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Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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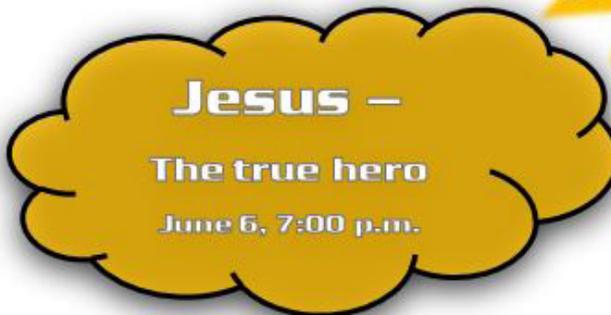
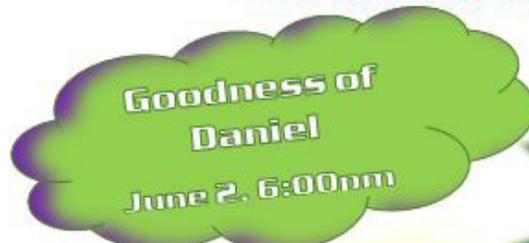
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**SEARCH**  
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Sundays @ 8:30 a.m. Check local listings



**You are invited to attend the 2019 Vacation Bible School**

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# Wisdom's Warning: Hanging Out with Those Who Party

Brian R. Kenyon

The Book of Proverbs has several sections that are introduced, “My son” (Pr. 1:8; 2:1; 3:1, etc.) or “Hear, my children” (Pr. 4:1; 5:7; 7:24, etc.). These sections constitute topics that God’s wisdom dictates parents should teach their children and grandchildren. When parents fail to give this instruction, children are much more vulnerable to being devoured by the devil (1 Pet. 5:8). Consider what godly wisdom says about the partying crowd: “Hear, my son, and be wise; And guide your heart in the way. <sup>20</sup>Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with gluttonous eaters of meat; <sup>21</sup>For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags” (Pr. 23:19-21).

## Partying Pacifies

In our “instant gratification” world, the allure of the partying crowd seems so satisfying. Many young (and not so young) have fallen away because they got caught-up with the pleasure seekers. People must be taught not to choose for their friends those who love to spend their time partying. “Do not mix [be not among, KJV]” means do not keep company. That wine is dangerous and drunkenness is destructive is clear from Proverbs 23:29-35:

Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? <sup>30</sup>Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine. <sup>31</sup>Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; <sup>32</sup>At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper. <sup>33</sup>Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things. <sup>34</sup>Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: <sup>35</sup>“They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?”

However, the meaning of Proverbs 23:19-21 goes deeper than dangers of alcohol. The “drunkard” and “glutton” are “the epitome of the lack of discipline” (Allen Ross, “Proverbs,” *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary*). “Winebibbers [heavy drinkers of wine, NAS; drunkards, ESV]” are those who drink a lot of wine. “Gluttonous eaters of meat” are those who overindulge in eating. “Meat” literally refers to flesh, but can also be used to represent solid food. Excessive eating and drinking are symptoms of a deeper problem. It is the deeper problem of intemperance that leads to the poverty of the drunkard and glutton and all who follow their example.

## Poverty Pounces

An old Kentucky proverb says, “You can’t soar like eagles in the morning if you’re hootin’ with owls all night!” Excessive indulgence fills the one who parties with “drowsiness,” and thus makes him or her unfit for work. Those unfit for work are eventually overcome with poverty. A similar proverb teaches, “Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with bread” (Pr. 20:13). How many young (and not so young) people party all night, indulge themselves with material pleasures, but cannot hold a job because they are too worn out the next day to be effective? Pleasures of this life cannot be the purpose of a successful life, for “He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich” (Pr. 21:17).

## Conclusion

Parents must teach their children (and grandchildren) about the dangers of making friends of those who spend their time partying. It is popular among many in the present culture, especially among some high school and college age peers, to be known as a “partier.” Parents must teach and exemplify sobriety, self-control, and the value of an “honest day’s work.” It is good for people to work with their hands in what is good so that they “may have something to give him who has need” (Eph. 4:28)!

**REMEMBER THE LORD IN ALL YOUR SUMMER PLANS!  
FIND A SOUND CHURCH WITH WHOM TO WORSHIP!**

# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

## Prayer List

**Our Members:** Neil Entwistle has bronchitis. Faith West, Jim Turner, Ginny Hamby, Sharon Washington, and Margaret Coone.

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

**Others:** Naomi Zamot (Jagie Kenyon's niece) received good news on her last scan, that there was no tumor on the kidney. The family is grateful for the prayers. Larry Lester, (Toney Wilson's brother), Paulisky Irizarry, Chrissi Fuesner, Tonya Mathis, Chip Bolding, Tony Seibert, Neil Entwistle's father, Gail Patterson, family member of Darlene and Brenda, and Peggy Nabors.

## Upcoming Events

**Friday May 31st:** Ladies' Swap Till You Drop at 7:00 p.m. Bring your items to the church building by Wednesday, May 22nd.

**Saturday June 1st:** Door knocking at 8:30 a.m. Please come and help promote our VBS. Please see Vince if you would like to join the group.

**Sunday June 2nd:** Fellowship In-Service at 5:00 p.m. before evening service.

**June 2nd-6th: Mark Your Calendars!** Our Vacation Bible School. Please invite family and friends. Flyers are on the table. Come and see where you can help. There will be a Potluck Fellowship Meal on Sunday after morning services to kick off V.B.S.

## Updated address

Dick Burbage has been moved again to Savannah Cottage 605 Carpenter's Way, Lakeland, FL 33809 Room #D-5.

## Thank You's

Dear church family, We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, food and donations to FSOP in memory of our beloved grandson, Luke. We are blessed to be part of this church family.

In Christian love, Bob & Bea Pratt.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Thank you so much for your loving care and kindness. We really are so blessed to be members at SFA. Cards, calls, visits and food are special but the prayers top all.

In Christian love, Bill & Carlene Long.

Dear church family, I want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, visits and food. In Christian love, Faith West

## Sympathy

Lynn Stevens, David & Daniel Stearsman's cousin, who had been on our prayer list, passed away after a long battle with cancer.

## Response

Toney Wilson responded to Sunday night's invitation asking for prayers for some family health and anger issues.

## Visitors

Jerry Green, Eric Bunch, Sherman Williams, Harry & Victoria Williams, Mike & Liz & Justin Bosley, Heather Glass, Bruce & Cheryl England, Wanda & Amy Powell, Charles & Brenda Lynn and Johnny Davidson.

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### June

Open/Close building-Tim Croson

David Williams..... **Table** ..... Charles Paulin  
Fred Strickland..... **Assist** ..... Matt Willcutt

### Sunday, May 26, 2019

9:30 A.M.

**Song at Bible Class**..... Kyle Bingle  
**Prayer**..... David Anderson

10:30 A.M.

**Sound Booth**..... Kyle Williams  
**Announcements**..... Jimmy Sweeney  
**Song Leader**..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer**..... Wayne Shearer  
**Sermon**..... Hiram Kemp  
**Closing Prayer**..... Ken Walker  
**Greeters**..... Bingle/Shearer  
**Cards**..... Caelen/Cam'ron

6:00 P.M.

**Song Leader**..... Kyle Williams  
**Opening Prayer**..... Tyler Anderson  
**Sermon**..... Hiram Kemp  
**Closing Prayer**..... Fred Hamby

### Wednesday, May 29, 2019

**Song Leader**..... Paul Romine  
**Opening Prayer**..... Wayner Shearer  
**Closing Prayer**..... Tim Croson

### June- Clean-up Wayne Shearer (L-P)

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

### Sunday, June 2, 2019

9:30 A.M.

**Song at Bible Class**..... Frank Hamby  
**Prayer**..... David Anderson

10:30 A.M.

**Sound Booth**..... Casey Paulin  
**Announcements**..... Wayne Shearer  
**Song Leader**..... Jason Hendrix  
**Opening Prayer**..... Wesley Brunson  
**Sermon**..... Hiram Kemp  
**Closing Prayer**..... Jimmy Sweeney  
**Greeters**..... Bingle/Faneuf  
**Cards**..... Colby/Sawyer

6:00 P.M.

**Song Leader**..... Vince Daugherty  
**Opening Prayer**..... Paul Romine  
**Sermon**..... Hiram Kemp  
**Closing Prayer**..... Wadi Khoury

### Wednesday, June 5, 2019

**Song Leader**..... Jim Turner  
**Opening Prayer**..... Kenny French  
**Closing Prayer**..... Bobby Sheumaker

## ~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Apr. 28.....	\$6,542.00
May 5.....	\$7,520.64
May 12.....	\$6,357.70
May 19.....	\$5,674.07
<b>Contribution Average</b> .....	<b>\$6,636.92</b>

*Member Spotlight*

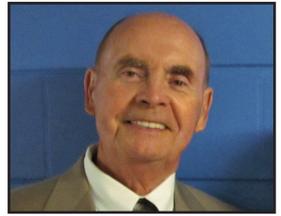
# Ian Enamorado



Ian was born in Lakeland and has lived here all his life. From a child he has wanted to be an engineer, with special interest in creating video games. He is currently a student. He has spent time in Miami and in Tuscan, Arizona, with family. He has gone on a mission trip to Panama. His favorite drink is root beer. His favorite dessert is ice cream. His favorite season is Fall. He is definitely a night owl. When he has free time, he likes sleeping, drawing, playing video games, and thinking. He is finishing ninth grade and has played tuba in the band.

*Member Spotlight*

# Jim Edmonson



Jim was born in Terre Haute, Indiana and also lived in Pennsylvania before moving to Florida. As a child, he wanted to be a race car driver. His first job was as a steel mill electrician. He is currently retired. He has visited several countries. He is good at solving technical problems. He likes reading and walking. His most satisfying accomplishment is beholding his grandchildren. The best advice he's been given is "Don't stick your tongue on the pump handle." He and his wife, Carol, have 11 children, 24 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.



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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREACHER, HIRAM KEMP!**

He earned his master of arts degree in Old Testament from Freed-Hardeman University on May 18, 2019. Hiram is the first person to graduate this newly developed program at FHU. We appreciate him, Brittani, and their children as they work with us!

# Pray & Plan for Our VBS June 2-6, 2019



## **MISSION TRIP PERU**

Pray for our young people and their chaperones as they gear-up for a mission trip to Haucho, Peru, July 19-27, 2019. They will knock doors, pass out tracts, and conduct one-on-one Bible studies.

We appreciate our elders for seeing the value in involving our young people. If you would like to contribute, see our elders.

### **We are A MISSION-MINDED CHURCH!**

In addition to the large-group mission trip to Peru, several of the members here are going on other campaigns. **Brian** is in Ghana, West Africa, and will return, Lord willing, May 30. **Dee & Alex** are going to the Philippines. **Casey** is going to Costa Rica and Panama. **Tucker** is going to Costa Rica. Let us pray for their safety and the Gospel's free course into honest hearts!