

# The Harvester



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## Alex Antenor Completing Studies

On Sunday, December 16, 2012, brother Alex Antenor will receive his certificate of completion following evening services at the South Florida Avenue church building. Alex, originally from Haiti, came to the United States in 2010, joining his family who were already here. In four years and owned and operated a Christian in 1989 in Cap-Haitian, have been married for eleven years. Bradley, and Benaski. Alex plans to find or establish a Haitian congregation for whom he can preach. Alex, as well as others like him, demonstrates the need and niche the Florida School of Preaching fulfills. A highly expensive, four year Christian college would not have been expedient at this point in his life, yet he needed training in the Scriptures and how to “do the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5). Our tuition free program, made possible by generous individuals and congregations, was the right fit. He now has a foundation in the word of God that cannot be taken away and upon which he can build during a lifetime of continued study in “the unsearchable riches of Christ” (Eph. 3:8). Each time a student graduates, we cannot help but first give thanks to God, with whom “all things are possible” (Mk. 10:27), and then thank our supporters for their generosity and sacrifice! Thanks to you, Alex will reach people with the Gospel that others could not!



Alex Antenor

## A Wise Father's Warnings (Part 1)

By Brian R. Kenyon

If a person were to read the Book of Proverbs in one sitting and highlight all the contexts that begin with, “My son...” (Pr. 1:8, 10, 15; 2:1; 3:1) or “Hear, my children...” (Pr. 4:1; 5:7; 7:24), he or she would have an extraordinary body of instruction that would be ideal for parents today to teach their children. Much of that content would be in the form of a warning. As we shall see, the pitfalls about which the wise father in Proverbs warns his son are the same pitfalls

about which children (and adults) today need to be warned, for many have fallen into these same snares. Let us consider some of these warnings.

### *The Wrong Crowd*

Many of our children and grandchildren fall victim to hanging around the wrong crowd and being thus led away from God. Solomon warned,

My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent. <sup>11</sup>If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause; <sup>12</sup>Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, And whole, like those who go down to the Pit; <sup>13</sup>We shall find all kinds of precious possessions, We shall fill our houses with spoil; <sup>14</sup>Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse"—<sup>15</sup>My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their

## Two, Among the Finest, Have Gone to Be with God



*Evelyn McAnally passed from this life October 17, 2012. She was a faithful Christian lady, preacher's wife, and mother. She also proofread the lectureship book from its inception in 1994 until her voluntarily "retiring" from that work in 2009. Those working at the school were blessed daily by her friendly smile and good nature. Our 2007 lectureship book was dedicated to Bob and Evelyn McAnally.*



*Bill Norton passed from this life October 8, 2012. He served as a preacher and/or elder in many local churches of Christ. He also served on the school's board of directors since 2005. The school continues to benefit from his wisdom and encouragement. Our 2004 and 2011 lectureship books were dedicated to the eldership and members of the Orange Street church of Christ, which included Bill on both counts.*

path; <sup>16</sup>For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood. <sup>17</sup>Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird; <sup>18</sup>But they lie in wait for their own blood, They lurk secretly for their own lives. <sup>19</sup>So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners. (Pr. 3:5-8, NKJ)

The Hebrew word translated "sinners" refers to "those [who are] habitually addicted to crime," such as "thugs" or "gang members" (Smith 476). This warning is extremely relevant in today's society because many young people, both in and out of the church, have become members of gangs. These "gangs" may not be the type that wear leather jackets and spray-paint graffiti on public buildings, but any group that lures young people away from Biblical values is just as damaging as far as eternity is concerned.

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**MONDAY**

9:00 Is There an Ultimate Lawgiver Jody Apple  
 9:40 The Supremacy of Biblical Ethics Kyle Butt  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 Assessing the Command, Example, & Necessary Inference  
 Hermeneutic George F. Beals  
 11:30 LUNCH

**Forum: Morality In Principle**

1:30 Is the Conscience a Safe Guide? David Stearsman  
 2:00 What Role Does Motive and Intent Play? Jody Apple  
 2:30 Does “Moral Neutrality” Exist? George F. Beals  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Does Evil’s Existence Disprove God? Thomas Wise  
 7:45 Reconciling a Loving God with Eternal Punishment  
 Jackie M. Stearsman



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**TUESDAY**

9:00 Moral Implications of Romans 14 George F. Beals  
 9:40 “The Law Written in Their Hearts” (Rom. 2:15)  
 Jackie M. Stearsman  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 Divorce in the Old Testament David South  
 11:30 LUNCH

**Forum: Morality In Marriage**

1:30 Polygamy Stephen Atnip  
 2:00 Divorce and Remarriage Johnie Scaggs  
 2:30 Submitting to Both Civil Law and to Moral Law  
 Nathan Franson



Jackie Stearsman



David Stearsman

3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit Wilken Roger  
 7:45 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman Jimmy Clark

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 What About Law Enforcement and War? Will Vann  
 9:40 Is Civil Disobedience Ever Justified? Bruce Daugherty  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 Slavery in the Biblical World Jimmy Clark  
 11:30 LUNCH

**Forum: Morality In Preaching**

1:30 Are Differences of Opinion Immoral? Heath Johnson  
 2:00 Preachers and Prejudice Ulysses Richardson  
 2:30 Preachers and Family Responsibilities Nathan Kidwell  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Avoiding the Works of the Flesh Jeffrey McNeal  
 7:45 Moral Standards of Judgment Willie Nettle



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Willie Nettle

**THURSDAY**

9:00 Abortion and Euthanasia Ted Wheeler  
 9:40 Biblical Teaching on “Birth Control” Daniel Stearsman  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 End of Life Decisions Melvin Otey  
 11:30 LUNCH

**Forum: Morality In Biomedical Issues**

1:30 Biblical Evaluation of the “Four Principles of Biomedical  
 Ethics” Daniel Stearsman  
 2:00 Embryonic Stem Cell Research Rolland Pack  
 2:30 When Does the Use of Genetic Technologies Become  
 Immoral? Brian R. Kenyon  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 “Fear of the Lord” and Morality Rick Kenyon  
 7:45 Rewards of Living a Biblically Moral Life Melvin Otey



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At least part of the reason why children join gangs can be attributed to the lack of attention that many of these children receive at home. Parents must remember that their children are to be a priority when it comes to their time. In fact, next to a spouse (Gen. 2:24), the most important earthly relationship that a parent has is with his or her children!

These "alternative to godly values" peer groups can offer a life of adventure (i.e., "lie in wait," Pr. 1:11), a life of perceived authority over other, lesser beings (i.e., "swallow them alive," Pr. 1:12), a life of riches (i.e., "precious possessions," Pr. 1:13), and an "all-for-one-and-one-for-all" life of camaraderie (i.e., sharing "one purse," Pr. 1:14) (Smith 476). However, those who pursue this way of life end tragically (Pr. 1:15-19). A child of wisdom must avoid these kinds of peer groups (Pr. 1:15). The life of these gangsters is a life of violence and despair (Pr. 1:16). These sinners are so blinded to their own destructive ways that they are headed to their own, self created disaster (Pr. 1:17-18). In fact, "everyone who is greedy for gain" falls into this same category and will meet the same

end (Pr. 1:19 cf. Pr. 15:27), which is in stark contrast to the end of the righteous (cf. Pr. 4:18-19).

Parents and grandparents must warn their children and grandchildren against the dangers of these gangs of sinners. The best way to safeguard children and grandchildren from being attracted to gangs is for parents and grandparents to spend time with their children and grandchildren. Giving children adequate attention and a feeling of belonging in the family will greatly reduce possible attraction to gangs.

**Works Cited**

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