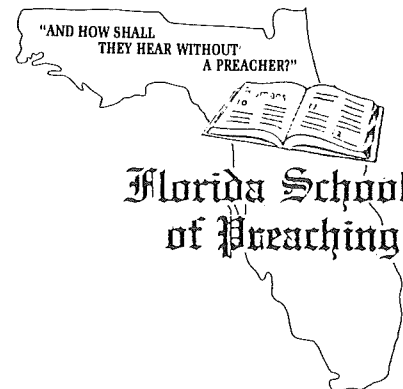


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Fall Enrollment Overview

We would like for those interested in the *Florida School of Preaching* to know of our progress in training preachers and edifying the church. Most who read the *Harvesters* are interested in the ongoing operation of the school and we want you to know what is happening as we begin this semester. Total enrollment includes thirty-five (35).

Full Time Students

We have nine (9) full time students. We have students from Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad (now from Jamaica, NY), Indiana, Michigan, Washington, D.C., and Florida.

Jeff Booth is from Mio, Michigan.

Jeff is a full time student and this is his first semester. Jeff is married and his wife and three children moved here that he might attend school.

John Brackin is from Indianapolis, Indiana. John retired from Ford Motor Company and entered the school. His wife, **Barbara** is retired from AT & T and she is enrolled in two classes. John is a second year student.

Devon Bryan is from Jamaica. Devon is a first year student. His family is still in Jamaica and he hopes to have them with him very soon. Devon is a graduate of the Jamaica School of Preaching in Kingston.

Bernard Cooper is a first year student from North Carolina. He and his wife moved to Lakeland that he might attend school.

David A. Dominessy is a first year student. He is from Ocala. David lives in Lakeland during the week but returns to Ocala most weekends.

Kevin P. Joy is a second year student. Kevin is originally from Washington, D.C. He came to school from West Palm



Front: Jeff Booth, John Brackin, Devon Bryan, Bernard Cooper
Back: David Dominessy, Kevin Joy, Dumas Lafleur, Neil Lopez, Joseph Sejour

Beach, Florida. Kevin and his wife and children live in Auburndale, Florida with the church there providing him housing.

Dumas Lafleur is a first year student from Haiti. He was baptized by brother Carr last year. He was a preacher for the Church of God. He and his wife and children moved to Lakeland that he might attend school.

Neil Lopez is a second year student. He is from Jamaica, NY. He was originally from Trinidad. He is here with his family in New York. He will graduate in January and become full time evangelist with the church in Jamaica, NY.

Joseph Sejour is from Orlando. He is a second year student and was originally from Haiti. Joseph has preached for the Nazarene and Assembly of God churches. He preaches on the radio in Orlando in Creole, his native language, trying to reach as many of the Haitian community as possible with the truth.

Principles of Speech Tuesday Evening

Brother J.H. Blackman teaches this class. There are fourteen students enrolled. They are from **Lakeland**, Florida, John and Barbara Brackin, Bryan and Ruth Strickland, Neil Lopez and Joseph Sejour; from **Winter Haven**, Florida: Joseph Scott, A.V. Kennedy, and Ernestine Manning; from **Mulberry**, Florida: Thomas Coon and Tommy Faulk; from **Arcadia**, Florida, Willie Holton; from **Valrico**, Florida George Laws; from **Orlando**, Florida

Thomas Brown.

New Testament Greek Thursday Evening

In order to assist students that are not full time we offered the Greek class in the evenings. This class has been taught regularly in the day. There are a number of individuals attending from the surrounding area. From **Lakeland**, Florida, Bryan Strickland. Glenn Burgess is from **Safety Harbor**, Florida. Brother Burgess preaches for the Booth Street Congregation in Safety Harbor. There are four students (two couples: Carra and Mark Byers; Sam and Sharon Reed) from **Bradenton**, Florida. There are a father and daughter in the class from **Mulberry**, Florida; Tommy Faulk and his daughter, Tonya R. Berryan. Brother Faulk preaches for the Sebring, Florida Congregation. Brother Thomas Brown is from **Orlando**, Florida. Brother Floyd Singleton is from **Plant City**, Florida. Brother Singleton preaches in Orlando, Florida.



October 2, 1991

B.C. Carr, Director

Dear Brother Carr;

"Putting our money
where our mouth is" demands

concrete action. Enclosed is a donation of \$100. to be used as you determine the need.

Fairy and I have enjoyed attending the lectures the past two years since coming to the mission field of Buena Vista, Georgia.

Our plans are to attend again this year in January. . . .

We appreciate the HARVESTERS and read with enthusiasm.

O that brethren would see the need being fulfilled by the work at the school and support it. May God grant the day when we awaken to our responsibilities and arise to meet the opportunities God gives us.

Yours in Christ,
/s/ Bert Brown

Dear B.C. and staff,

Sorry to hear that the school was broken into recently. Hopefully all property will be recovered. In any case, God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world. September was a "rough" month here. The neighbor's house burnt down, Ricky broke his left arm above the elbow, and I smashed into a deer (or more

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Seventeenth Annual Lectureship

January 20-23, 1992

Theme - *"Does The Church Need Changing For The Coming Century?"*

Monday — January 20

- 9:00 "Preaching for the Next Century"
Winford Claiborne, Henderson, Tennessee
- 9:45 "Changing Our Attitudes Toward Money"
V.P. Black, Chickasaw, Alabama
- 10:45 "Preaching the Gospel and Leaving Others Alone"
Jim Ezekiel, Folkston, Georgia

11:30 Lunch

- 1:30 "One Gospel For All Men"
Gilbert Miller, Ft. Myers, Florida
- 2:30 "Abuses of Worship in Song"
W.D. Jeffcoat, Gainesville, Florida
- 3:30 Open Forum
Flavil Nichols & Jackie Stearsman

4:30 Dinner

- 7:00 "Attitudes Toward Evangelism"
Robert Lindsey, Brooksville, Florida
- 7:45 "God's Unchanging Hand"
Wendell Winkler, Montgomery, Alabama

Tuesday — January 21

- 9:00 "Preaching For The Next Century"
Winford Claiborne, Henderson, Tennessee
- 9:45 "Changing Our Attitudes Toward Money"
V.P. Black, Chickasaw, Alabama
- 10:45 "The Changing Role of Women"
Wendell Winkler, Montgomery, Alabama

11:30 Lunch

- 1:30 "Are We Ignoring the Qualifications of Elders?"
Bobby Duncan, Adamsville, Alabama
- 2:30 "Is Truth Relative?"
W.E. Wardlaw, Huntsville, Alabama
- 3:30 Open Forum
Flavil Nichols & Jackie Stearsman

4:30 Dinner

- 7:00 "Changing Our Moral Values"
Gene Hill, Auburndale, Florida
- 7:45 "Changes I Have Seen In The Last 50 Years"
V.P. Black Chickasaw, Alabama

Wednesday — January 22

- 9:00 "Preaching for the Next Century"
Winford Claiborne, Henderson, Tennessee
- 9:45 "Changing Our Attitudes Toward Money"
V.P. Black, Chickasaw, Alabama
- 10:45 "Must One Be Member of Church of Christ To Be Saved?"
Jack Tittle, Rocky Mt., North Carolina

11:30 Lunch

- 1:30 "Shall We Reject Pattern Religion?"
Jim Laws, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2:30 "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing"
Wayne Coats, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
- 3:30 Open Forum
Flavil Nichols & Jackie Stearsman

4:30 Dinner

- 7:00 "Rules For Christian Living Never Change"
Samuel Roney, Tampa, Florida
- 7:45 "What Preachers Can Do To Preserve The Faith"
Winfred Clark, Athens, Alabama

Thursday — January 23

- 9:00 "Preaching for the Next Century"
Winford Claiborne, Henderson, Tennessee
- 9:45 "Youth Problems In Our Changing Society"
David Macy, Blue Ridge, Georgia
- 10:45 "Changing Attitudes Toward Fellowship"
Marlin Kilpatrick, Port Charlotte, Florida

11:30 Lunch

- 1:30 "Changing Attitudes Toward Controversy"
Bobby Liddell, Pensacola, Florida
- 2:30 "Courting The Favor of Denominations"
Winfred Clark, Athens, Alabama
- 3:30 Open Forum
Flavil Nichols & Jackie Stearsman

4:30 Dinner

- 7:00 "Changing Attitudes Toward The Bible"
Gene Burgett, High Springs, Florida
- 7:45 "The Roll of Elders in Preventing Apostasy"
Bobby Duncan, Adamsville, Alabama

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correctly, he smashed into me). But, as usual it could have been worse. No lives were lost in the fire, Ricky's arm should heal completely, and I have a freezer full of meat as per the Game Warden's approval.

There is hardly a day that goes by that I don't thank—fully reflect upon the foundation received at the Florida School of Preaching. There has not been a situation to come up yet that the school has not prepared me for, whether the work in Enville or the situations that come up in school. The work in Enville is going better than expected. I'm preaching on a regular basis and getting to know the people in the community much better. May God continue to bless you in preparing men to preach the Gospel.

*In Christian Love,
/s/ Brian Kenyon and family*

**We Must
Request
Your Help
Again** 

Thank You!

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the cards, flowers and memorial contributions to the Florida School of Preaching at the death of our father, Wallace Stearsman.

The Stearsman family

Office Vandalized Computer Stolen



September 1987, due to the interest and sacrificial generosity of many, the *Florida School of Preaching* purchased a computer. It has been of untold value in keeping financial records and keeping tabs on our mailing list for the *Harvesters*

and supporters. Without such equipment we would be unable to keep up our mailings as we do.

Computers are a part of our life today. Ministers and elders of the church are finding that they are needed in the Lord's work. We are developing a class for the summer session for 1992 on the value of the computer in work of the church.

The purchase price of our original setup cost **\$3,000**. To replace the equipment is costing **\$2,540**.

Our greatest disappointment comes in learning that the theft of the computer is not covered by our insurance. The vandalism was covered.

The new equipment will be in operation by the time you read this and we must pay for it with no help from insurance.

Should you be able in any way to come to our aid again it would be greatly appreciated. Send your contributions for this special emergency earmarked:

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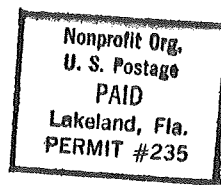
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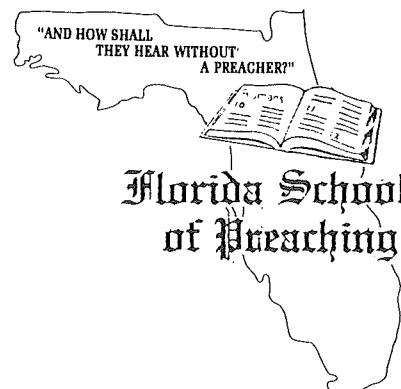
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What You May Expect At The Florida School of Preaching

By
Jackie M. Stearsman

Anyone contemplating attending a school has a right to know what is expected of them as well as what to expect from the institution. In view of this I wish to reflect upon some things a student may anticipate who attends the *Florida School of Preaching*.

Respect for the Bible

Any school proposing to prepare men to preach the truth must have a profound respect for the Bible. You may expect the Bible to be taught, memorized and defended.

We know full well that a variety of views are provided with most any verse or idea in the Bible. Truth (what does the Bible teach), and not a variety of opinions is our goal. We know the Bible teaches that God's ways and man's ways are not always the same. *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts"* (Isa. 55:8-9).

Therefore, we are to *"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding"* (Prov. 23:23).

As God is our helper we shall ever propose this as our guiding philosophy; the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Love for the Church

If we are to judge by the writing and actions of some in the church we must conclude that their attitude appears to be that of bitterness and ill will toward the church. With such persons we refuse to be associated.

We are concerned for the church that Jesus died to purchase (Eph. 5:25). We respect the Bible and know that it teaches that there is but one body (Eph. 4:4) and that

this one body is the church (Eph. 1:22-23).

The church of Christ is unique. No other institution known to man has such a high and holy calling. To not know and identify with the church for which Jesus died is to make a decision with grave consequences.

Those who would teach that one church is as good as another, and that God and the Christ are as pleased when we are in man made Churches as they are when we are in His blood bought body, are being irresponsible teachers.

We can know the truth and the truth will make us free (John 8:32). We know the truth about the church and will not permit another to take us captive to his vain philosophy developed from the foolish imaginations of disobedient men (Col. 2:8).

Love for the Lost

Because of our respect for the Bible we know that men are lost without the good news (the gospel). Men sin when they disobey God. Men disobey God when

