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HAPPY TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT WORK

By

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There is no greater work in this world than that which advances the Gospel of Christ (cf. Rom. 1:16). This work may be carried out by parents who bring up their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4), by elders who truly oversee the flock to which they are entrusted (Acts 20:28), by preachers who faithfully proclaim the unsearchable riches of God (Rom. 10:14-15), by Bible class teachers who effectively communicate God's truths to their class (Lk. 8:11, 15), by Christians (young and old, male or female) who, by word and deed, teach those with whom they come in contact (Jn. 1:40-45; 4:28-30), and/or by instructors who systematically teach and train students to become effective in any or all of the above mentioned avenues of advancing the

Gospel (2 Tim. 2:2). Although the fruits of this great work may not always be measured in this world, they are far superior to anything this world has to offer (cf. 1 Pet. 1:3-5). Florida School of Preaching fulfills a vital role in this great work of advancing the Gospel of Christ.

In January, while attending the annual lectureship, I was asked to consider working with the school as a full time instructor. While prayerfully considering this invitation, I continually thought of the greatest work this side of eternity--advancing the Gospel of Christ! Although I am not as "seasoned" in local ministry as the rest of the instructors, I have been involved in local ministry enough to know that my best talents lie in the field of studying and teaching God's word. Therefore, I have

gladly and enthusiastically accepted the work as a full time instructor. I solicit your prayers on behalf of the school and myself that we may continue to be faithful to God and that we may be increasingly influential in the advancement of the Gospel of Christ throughout the world.

I am especially looking forward to three aspects of this work. First, I look forward to the opportunity and challenge of working with students and staff in leading souls to Christ. Accountable people are lost without rendering obedience to the Gospel (Rom. 1:16; 2 Thes. 1:8). Although I have been involved in leading souls to Christ as I have worked locally with churches over the years, working with the school presents a greater opportunity to do this than any other work with which I have been involved. Florida

school of Preaching, along with faithful sister schools, contributes greatly to leading souls to Christ. Only eternity can measure the influence of one properly trained evangelist. For every increase in properly trained preachers there is a corresponding increase in the potential for more souls to reach eternity saved (cf. Rom. 10:13-17). Although we encourage all to attend the classes offered by the school, our main purpose is to "train preacher and Bible class teachers for the churches of Christ" (page 4 of the catalog). As a trained preacher and Bible class teacher, I know the value of faithful and knowledgeable instructors. I am indebted to those who have taught me throughout my years as a preacher. The influence for good upon the lost that I have had (and will continue to have) is, to a large degree, the result of those who have taught me. I look forward to being a part of leading souls to Christ through teaching the word of God.

Second, I look forward to the fellowship that naturally occurs when Christians wholeheartedly work together in advancing the Gospel of Christ (cf. Phil. 1:3-7). The brothers and sisters in Christ who are involved with the school are among the finest in our brotherhood. Since being a student at the school from

1989-1991, I have greatly appreciated the South Florida Avenue church of Christ, the board of directors, the instructors and staff, the alumni, and those who support the school in any way. Working with the school on a full time basis will allow me to have a deeper level of fellowship with these brethren than when I was a student. Fellowship with faithful members of the church of Christ is a great blessing both now and in eternity (cf. 1Jn 1:7). I look forward to greater fellowship with brother Stearsman and the rest of the staff.

Third, I look forward to meeting and personally thanking the individuals and congregations who financially support the school. These indeed are in many ways the "unsung heros" of the school's mission. Florida School of Preaching does not operate to make money, but it needs money to operate. To my knowledge, none of the instructors or secretaries of this school are "financially independent". They perform a necessary work and have a right to be paid for their labors (cf. 1 Cor. 9:7-12a). Although some do not exercise this right (cf. 1 Cor. 9:12b), others cannot afford to forfeit this right if we are to work with the school on a full time basis. Additionally, it takes money to operate the school from day to day. The

school does not receive free electricity, office supplies, or educational materials. These things must be purchased. Without our supporters, we simply could not operate. Therefore, we are thankful for those individuals and congregations who financially support the school, and I look forward to personally meeting and thanking as many of you as possible.

I am happy to be a part of this great work! By the time this article is read, my family and I will have been moved into our new residence in Lakeland. We look forward to a long and healthy relationship with the school, and above all we ask your prayers and support that God may be glorified in all that is said and done (Col. 3:17).



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- The Obligation to Develop Congregations, **Dan Wheeler**
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Fall Semester Begins August 26, 1996

Date _____ Phone _____

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Monday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15	Hebrews and Galatians 21343 Introduction to the Old Testament 31379	Davis Burgett	3 3
Tuesday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 ___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Greek 21322 Old Testament History 21339 World Religions 31375	Stearsman Stilwell Kenyon	3 3 2½
Wednesday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15	Life of Paul 21362 English Grammar 11324	Stearsman Kenyon	3 3
Thursday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 ___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Ezekiel and Daniel 21314 Song Leading 11333 Survey of the Old Testament 21360	Kenyon Davidson Blackman	3 3 2½
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