)Jason Hendrix
 Greeters Fifes
 Attendance cards (both)Declan/Ellis

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song LeaderKyle Faneuf
 Scripture reading/PrayerKyle Bingle
 Lord's TableWayne Shearer
 Closing PrayerTyler Anderson
 GreetersOlivia/Ingrid

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

AnnouncementsJimmy Sweeney
 Song Leader/prayer Frank Hamby
 DevoDeacon
 Closing PrayerJosh Estridge

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 11.....	\$9,659.00
Dec 18.....	\$6,511.00
Dec 25.....	\$5,437.00
Contribution Average.....	\$6,533.96
Weekly budget	\$7,663.43

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doubts and fear with faith so bold." As we look forward to this new year, we also look to being more courageous in what God has called us to do.

Conclusion

The whole duty, of the whole church, is to teach and preach the whole Gospel to the whole world (Matthew 28:18-20). The Great Commission our Lord gave his disciples, is ours as well. We must be strong and courageous and carry out and accomplish this great work. "Renew my love, rebuild my faith, O, restore my soul!" We look forward to the blessings that await us this year. How great is our God!

Women of the Word Fitness Friend

Ingrid Stewart

Going to the gym is fun for me. I enjoy going alone because I can choose the time most convenient for me and how long I will stay. However, working out alone can mean mediocre workouts, finding excuses not to work out on days I am tired or lazy, and then eventually stop going to the gym. I finally decided to go back to what worked for me before, teaming up with a trainer. Trainers will hold us accountable, pushing us beyond our comfort zone, as well as helping us reach our fitness goals.

We need spiritually strong friends who can help us on our Christian journey. Barnabas helped Paul; Paul was there for Timothy; and countless other Christians are named as fellow workers with Paul (Romans 16:3, 9, 21; 1 Corinthians 3:9; 8:23; Philippians 2:25; 4:3; Colossians 4:11). There will be days we are feeling spiritually discouraged, weak, tired, or just lazy. Our Christian friends can be there to encourage us during these times. Praying for us, calling us with words of encouragement, or just being godly examples. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up." See also Proverbs 12:26, Proverbs 17:17, and Proverbs 27:9. We all need Christian friends who can help us stay spiritually fit for the work of the Lord.

YOUTH SPOT

VINCE DAUGHERTY

LESSONS FROM FIRST TIMOTHY (PART 1)

We do not live under the Law of Moses (Gal. 3:24-25). However, the Law of Moses has a proper use. "We know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully" (1 Tim. 1:8). The Law of Moses exposes, or makes sin known. The Law of Moses did not offer salvation by knowing the law. It made those who knew the law guilty of sin and long for salvation that was promised through the Messiah. The law shows what is right and what is wrong behavior. People are sorting out their way in the world. Often the world we live in cannot properly figure out what actions are right or wrong. That is what we learn from studying God's word. We need to learn from the life stories of those who failed, such as those who were unholy (like King Saul), profane (like Esau), murders (like Cain), fornicators (like David), sodomites (Genesis 19), kidnappers (like Joseph's brothers), liars (like Ananias and Sapphira). Jesus came to save us from our sins. When Paul thought about his life, he saw himself as the worst of the worst of sinners. However, he was able to obtain mercy through Jesus Christ. We can learn from those examples and seek the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ. That is how we properly use the Law.

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Return Service Requested

You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and
honor and power.

Revelation 4:11



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