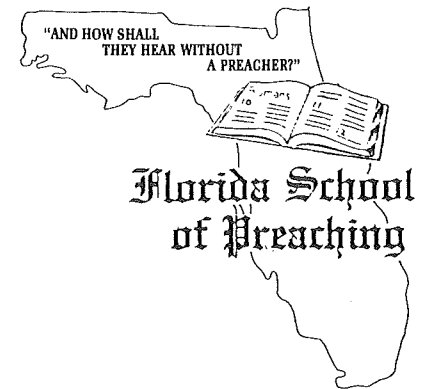


# THE HARVESTERS



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## THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR THE CHALLENGES OF OUR SUCCESSES

[In the *Harvesters* we propose to teach, to inform, to express appreciation to fellow workers, and to challenge each of us to do all that we can to prepare individuals to sow the seed of the kingdom. The following letter is written by brother Maurice Davis. Brother Davis is a graduate of *The Florida School of Preaching*, a member of the teaching staff, and serves as one of the board of directors. Brother Davis preaches for the Sixth Street Church of Christ, Lakeland, Florida. These brethren are faithful supporters of the school. Consider with joy the progress evident in the letter and prayerfully ponder the appeal made. Editor]

December 20, 1989

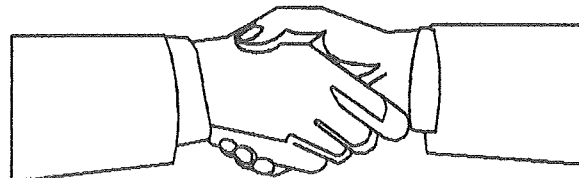
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Brethren:

*Our Prayers and hopes are that you and the Lord's work are doing well. As for us here, we are doing very well. We have had 32 baptisms as of today's date, but we are still below our*

*planned goal for 1989.*

*Brethren, the purpose of this letter is to share some good news with you and make a request. First, the good news, of the 32 baptisms we have had, 5 of them are people who do not understand or speak English very well. The story behind our success*



Fellow Workers for the Truth  
III John 8

*is that in January of this year, we were introduced to brother Joseph Charles by brother Victor Jarrell who preaches for the North Federal church of Christ of Lakeworth, FL. Brother Jarrell taught and baptized brother Charles, (a native of Haiti) and he was at that time assisting brother Charles to enroll in the Florida School of Preaching. After meeting and getting acquainted with brother Charles, we learned that he spoke several languages, one*

*of which is French. This was an answer to our prayers, since there had been several people attending our worship services who understood and spoke only French. We invited brother Charles to come and worship with us, he accepted our invitation, and on January of this year he began worshipping with us, and as a result we have been blessed to baptize 5 precious souls: a man and his wife and a father and two of his teen-age children. Both men preached for the Nazarene Church.*

*Brethren, both men have expressed a desire to continue preaching, but they realized a need to be taught properly. Both desire to attend the Florida School of Preaching, but is our judgement that only one understands and speaks English well enough to progress in his studies at this time. Therefore, we recommend that only one be enrolled.*

*Brother Hermann Andre is 48 years old, married and has three teen-age children. He says that he needs about \$1,622.00 monthly support in*

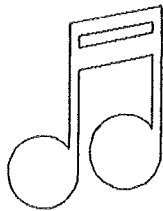
order for him to attend school full time. We are greatly impressed by brother Andre and we think he will make an excellent student. Therefore, we plan to give him some assistance, but he will need more than what we are able to give. So we are asking others who are able and willing to assist him to please do so. Brethren, brother Andre says, "I am happy to be a member of the church of Christ, and now I feel responsible to share the good news with my people." Please, brethren let us help him fulfill his desire. If you would like to meet with him, please call either of the above numbers [(813) 682-0473; (813) 682-8695] and ask to speak with Brother Maurice Davis or call the school's number 813-683-4043 and ask to speak with Brother B.C. Carr and we will arrange for you to meet with him. Thanking you in advance.

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#### LIBRARY ACQUISITION

Sister Grace Duke has made a significant contribution to the school library. Mechanical Instruments in worship has been, is now, and always will be a problem for the cause of the Lord. It is immediately a test of one's willingness to abide in the truth or his determination to leave the truth for the traditions of men.

Many who are



uninformed think that the opposition to mechanical instruments of music in worship is something that is peculiar to what some term "legalistic members of the Church of Christ." Such expressions betrays their bias and ignorance of the subject under consideration. There have been others who have opposed the use of Mechanical Instruments in worship and they are not members of the churches of Christ. A major work in this area is the work contributed by sister Duke.

The work which sister Duke secured for the School Library is a Doctoral dissertation, 1965, from Columbia University by James William McKinnon. It is entitled *The Church Fathers and Musical Instruments*.

Sister Duke secured the copy by having the microfilm sent to a local library and then having it photo-copied for the school library. The copy may not be checked out, but it is available for anyone to read.

We appreciate Grace for her interest in the school and for this special contribution to our library.

October 14, 1989

B.C. and Staff of  
F.S.O.P.



Things are going well. Preached service for funeral of man who was not a Christian this afternoon. Wife is a Christian. Have studies set up with son and daughter-in-law of wife and correspondence with their adopted daughter in California. She and I were together at father's bedside when he died. That was really sobering to experience.

Am to study with an eighty-one year old man who

has leukemia. Please pray that he might live long enough to obey the Gospel if it be God's will.

Hope all is well. Glad to see so many students at F.S.O.P.

In Christian love.

Robert C. Lupo

[Robert also writes under the date of 12-30-89]  
Dear Brother Carr,

Quite often we think about you and the Florida School of Preaching. We are always thankful for the training we received.

Earlier this month I preached a six lesson series on the "Translations." For some time now the church has had the NIV in its pews. I am happy to tell you that the men have decided to take up and replace these faulty translations with more reliable ones.

Two were baptized into Christ Thursday (12-28-89) and we are certain and prayerful that more doors will be opened.

Hope all is well with you. Tell all of those preacher students to study hard. It is well worth it!

In Christian love and in his service,

Robert C. Lupo

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TRAINING PREACHERS SINCE 1969

p.s. I would like to be able to go to Jamaica next trip. I understand there is room. Please send info. as to what I must do or if this is possible.

December 2, 1989

Dear Brother Carr  
and brethren at  
F.S.O.P.



So good to receive the New Bulletins, and to keep in touch with you brethren. Would dearly love to come and be with you in January 1990, for the Lectures, but will "pass" again and hope to see some of you in Memphis for the MSOP Lectures, and again possibly in Tupelo, Ms. for the Lectures.

We've been so blessed in so many ways throughout life, and want to again share with you loved ones. Here's a check to help a little bit.

Give our love to brother and sister McAnally, brother and sister French, Sister Thomas and sister Carr.

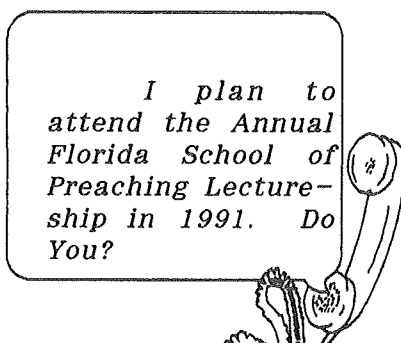
Our love always,  
Cathy and Herman  
Carter

#### LECTURESHIP RECAP

Why will individuals use their vacation time to come to Florida and not spend their time at one of the many entertainment attractions--their spiritual interest and the Annual Florida School of Preaching Lectureship. Why will individuals assemble daily at 9:00 a.m. and stay until 9:30 p.m.--their concern for spirituality and the great lessons to be had at the Annual Florida School of Preaching Lectureship. Why will sister congregations alter their regular services on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening in order

to attend--because of their love for truth and the Florida School of Preaching. Why will individuals give generously of their finances year after year--their concern for Godliness and the Annual Florida School of Preaching Lectureship. Why will many of those on the program refuse to accept financial assistance--because of their love for truth and the Florida School of Preaching.

Why were the crowds outstanding and the week a glowing success? Visiting us at this Lectureship were the Martins from Kingston, Jamaica. They have had the opportunity to visit a number of such events and they were most appreciative for what they obtained and witnessed



at The Annual Florida School of Preaching Lectureship.

The only setback for the week was the inability of brothers Merideth or Dehoff to be here for the Open Forum sessions. Brother Carr did a superb job in handling the questions and offering words of wisdom to a number of questions which those in attendance wished to consider.

The Central Church of Christ in Clearwater, Florida rented a bus and brought a group on Monday and Thursday. This was an encouragement to one and all.

Registering were individuals from sixteen states and three countries: Alabama, Florida, Georgia,

Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Individuals registered from Jamaica, Haiti, and Scotland.

If you were not a part of the Annual Florida School of Preaching Lectureship this year you were the loser. You missed edifying lessons, hearing faithful and competent speakers, challenging insights to the truth, a help in understanding many of the present dangers confronting the people of God, and above this the wonderful fellowship of the family of God.

Why not resolve to attend next year? I am sure that it will make a difference in your spiritual maturity.

Audio and Video tapes are available for a minimum cost. You may order these from the Florida School of Preaching, 1807 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33803.

#### SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS

Following the Annual Lectureship our second semester of classes began. We have three new full time students and a number of part time students to begin class work at the school. At this date the final figures are not in, for it is still possible to register for classes.

Among the subjects studied by our students this semester will be Christian Evidences, Hermeneutics, English Grammar, New Testament Greek, Romans, Daniel and Ezra and Nehemiah and Esther, General Epistles, I and II Thessalonians and I and II Timothy, The Preacher and His Work, Leviticus and Numbers and Deuteronomy, Psychology of Counseling, The Cults, and The Sermon on

the Mount.



Larry Edward Williams

Brother Larry Williams graduated in January. Larry was a very good student and made significant progress in his growth and development while attending. Larry and his family made sacrifices in order for him to complete his training with the school.

Larry's interest in preparation is evident in that he stayed beyond the minimum time in order to take additional courses which he felt would assist him in the work of an evangelist.

Larry and his family are presently working full time with the 10th Avenue Church of Christ, Bradenton, Florida. We believe that Larry will be a great asset to the church in coming years.

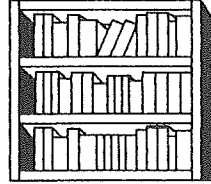


STUDIES IN PAUL'S EPISTLES

By

Eugene W. Clevenger

The students, faculty and interested individuals were privileged to sit at the feet of brother Eugene Clevenger for the week following our Annual Lectureship for a series of special studies in Paul's



Paul's Epistles

Epistles. Brother Clevenger is retired from Abilene Christian University having taught Bible there and at David Lipscomb University in Nashville. In addition to this brother Clevenger has preached for a number of years.

It is the conviction of the school that our training is better if we have as much exposure as possible to faithful and Godly preachers of the Gospel. Preachers who have prepared themselves and have been faithful proclaimers of the truth are the greatest assets to preacher training.

One trained in other fields may be able to assist in that field, but young preachers need the insights available from those who have both prepared themselves in the Book and weathered the storms of life while remaining faithful. We feel fortunate to

have brother Clevenger to be with us.

Brother Clevenger is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman College, 1941. He received the B.A. from Pepperdine College, in 1944, and the B.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1947. He also has done work at Duke University, Durham, N.C. Neil Lightfoot says that brother Clevenger "is no doubt one of the best 'sermonizers' living today. His resources are rich, combining a broad educational background and years of evangelistic experience with the rare virtue of a detailed knowledge of the Bible text. He also possesses a first-hand acquaintance of the Bible languages (Greek and Hebrew)--a rather unique ability among pulpit preachers."

Many years ago I obtained a book of sermon outlines by brother Clevenger--*Sermons for Saints and Sinners*. I received much practical help in preparing lessons from his outlines. In the coming years I am sure our students will look back with grateful appreciation to the school and to brother Clevenger for the insights he has offered them in this special series on Paul's Epistles.

*"Send Forth Laborers  
Into  
His Harvest."*

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