

# Preparing Souls To Serve The Lord

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## May Graduates

Inside we have pictured the students who will complete their studies at the Florida School of Preaching. They received their certificates on Sunday evening, May 9, 1999.

We know that if these men apply what they have learned, they will be of great service to the cause of the Lord.

They, like we, wish to express our appreciation to all who supported and assisted them while in training.

### Recruiting Students

As these men graduate, we shall be seeking others to take their place in training to preach the gospel.

Preachers are not born. Preachers must be encouraged, motivated, and trained in the truth of the gospel. Wisdom is needed in the task before us. We must preach the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

Our faculty and administration is made up of elders and preachers. Some of the Board of Directors have graduated from the Florida School of Preaching. Some are

either serving as full-preachers or elders of the Lord's church. We know this provides us with a unique opportunity to instill truths and wisdom into the lives of our students.

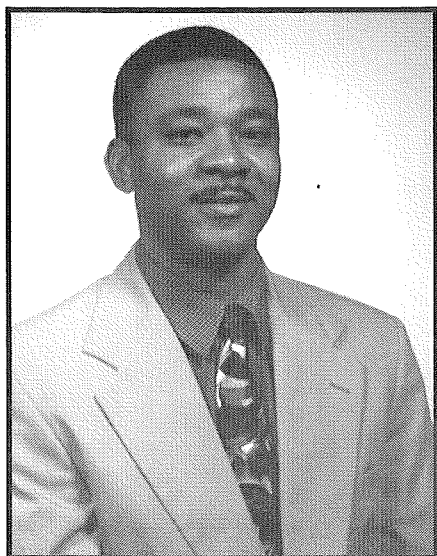
The state is not designated by God to train preachers. The home plays a limited role in training men to preach. The primary unit in society to train preachers is the Lord's church. Only the church, grounded in the faith, may train faithful men to teach others (2 Tim. 2:2).

We are not opposed to colleges offering higher academic training. Many of us have profited from our studies in them. However, we are convinced that the Florida School of Preaching can and does provide preacher training that is more concentrated in developing preachers than schools of higher academic standing. Why is this true? In a regular school students must meet the standards of the Association of colleges and schools under which these schools offer degrees. In this sense, these schools are not at liberty to meet the needs of all

men wanting to prepare to preach the gospel. Some could not afford these schools, others could not enter because they would be unable to meet entrance requirements. Some men decide to preach after finishing college. To enroll in degree offering schools to take all classes would not be practical.

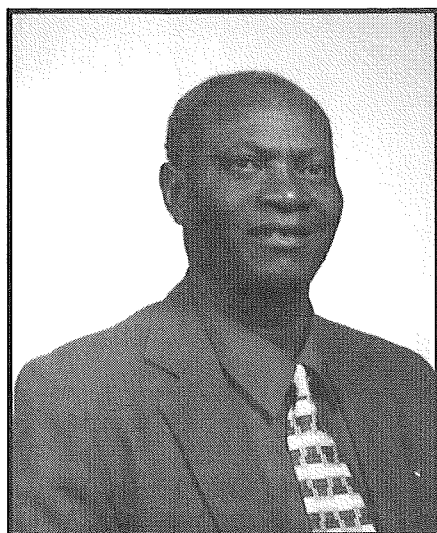
Jesus chose men of maturity to preach the gospel. Some of these were professional people. We must not think of preacher training as something only for youth. We must not make preacher training so difficult that we kill the desire before it can be matured. **We must keep in mind the goal to train preachers.** We are not in competition with other like works. We are not opposed to schools of higher learning. We are dedicated to training men to preach.

Have you considered preaching? Do you know of someone to encourage to preach? Do you know of anyone we might encourage to preach? Will you help us by sending men to us and helping them while they are in training?



**Fritz Acquissa**

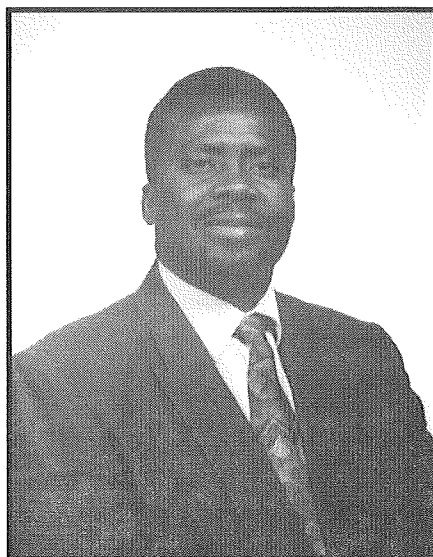
Fritz Acquissa is a native of Haiti, but now lives in Florida. He helped brother Joseph Worndle start a congregation in Margate, Florida and plans to work with this congregation after graduation. Fritz and his wife Gila have two children, Lovely and Oliver.



**Lauzama Baker**

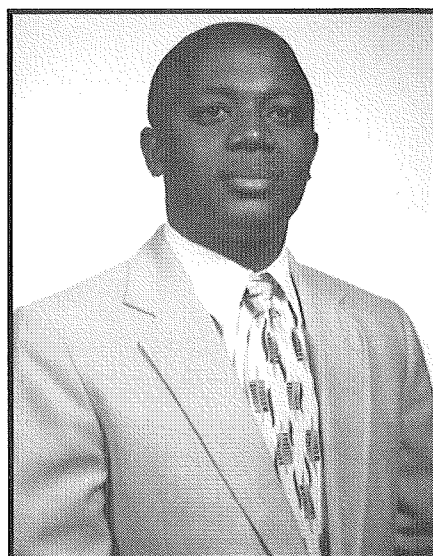
Lauzama Baker is a native of Haiti. He is married and has four children. He will be returning

to Haiti following graduation to preach full time there. He states that his desire is to help his own people know the gospel of Christ.



**Emanuel Charles**

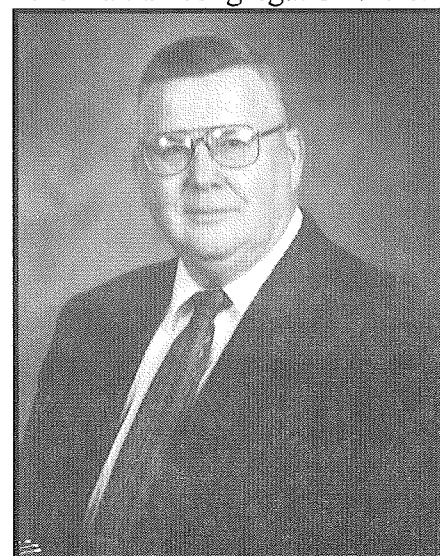
Emanuel Charles is a native of Haiti but is living on the Island of St. Martin. He is married, and he and his wife have five children. Following graduation he will be preaching for the French Saint-Martin Church of Christ.



**Pierre Julien Etienne**

Pierre Julien Etienne is a

native of Haiti. He is married with one child. His wife's name is Enise and his daughter's name is Kelsy. Pierre plans to return to Margate, Florida and work with the Haitian congregation there.



**Bobby L. Foster**

Bobby L. Foster came to school from Morristown, Tennessee. He and his wife Barbara are retired and their present plans are to relocate in the East Tennessee area and work full-time with a local congregation.

## *The Harvesters*

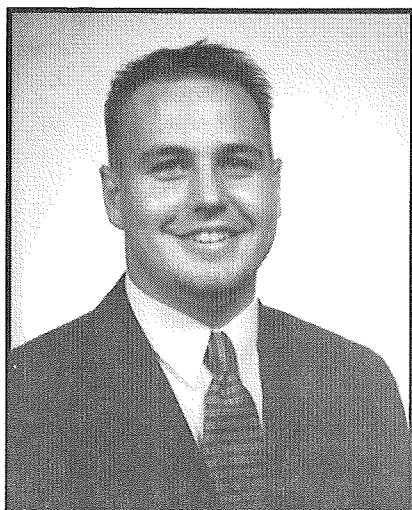
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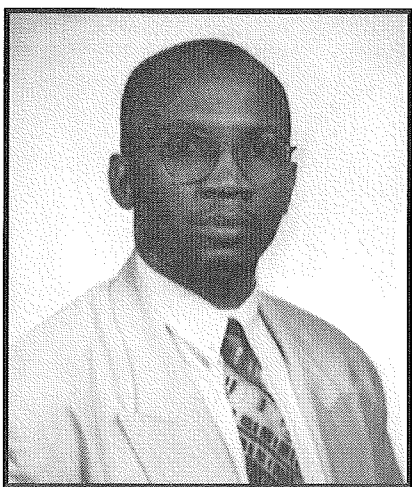
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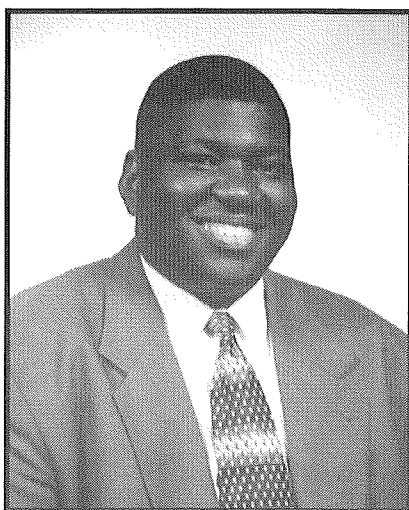
**Justin Gerhardt**

Justin Gerhardt is single, a high school graduate, and a member of the Central Church of Christ in Clearwater. Following graduation he plans to enter Freed-Hardeman University. His goal is to preach full-time.



**Carlton H. Hyde**

Carlton H. Hyde is married and has three children. He came to school from Mt. Vernon, New York. Plans following graduation are unknown at the present time.



**Nate Stewart**

Nate Stewart is twenty-two years old and is a native of Macon, Georgia. Nate and his wife Tameka are the parents of three boys, Brandon and twins Brian and Jeremy. Nate has accepted a full time preaching position with a congregation in Jacksonville, Florida.



### **Fall Schedule**

You will notice on the back page a Registration Schedule. It is time to turn our attention to the Fall Schedule, and in doing so please note that there will be two (2) extension classes this year.

Gene Burgett will teach Topical Bible Studies at High Springs, Florida. This will meet at the congregation where Gene is the full-time evangelist. We appreciate this congregation. They have permitted Gene to drive to Lakeland each Monday afternoon for several years to teach a class for the school. He will continue to teach a class, but by having it at home, it will enable him to avoid the drive

each week. If you are in this area, you will miss a great opportunity if you are not a part of that class.

Stearnsman will teach a class on Tuesday evening at Bushnell. This class will be on the Gospel of Matthew. Should students be so inclined, they could take both classes, the one in High Springs and the one in Bushnell. This is why we have them scheduled as we do. Some are driving from Gainesville to take the current class at Bushnell.



### **Help Us Recruit Good Men to Preach**

Send us the name, address, and phone number of men that may be interested in attending the school.

Using the forms below, Contact us in one of the following ways:

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Lakeland, FL 33803

Phone: 1-800-320-9780  
1-941-683-4043  
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# Registration Schedule

## Florida School of Preaching

Fall Semester Begins August 23, 1999

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Hours	Course	Instructor	Credit
<b>Monday</b>			
___ 8:30 to 12:00	<b>Romans 21361</b>	Davis	3
___ 1:00 to 4:15	<b>Logic 31370</b>	Kenyon	3
___ 7:00 to 9:30	<b>Topical Bible Studies 11334</b>	Burgett	2½
<b>Tuesday</b>			
___ 8:30 to 12:00	<b>Greek 21322</b>	Stearsman	3
___ 1:00 to 4:15	<b>Pentateuch 11364</b>	Stilwell	3
___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	<b>Matthew 31389</b>	Stearsman	2½
___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	<b>Miracles and Parables 11316</b>	Blackman	2½
<b>Wednesday</b>			
___ 8:30 to 12:00	<b>Revelation 21359</b>	Stearsman	3
___ 1:00 to 4:15	<b>Church History 21341</b>	Kenyon	3
<b>Thursday</b>			
___ 8:30 to 12:00	<b>Computers and Churches 31387</b>	Stearsman	3
___ 1:00 to 4:15	<b>First &amp; Second Corinthians 11335</b>	Davidson	3
___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	<b>Wisdom Literature 21348</b>	Kenyon	2½
<b>Friday</b>			
___ 8:30 to 12:00	<b>Denominational Dogmas 11331</b>	Daugherty	3
___ 1:00 to 4:15	<b>First &amp; Second Thessalonians 21337</b>	Kenyon	3

Please Include \$5.00 Registration Fee

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