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bettye bolding to Retire at Year's End

bettye (yes, her name is spelled correctly) has been serving as the school's receptionist and professional assistant since 2001. She married Sam on July 19, 1945, while Sam was on leave, serving in the Merchant Marines, less than a month before World War II ended. Sam passed from this life July 29, 2014. Both have been great encouragers of the school since its inception in 1969.

Throughout her life, bettye has been a valuable "help meet" to Sam, mother to two boys, Hank and Chip, grandmother to four, and great grandmother to three great grandsons. Immediately prior to working with the school, bettye was a successful real estate agent in Lakeland.

In many ways, she has been the backbone of the school. She is a unique combination of "old school" work ethic and millennial "swag" (in a good way). She is over-the-top reliable in her duties. She is on task everyday, consistently accomplishing what she has set out

or been assigned. Whether the projects are daily, weekly, monthly, or even every semester, she stays organized and focused to get them done. At times, the director cannot keep her busy enough. She completes a task before the next can be given.

Before coming to work with the school, most of bettye's business career involved older technology. Doing what the school did on computers was fairly new to her. However, with that "old school" work ethic and roots in the

"greatest generation," she met the challenges and learned the "modern era" well. Even when the office upgraded to Windows 8, bettye had the (drastically different) operating system down in no time at all! The recent switch to Windows 10 was thus no problem either!

bettye has also worked tirelessly behind the scenes, above the call of duty. Before lectureship week, she always sends letters and lines up transportation. During lectureship week itself, she puts in countless hours making sure of the details in providing for a smooth



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In Honor of
bettye bolding

What can you give a gal that has just about everything? Why not consider a contribution that keeps on contributing to the kingdom of God? In honor of bettye's retirement, we ask our supporters and potential supporters, especially our alumni to give \$90 within 90 days in honor of 90 (a significant number for those who know bettye). What a great way to honor her years of service to the school! Please write in the memo line "in honor of bettye."

Join FSOP in Thanking bettye

All alumni, staff, former staff, and friends of the Florida School of Preaching are invited to join us at the South Florida Avenue church of Christ's **fellowship room** on **Dec. 11, 2015, from 5:00 - 6:30 pm**. Come for the meal at 5:00 or just drop in to say thanks and enjoy the fellowship. If you plan on eating the meal, please RSVP by calling Brian or emailing brian@fsop.net

operation of the program. This includes the normal duties of keeping the office and making sure the speakers receive their books, checks, or any other “amenities” that make their visit with the school better. She also makes duplicates of speaker CDs and even helps with the book sales. She has also financially supported students, usually anonymously. Only heaven itself can measure the souls she has positively influenced through her efforts.

As for the millennial “swag” (in a good way), high-school teenagers are at times envious of her wardrobe. bettye is very classy. She could be on the cover of *Vogue Magazine*! Her elegance, however, is way further than skin deep. Her heart and soul are given to the Lord, and she seeks to serve God. bettye is also very energetic, much more than her age would normally allow, if borne by other people.

Most of all to the director, bettye has been a spiritual mother, and a daily dose of mom does wonders for the soul. She is very approachable and down-to-earth. We have talked about many issues in life, including death and dying (when my first wife was suffering from cancer), and love and women (when I was ready to move on and date then later marry the beautiful Jagie). bettye has counseled me on matters ranging from rearing children to maintaining intimacy in marriage (with PG ratings, of course), and many areas in between. It has truly been a blessing for me to have had daily contact with bettye!

Although we will feel a void with bettye no longer being at the school on a daily basis, we are extremely happy that she is entering into this next phase of life! May the Lord continue blessing our sister bettye bolding! —*Brian*

Jackie M. Stearsman, who served as director from 1992 until his retirement in 2009, is the one who actually had the wisdom to see the value in having bettye serve as our receptionist and professional assistant. We thought it appropriate to include the words he presented to her his last year of being the director of the Florida School of Preaching.

bettye

This will be the last Secretary's Day I will be able to express my appreciation to you.

Your professionalism, your dedication to the school and your assignments have always been an encouragement to me. You have truly made the last years of my service to the school a joy and memorable.

Having you in charge of the office relieved me not only of work that you can do much better, but I never had a concern but that you would represent the school in honesty and integrity.

I will miss working with you, but will never forget you and recall with deep appreciation all that you have done for me.

Sincerely,

Jackie M. Stearsman
April 22, 2009



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MONDAY

9:00 Before Sin Entered the World
9:40 The Devil and His Work
10:20 BREAK
10:50 The Effects of the First Sin
11:30 LUNCH

Doug Burleson
Jackie M. Stearsman

Russ Crosswhite

Forum: Young People and Overcoming Sin

1:30 Peer Influence
2:00 Wisdom on WiFi
2:30 Defeating Worldliness
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 The Anatomy of Sin
7:45 The Promised Savior

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WEDNESDAY

9:00 Calvinism's Influential View of Sin
9:40 Jeroboam's Sinful System of Worship
10:20 BREAK
10:50 The Apostasy of Israel
11:30 LUNCH

Rick Kenyon
David Dixon

Jimmy Clark

Forum: Worship and Overcoming Sin

1:30 Nadab and Abihu
2:00 When Gender Roles Go Too Far
2:30 Evaluating Current Trends in Worship
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 "Repent and Be Baptized"
7:45 Jesus' Life and Its Effect on Sin

Cameron C. Freeman
Earl D. Edwards
Rico Brown

Jeremy Padilla
Bill Davis



David Dixon



Earl D. Edwards



Jackie Stearsman

TUESDAY

9:00 The Old Testament Sacrificial System
9:40 The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
10:20 BREAK
10:50 Sin and the Antediluvian World
11:30 LUNCH

David Stearsman
Stephen Atnip

Rick Kenyon

Forum: Families and Overcoming Sin

1:30 Eli: Failures in Parenting Lead to Sin
2:00 Sin in David's Family
2:30 Breaking Sin's Cycle in the Family
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 Sins of God's People: Then and Now
7:45 Jesus' Birth and Its Effect on Sin

Jon Podein
Mike Elledge
J. Brooks Boyd, Jr.

Ben Radford
Jimmy Clark

THURSDAY

9:00 Korah and His Cohorts
9:40 Dealing with Divisive Brethren
10:20 BREAK
10:50 Gentiles Condemned
11:30 LUNCH

Cameron C. Freeman
Robert Bauer

Melvin Otey

Forum: Dealing with Sin

1:30 Between Individuals
2:00 What About "Congregational Sin"?
2:30 Withdrawing Fellowship
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
4:30 DINNER
6:30 Congregational Singing
7:00 The Christian's Relationship to Sin
7:45 Jesus' Death: Reconciliation and Justification

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Great Selection of Classes! Come Study with Us!

| Day | Time | Lakeland Classes | Instructor | Credit |
|--------------------------|---------------|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Monday | __ 8:30-12:00 | Denominational Dogmas (131) | Bauer | 3 |
| | __ 1:00-4:15 | Marriage and the Family (254) | Richardson | 3 |
| Tuesday | __ 8:30-12:00 | Psalms I (268) | Wheeler | 3 |
| | __ 1:00-4:15 | Life of Christ (117) | Wheeler | 3 |
| Wednesday | __ 8:30-12:00 | * Personal Evangelism (120) | Patterson | 3 |
| | __ 1:00-4:15 | Book of Acts (118) | D. Stearsman | 3 |
| Thursday | __ 8:30-12:00 | Holy Spirit (250) | Kenyon | 3 |
| | __ 1:00-4:15 | * English II: Composition (125) | Kenyon | 3 |
| Friday | __ 8:30-12:00 | Cults (252) | Franson | 3 |
| | __ 1:00-4:15 | Isaiah and Jeremiah (113) | Elledge | 3 |
| Extension Classes | | | | |
| Tuesday | __ 7:00-9:30 | Revelation (259) (Livingston church of Christ, Livingston, TN) | J. Stearsman | 2.5 |
| Thursday | __ 6:00-8:30 | Old Testament History (239) (Orange Street church of Christ, Auburndale) | Bauer | 2.5 |
| | __ 7:00-9:30 | Between the Testaments (220) (Wesconnett church of Christ, Jacksonville) | Dixon | 2.5 |

* These classes switched days from what they were originally scheduled as published in the 2015-2016 school catalog.