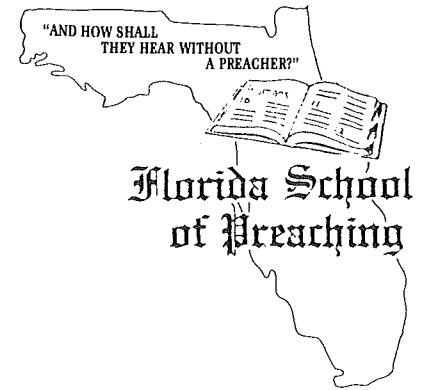


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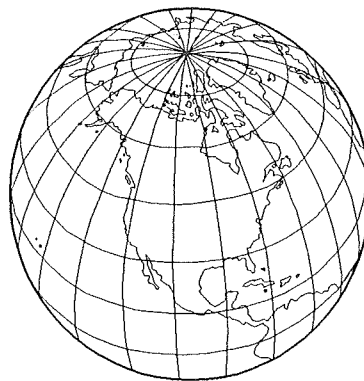
Fellowship In The Furtherance of the Gospel

During the summer months staff and students were involved in applying what they had learned as they traveled to Scotland and Jamaica. In this issue we wish to highlight some of the activities. If you are interested in the *Florida School of Preaching* we are sure that you will enjoy knowing of these activities and the additional training received by students.

SCOTLAND

We requested information from those on the Scotland trip and were given the bulletin from the Bell Shoals Church of Christ in Brandon, Florida. The preacher there is Jack Strachan a native of Scotland. John Strachan is a student in the *Florida School of Preaching* and a son of Jack. John returned to Scotland with the group for the summer. Graham McDonald is a full time student as well as being a native of Scotland. He too returned to Scotland with the group. Both John and Graham are second year students here. Brian Kenyon is a second year student and he was a part of the campaign as well. Ed-

ward and Florence Duffy have attended the school and were a part of this group. The following words are written by Jack Strachan in his bulletin:



The past two months have been so hectic, but also very enjoyable as we worked with several congregations in Scotland. We preached at East Kilbride, Peterhead, Cumbernauld and Glenrothes. . . . The average attendance was 120. We had six baptisms as a result of this effort. . . . Brother and sister Clifford Newell from the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland, preached meetings at Peterhead, Cumbernault, Glenrothes and

East Kilbride. . . . We deeply appreciate each one who committed time, effort and finances to help the churches in Scotland. Every one of the campaigners enjoyed the experience and felt they were the ones who received the greater blessings. We plan to take another group next year, so if you are interested, please contact me.

Signed, Jack Strachan

JAMAICA

The *Central Church of Christ, Clearwater, Florida*, for the second year sent both student and graduates of the *Florida School of Preaching* to help brethren in Jamaica. Brother Clifford A. Martin, Kingston, Jamaica, writes as follows to the brethren in Clearwater. I am reproducing part of this correspondence which recounts the summer work in Jamaica.

August 18, 1990

Dear Gordon,

This is just a note to say thank you. There is so much to

say that it could never be written until I have a comfortable moment which of course, I will need to set aside in order to accomplish that.

Please give my love to your dear wife and to the great church family. Your name is conjoined with Jack every time our young men and young ladies talk of you. I wish the many congregations in Jamaica had the appreciation of Elder's responsibilities as these young Christians. You two have surely impressed us all with the knowledge you have and in particular with the humility displayed so naturally. [Gordon Methvin and Jack Cronk are two of the elders of the Central Church of Christ in Clearwater, Florida. They have visited Jamaica themselves, editor.]

Let Jack know that our prayers are delivered for him and his family. . . .

Jamaica on a whole has greatly benefitted from this work. Your work-team arrived in Jamaica to work—and 'work' they surely effected. It is a great work done and can only be explained in the light of the effects it produced.

Two weeks ago the full team of workers arrived in Jamaica on the North coast which they could only view, but not enjoy nor even fully notice because it was work from the point of arrival—loading cars, driving on the 'wrong' side of the road in order to be 'RIGHT' often times no doubt being frightened out of the wit and in wonderment, seeing the other driver coming at them!!! The trip to Moneague was safe, but their anticipated arrival in Jamaica was thwarted by unforeseen circumstances. The late flight was late, late. . . .

Please copy this to B.C. Carr, Thank you.

Signed, Cliff [Martin]

RECAP OF JAMAICA ACTIVITIES	
TY-DIXON and HAROLD RODRIGUEZ	The workers at Ty-Dixon did a great job. Harold Rodriguez was handed over the responsibilities of the vacation bible school and, with his versatility was able to quickly adjust to this and a great work effected. He was the Gospel Preacher also. The campaign brought about much success there as there were restorations and baptisms and a marriage.
FAITH'S PEN	Brother Lindsey carried out an effective work at this congregation. A very successful gospel meeting and vacation bible school was effected. There were five baptisms and three restorations. There also was for the first time, great numbers of visitors hearing the gospel.
CONSTANT SPRINGS MAXFIELD PARK	This was a successful meeting. The work here cannot be written about in less than "book-form" but suffice it to say—it is great success. There was one restoration and twenty five baptisms and great preaching and great, great personal work by all. We learned a lot from these brethren and we thank the school in our special way.
LARRY WILLIAMS	Larry is of The Florida School of Preaching and Bradenton while in Kingston as a one-man-band was unrelenting in his effort to teach, preach, exhort and visit with people of all class daily.
WILLIE HOLTON	Willie is a natural leader, a strong personality that surely commands the respect and love of all.
NEIL LOPEZ and CHARLES AUSTIN	These two young men have reached the hearts of people with their humility and meekness. They really "blossomed out" as they went along teaching everywhere.
MIKE DYKES	Mike like Harold and Larry are considered experienced soldiers of Christ. He has been able to go everywhere and never seemed to lose energy.
SISTER LENA LINDSEY	In Kingston she will be long remembered. She was in all the work, laboring at Vacation Bible School, one-to-one teaching and at the home helping to feed and make the other workers comfortable.
ROBERT LINDSEY	It is going to be a difficult task for Robert to come to Jamaica and not preach at two or three sites. Already Faith's Pen is calling for him, and he must come to Kingston. Ty-Dixon wish to have him and all the other congregations have heard of him.
JIM HICKOX	Oh, how we miss Jimmie Hickox!! Please assure him that we have him in our prayers for his complete recovery and of course, his family.

August 18, 1990

618 City Boulevard
Waycross, Georgia



Dear Brethren Carr and Stearsman:

Enclosed is a contribution in memory of Bro. Marcellus Chambers. Thank you for sending the *Harvesters*. We are glad for the good work you are doing. We are interested in training the brethren to preach the gospel.

I have been preaching the Word for 56 years, and still do. Great discoveries in study and research thrill me oftentimes.

The best to you always. Most cordially yours in Christ,

Signed, Garvin Toms
[Brother Toms taught in the school for a number of years and we appreciate his words of encouragement, editor.]

July 27, 1990

249 Beechridge Dr.
Cincinnati, Ohio



Dear brethren,

A friend occasionally passes your bulletin to me and I enjoy it very much. If you have a mailing list, I would appreciate very much being on

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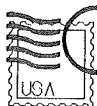
it.

We have fond memories of our visit to the church there in Lakeland. God bless you in your good work.

In Him, Mrs. Hazel Powell

July 8, 1990

2115 9th Ave W
Bradenton, Florida



Florida School of Preaching,

It is always good to hear from you and about the good work you are doing. I will continue to support the work there as I can afford to. May the Lord continue to bless you all and the work there.

Christian Love,
Eunice M. Perry

July 25, 1990

707 N. Oregon
Tampa, Florida



To the School of Preaching Greeting,

May God continue to bless the Florida School of Preaching.

Yours in Christ,
David Atkinson

September 4, 1990

Route 12, Box 132
Canton, Georgia



Dear Brother Carr,

"Bring Your Neighbor Day" was a great success! On August 26, 1990 we set a goal attendance of 53, one more than had been previously achieved. With the help of each member by encouraging and inviting their friends and neighbors, we achieved an attendance of 67 for Sunday morning worship with Bible study attendance of 53. These numbers have not been seen in Canton in at least twelve (12) years. We are thrilled with the growth of the congregation and the dedication and desire for the growth of each member of the congregation. . . .

At the September business meeting, the men of the congregation made a decision based upon faith. We have decided to drop \$300.00 per month of our outside support. This will require an increase of approximately \$60.00 per week in our giving. The men here are determined to work toward the goal of becoming fully self-supporting. To do this, we must force ourselves by giving up a portion of our outside support. . . .

In Christian love,
Larry E. Burch

"IT'S NEVER BEEN THIS LATE BEFORE—"

By
B.C. Carr

The story is told that a man and his wife had gone to bed, having wound up the old clock and turned out the lights. They had not been sleeping too long until the old clock struck 13 times. The wife nudged her husband and said, "Pa, we had best wake up—it's never been this late before." I could not verify whether or not this is a true story. I do know that if a clock strikes that many times something is wrong.

There are certain sounds being heard today, from our brethren, that indicates something is wrong. These things indicate that we are drifting from the truth at a very rapid pace. So few seem to care. Here are a few of the things we are hearing:

X "Most of our worship is based upon tradition rather than the Bible."

X "The only reason we don't have women preachers and elders or deacons is because of our tradition."

X "We need to realize there are uninspired parts of the Bible."

X "We should pray to Jesus as well as to God. The Bible teaches this is alright. It would also be acceptable to pray to

the Holy Spirit."

X "I'm not sure there is any sense in which the law of Moses has been abolished."

X "We should not be judgmental toward other religious people."

X "There is as much scripture to support solos and choirs as there is for congregational singing."

X "What's wrong with singing during the Lord's Supper?"

X "The idea a lot of people have had about religion holds that it is a matter of finding all the rules and living up to them."

X "We don't have to agree on everything to have unity and fellowship."

X "Everything we do is worship."

X In reference to the Crossroads "Confession": "let us open our arms and hearts to receive brothers and sisters from the Boston Movement who are searching for a vibrant and active church that is full of love and liberty in Christ."

These are but a few of the things we are hearing today that are cause for alarm. When we see the sermon topics of so many of our preachers today that stress everything from counselling to politics, when we find elders who are unconcerned about the lost and the things being taught from the pulpit, when we hear more about fellowship than we do about salvation, when we see more interest expressed in playing than in preaching and when we see more concern for the physical well being of the body than we do for an immortal soul, we are made to groan in spirit.

Brethren, it is high time we wake up; it has never been this late before.





Instead of flowers, many people prefer to send a memorial gift that will bear fruit for many years, helping some young man to preach. Send a memorial to the school and we will write a letter of acknowledgment for you. We will need the following information:

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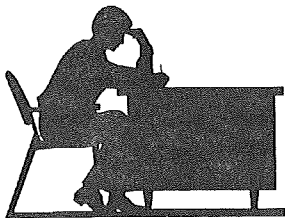
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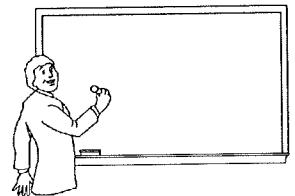
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Fall Enrollment



The school began the fall semester September 10, 1990. To date there are forty-four (44) students enrolled. There are prospects of additional students for the second semester. We will also have graduates to be leaving in January. We have the largest enrollment in many years in New Testament Greek with sixteen (16) enrolled. There are more than twenty (20) enrolled in the Tuesday evening class



that is taught by brother J.H. Blackman.

There are full time students from Scotland and two men from Haiti now enrolled and a third Haitian is to be enrolled in January. We are still hoping to have a full time student from Jamaica. The only hindrance is immigration regulations.

We know that all who support us are proud of our potential this year. Pray for us.

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