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Allen Gardner Resigns from Board



Allen Gardner

Brother Gardner is a graduate of the Florida School of Preaching. Having taken an early retirement, he wanted to spend time in developing his Bible knowledge and chose the Florida School of Preaching for those studies. He came here from Colorado Springs, Colorado. While living in this area, he served the Haines City church of Christ as an elder.

Brother Gardner has made numerous contributions to the school. He has financially supported students and the school. He assisted us in developing computer skills that resulted in the computer lab and classes.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Florida School of Preaching since 1997, but due to his return to Colorado Springs on a permanent basis he does not feel he can continue to serve on the Board. His service to the Board included serving as Treasurer, and when he resigned he was vice Chairman.

His presence will be missed, and we appreciate all that he did to encourage our work in training preachers. In a letter to brother Methvin, Chairman of the Board, he writes:

Please accept my resignation from the Board of Directors of the Florida School of Preaching. We have sold our home in Winter Haven and have moved to Colorado Springs permanently. It is with great regret that I leave my position with the board. I announced at the last board meeting that this might happen and it did. I will always treasure the Florida School of Preaching and the principals it stands for in my heart.

All my children and grandchildren live in the Colorado Springs area, but I will miss all of you at the school and the board.

Perhaps I will be able to return for a lectureship in the near future.

Your Brother in Christ,

Allen Gardner

Especially for Women

Brian R. Kenyon

“Do You Understand Restoration?” is the theme for our 31st Annual Lectureship, which will be held January 16-19, 2006. The schedule of speakers and topics is on the opposite page. The lectureship book will include each lesson that is presented orally. Additionally, the book will contain an appendix that will consist of chapters on related topics that are not presented orally. Among the material in the appendix will be a special section written by women, sisters in Christ.

Joyce H. Kidwell Stearsman has written two chapters that will be included in the appendix. First, “Wisdom for the Living” is a chapter that offers suggestions to ladies who have lost a companion. It also offers practical advice on matters that must be considered before the death of a loved one, including understanding wills and trusts, living wills, important papers, lock boxes, car maintenance, trustworthy assistance, knowing our present financial status, funeral preparation, and disposing of items. Second, “A Wife Helps Her Preacher Husband” offer practical insight on how wives of preachers can help their husbands in the work of the Lord. A preacher’s work is unique. Because of this, his wife needs to be aware of and prepared to handle certain situations that are inevitable in her husband’s work. Joyce deals with such issues as “leaving and cleaving,” full-time employment, living in a fish bowl, moving, and the soul of a preacher’s wife.

Amber Kenyon has written “Encouraging Preacher Students’ Wives.” Amber has taught the students’ wives class since 1996. In this chapter she gives the reasoning behind the classes that were first begun by Sybil Carr, who taught them every year until B. C.’s retirement from the school. Though Amber’s lessons are primarily for

preacher students’ wives, all women can be encouraged by the lessons, which include dealing with the demands of preaching school, expectations of a preacher’s wife (realistic and unrealistic), potential pitfalls of being a preacher’s wife, importance of personal Bible study, the husband/wife relationship, family matters (spending time with family, rearing children, discipline at home and in services, etc.), stress and finances, and working outside the home.

Robin Kidwell has written “Homeschooling.” This chapter gives a brief history of home schooling, showing that the concept and practice has been around much longer than the recent resurgence in popularity of the last few decades. Robin also gives reasons why many parents are choosing homeschooling over traditional government operated schools. She also addresses some of the criticisms against home schooling such as the homeschoolers’ alleged lack of “socialization” and the perception that homeschool parents lose their “personal freedom.” Also included in this chapter is a brief review of the various types of homeschooling resources and valuable lists of books on home schooling in general and curriculum reviews.

Laura Boyd has written “Ladies Days: Positive and Negative Factors.” True to the title, Laura deals with some positive factors about ladies days, including the opportunity to practice the instruction of Titus 2:3-5, the opportunity to discover new talents within the congregation, and the fulfilling of the Great Commission because some non-Christian women can be converted through a ladies day. Negative factors of ladies days include the possibility that an unsound woman might be used as a speaker, the potential of a ladies day turning into a “pep rally” type atmosphere, with cheering and hand

clapping, and the possibility that a woman may seize the opportunity to promote a selfish cause such as “a makeup line, cook ware, herbal products, or recently published books” that have no relevance to the topic. Laura closes out the chapter with suggestions on how to make a ladies day successful.

The appendix will also include a chapter written by Renee Wheeler on “Women in the Mission Field.” Renee is the first and only woman (so far) to complete all the course requirements to earn a certificate from the Florida School of Preaching. Upon graduation, she accompanied her husband, Ted, who also completed the school, to Ghana, West Africa, where they served as missionaries for five years and where they continue to return every year to encourage and establish congregations of the Lord’s people. Renee will offer excellent insight and practical suggestions for women serving with their husbands in foreign missions fields.

As one can see, this book will be a tremendous addition to any one’s library, not only because it will deal with the needed subject of understanding restoration, but also because of the help and encouragement that it will give to our sisters in Christ. Reserve your copy of the book today by calling the office!

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MONDAY

9:00 Restoring Authority Kenneth E. Jackson, III
 9:40 Bible Examples of Restoration Ryan Tuten
 10:20 BREAK
 10:50 Essential Components of Restoration Justin Gerhardt
 11:30 LUNCH
 Forum: Restoration and Perfection
 1:30 Grow in Service Nathan Kidwell
 2:00 Grow in Knowledge Ulysses Richardson
 2:30 Grow in Wisdom James E. Rogers
 3:00 BREAK
 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic
 4:30 DINNER
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 7:00 Restoring Membership (Sonship) Marcus Grayson
 7:45 Restoring Sacrificial Giving Jackie M. Stearsman

WEDNESDAY

9:00 Restoring Brotherly Love Earl Edwards
 9:40 Restoration Insights from John the Baptist Jimmy Clark
 10:20 BREAK
 10:50 Factions in Restoration Bruce Daugherty
 11:30 LUNCH
 Forum: Restoration Insights
 1:30 From Martin Luther Brian R. Kenyon
 2:00 From John Calvin Gene Burgett
 2:30 From Alexander Campbel and Barton Stone Steve Atnip
 3:00 BREAK
 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic
 4:30 DINNER
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 7:00 Restoring Leadership Bill Greer
 7:45 Restoring Preacher Training Earl Edwards

TUESDAY

9:00 Restoring Sacrificial Living Timothy Kidwell
 9:40 Who Is a “Campbellite”? James E. Rogers
 10:20 BREAK
 10:50 When Is Restoration Required? J. H. Blackman, Jr.
 11:30 LUNCH
 Forum: Hindering Restoration
 1:30 Institutions Steve Atnip
 2:00 “Core Gospel” J. Brooks Boyd, Jr.
 2:30 Movement Mania Freddie Clayton
 3:00 BREAK
 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic
 4:30 DINNER
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 7:00 Restoring Worship Alfred Woodard
 7:45 Restoring Broken Fellowship Jimmy Clark

THURSDAY

9:00 Restoring Personal Growth J. Brooks Boyd, Jr.
 9:40 Restoration World Evangelism Bruce Daugherty
 10:20 BREAK
 10:50 Restoring Church Identity Freddie Clayton
 11:30 LUNCH
 Forum: Restoring Values
 1:30 Role of the Home Timothy Kidwell
 2:00 Role of the State Mike Elledge
 2:30 Role of the Church Bill Greer
 3:00 BREAK
 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic
 4:30 DINNER
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 7:00 Restoring Singing Tom Holland
 7:45 Restoring Improvement in Singing Tom Holland

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Gene Burgett Report

It is September and classes have been in session for one month. We had a lot of inquiries about classes over the summer, and many of those have translated into new students. A number of our classes are stretched to the limit. Full classes are the kind of problem we enjoy.

Over the past several weeks it has been my privilege to visit with congregations that have long supported the Florida School of Preaching. The Pike Road church in Pantego, North Carolina, has been supporting one of our students for a couple of years. In the spring, the student they had been supporting graduated. I accompanied a new student to visit the Pike Road brethren. They have since begun supporting this student. We appreciate the

kindness of the brethren in Pantego.

In July I visited with the church in Niceville, Florida. Brother Jeff McNeal is a member of the Niceville church, and that congregation has very generously supported Jeff as he enters his second year in the Florida School of Preaching.

For many years the 39th Avenue congregation in Gainesville, Florida, has financially supported the school. I taught an adult Bible class during their vacation Bible school in July.

I have made it my goal to visit more congregations in the Central Florida area. I began fulfilling this goal by preaching August 14 for the Pinecrest Park church of Christ in St. Petersburg, Florida. They were a very gracious group of people and I look forward

to being with them again in the future.

We are always looking for new students. However, with rising numbers this means increasing costs for the school to operate. Many of our students receive financial aid from the Student Fund. Also, greater numbers increase general operating costs for supplies. Since we charge no tuition, there is no automatic increase in funds relative to an increasing student population. The Florida School of Preaching needs your help. Please contact me or the school office if you would like to speak with someone about the needs of the school.

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