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GENERAL INFORMATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Florida School of Preaching is to train preachers and Bible class teachers for the churches of Christ. There are men who desire to preach but have had no opportunity of training. Some have acknowledged the preaching school arrangement is the only way they could receive the needed training. This school encourages individuals to pursue education to the highest extent possible. The school has articulation agreements with colleges and universities affiliated with churches of Christ.

SCHOOL HISTORY

The Florida School of Preaching began in September 1969 as a work of the South Florida Avenue (SFA) church of Christ in Lakeland with support from other churches and individuals. The school continues to use facilities provided by this church. In July 1972 the school received approval from the Florida state approving agency that allows qualified students to use veterans benefits. In 2019 FSOP celebrated 50 years!

LOCATION

The school is located in Central Florida within driving distance to the east and west coasts on major roadways, thereby making it easily accessible. Lakeland and Polk County are among the fastest growing communities in Florida.

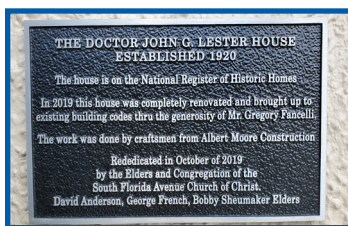


FACILITIES

The Florida School of Preaching is a major part of the work of the South Florida Avenue church of Christ in Lakeland. Since the school's beginning in 1969 the eldership has graciously allowed the school to use its facilities. In July 1981, a facility was added for the use of the school, which expedites our work greatly. This addition, with a floor plan 200 feet by 40 feet, is joined to the west side of the building. It provides for a large classroom, a library, and offices. In August 2020, a major upgrade to the classroom equipment was completed that allows FSOP better on-line learning capabilities.

In October 2019, the second floor of the newly refurbished preachers house of the South Florida Avenue church of Christ was set up for student housing. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, and common space make for comfortable housing for full-time students who qualify.

Plaque presented
by the the Lakeland
Historical Society.



BIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The school awards a diploma to those successfully completing the work in the Bible Education Program. The graduates of the school are respected and used internationally. Presently, the demands for graduates of the school far exceed the number enrolled.

The school places emphasis on in-person training because there is a strong connection between being in class, academic success, and practical development as a more effective servant of God. However, classes are available online, and any qualified student who satisfactorily completes the course requirements online will receive the same diploma (see Requirements for Graduation, page 15).

NOTE: Veterans receiving educational assistance from the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs do not qualify for online classes.

PERSONNEL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The school is governed by a Board of Directors. Those presently serving are: Ted Wheeler, Chairman; Brian R. Kenyon, Vice-Chairman; Tim Simmons, Secretary; Chad Tagtow, Treasurer; Bruce Daugherty, Kenneth Hill, Philip Lancaster, Benjamin L. Radford, Sr., and Uleysses Richardson.

FACULTY



Brian Kenyon, Director, is a graduate of the Florida School of Preaching (1991). He earned an AS in Underwater Technology from Florida Institute of Technology (1984) and from Freed-Hardeman University, a BA in Bible and Philosophy (1993), and an MA in New Testament (1995). He has worked with churches in Louisiana, Tennessee, and Florida. He has worked on evangelism campaigns in Scotland, Jamaica, Ghana, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, and Peru.



Forest Antemesaris has been the minister for the Orange Street church of Christ in Auburndale, Florida, since January 2022. Before this, he served as the associate minister at Orange Street and prior to that as the university minister for the Finger (Tennessee) church of Christ. He received formal education from Florida School of Preaching (2016 graduate), Freed-Hardeman University (BS, 2019), and completed his master's degree in apologetics from Liberty University in 2022. He was a professed atheist before meeting Lori, who was instrumental in his conversion and later became his wife. He speaks at youth events and lectureships and also participates in several podcasts and social media events promoting God's word.



Bob Bauer attended both the University of Cincinnati and the Florida School of Preaching. He has preached for congregations in Florida beginning in 1990 and is currently working with the Orange Street congregation in Auburndale, Florida. He has been involved in mission campaigns to

Ghana, West Africa since 1990 and has also done radio work. He currently writes a religious column for the Auburndale Sun.



George F. Beals received formal education from Northeastern University (Associate in Electronic Engineering Technology); University of New Hampshire (BA in Classics, summa cum laude); University of Michigan (MA in Near Eastern Studies); West Chester University (MA in Philosophy); Rawlings School of Divinity in Liberty University (PhD in Theology and Apologetics, with distinction); and the Preston Road School of Preaching (1971 graduate). He has served churches of Christ as an evangelist and Bible teacher in Texas, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Florida. He has directed the Michigan Bible Lectureship since it began and cofounded the Michigan Bible School. He has written books dealing with hermeneutics and Christian evidences, and he has held public debates. In the Florida School of Preaching, he teaches hermeneutics, logic, and apologetics (Christian Evidences).



Bruce Daugherty received his formal education from Freed-Hardeman University (BA in Bible, 1981) and Harding Graduate School of Religion (MA in church history, 2006). He taught at the Florida School of Preaching (1995-2000) and currently serves on its board of directors. He taught for the West Virginia School of Preaching from 2001 to 2011, and currently teaches online classes for them. He has been preaching for the Beville Road church of Christ in Daytona Beach, Florida, since November 2011.



Steven Ford is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He began preaching in 2004 and worked with two congregations in Detroit both with youth and in the pulpit. Steven is a 2013 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. Upon graduation, he began preaching for the Highway church of Christ in Benton, Arkansas, where he served for 11 years. In July 2024, the Ford family moved to Florida and began working with the South Florida Avenue congregation. Steven and his wife Carlisa have been married nearly 20 years and have two daughters: Savannah and Summer.



Kevin Patterson is a graduate of Abilene Christian University (BA, 1991) and has done graduate studies at Oklahoma Christian University. He taught at the Great Plains Bible College in Wichita, Kansas, and served as an instructor for the Bible Institute of Missouri in Springfield. He has served churches of Christ in Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Florida and is currently a missionary overseen by the Eagle Lake church of Christ eldership, Florida, since 2024. He writes a newspaper column and is an instructor for the Fishers of Men personal evangelism course.



Jason E. Ridgeway has been preaching for the Wesconnett church of Christ since 2019. Since 1991, he has served churches of Christ in Tennessee, Ohio, and West Virginia. He received formal education from West Virginia School of Preaching (1996 graduate) and University of Rio Grande, Ohio (BA in economics, 2006). He has been on several mission trips to Costa Rica and he has worked with Christian Bible camps in Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, and Georgia.



Daniel Stearsman is a graduate of Hillsborough Community College (AA), Amridge University (BA in Biblical Studies), University of South Florida College of Medicine (MA in Bioethics and Medical Humanities), Bear Valley Bible Institute (Master of Biblical Studies), and the University of Florida College of Pharmacy (Doctor of Pharmacy). Daniel currently preaches for the Warner Robbins (Georgia) church of Christ. He has also served Florida churches of Christ in Okeechobee, Zephyrhills, and Auburndale (Orange Street). He teaches for the Georgia School of Theology. He has been on multiple campaigns to Ghana, West Africa. He has taught Clinical Ethics in the College of Medicine at the University of South Florida, Tampa.



David Stearsman is currently a deacon at the Orange Street church of Christ in Auburndale, Florida. He is assisting the Floral City church of Christ in Floral City, Florida with preaching duties. He has also worked for congregations in Media and Springfield, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of South Florida with a BA in professional and technical writing in 2000 and from the Florida School of Preaching in 2006. He and His wife Susan have two sons, Luke and Zach.



Ted Wheeler is a graduate from the Florida School of Preaching (1984). Following graduation, he and his family worked with the church in Ghana, West Africa, for five years, building up existing congregations and establishing new ones in rural areas. He taught in the National Bible Institute, a preacher training school, in Accra. He has preached for the church of Christ in Venice since 1989. He continues to conduct annual campaigns to Ghana.



Susan Stearsman has been teaching Bible classes in the churches of Christ since she was fifteen. She holds a BA in Music from the University of Michigan (1993), and an MBA in Finance from Babson Graduate School (1995). She has worked for more than 25 years in the research enterprise of universities and academic medical centers, and is currently the Associate Vice Provost for Research at Baylor University. She teaches the FSOP Ladies' Class.

*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove,
rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
-2 Timothy 4:2*

OFFICE STAFF

Brian Howard, Development Director, received formal education from Ball State University (BS, 2004), Florida School of Preaching (2008 graduate), Bear Valley Bible Institute (masters of Biblical studies, 2013), and Theological University of America (doctor of missions, 2021). He has

been a missionary with Soaring for Souls since August 2021. In his over fourteen years of preaching, he has served churches of Christ in Canada, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, and Texas. He served four years as development director for World Video Bible School and has been on mission campaigns in ten different countries.

The school could not function as well as it does without the committed, skillful, and reliable ladies who diligently work “behind the scenes.”

Rachel Grimes serves as the school’s secretary, **Jagie Kenyon** serves as the development assistant, and **Kathy Sweeney** serves as the school’s bookkeeper.

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among
many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men,
who shall be able to teach others also.
2 Timothy 2:2*

ADMISSIONS

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The Florida School of Preaching admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and/or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan program, or other school administered programs.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Who may enroll? Any student of good character and right purpose, who is willing and able to do the work prescribed by the administration and faculty. No lines are drawn as to race or color. In view of the intensive and accelerated program, it is necessary that men with a degree of maturity enroll. Students must be literate in English.

There is no minimum requirement other than being literate in English, but one's stability—emotionally, socially and spiritually—must be established by information from those who are well-acquainted with the applicant.

POLICY FOR VETERANS

The school is authorized to provide educational opportunities for veterans in compliance with their VA benefits program.

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), this school adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. This school will not:

1. Prevent the student's enrollment
2. Assess a late penalty fee to the student
3. Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding
4. Deny the student access to any resources (access to classes, libraries,

or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

1. Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class
2. Provide a written request to be certified
3. Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies.

ENTRANCE PROCEDURES

All students must submit a one-time online application for admissions, whether part-time or full-time. Full-time candidates are requested to submit an online application sufficiently early that all references may be received and checked before classes begin. It is best to be approved at least a month prior to entering school.

Foreign students must have a letter of acceptance from the school and already be in the United States legally.

To enter and remain in school, students accepted must honor a signed agreement included in the application to do all assigned work. The same entrance requirements apply to all courses alike.

Students cannot enroll in classes for credit after the school has been in session one week (exceptions based on circumstances must be approved by the Director). There are two enrollment windows, one beginning in July for the Fall semester and the second beginning in December for the Spring semester. The class schedule and school calendar with specific dates are listed in this catalog. Any exception to this must be approved by the Board of Directors.

PREVIOUS CREDITS

Credit for previous education and training will be given to students transferring to this school after being evaluated. This includes veterans and other eligible persons. These students will be placed at the level to which

they have attained. A maximum of nine credits can be transferred from another institution.

VETERAN'S CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Students must report all previous post-secondary education and training. The school will maintain a written record that clearly indicates official transcripts have been obtained from all post-secondary institutions that the student has attended, those transcripts will be reviewed and evaluated, and appropriate credit granted toward the student's current program, with the training time shortened and living expenses reduced proportionately, and the veteran so notified.

*And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written,
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!
Romans 10:15*



FINANCIAL

TUITION AND FEES

There is no charge for tuition, only a \$5.00 registration fee per student per semester. All the costs of administration and instruction are to be borne by the Florida School of Preaching, Inc., and interested Christians elsewhere. The student is responsible for his living expenses, transportation, books, and materials. The students are expected to raise the support needed to attend school. Neither the local church nor the school can assume financial obligations of the student while in school.

TEXTBOOKS

The cost of textbooks and materials for courses will average \$200.00 to \$225.00 per semester. Students will be given a list of books required for courses upon registration. Many of the books are available in electronic formats.

REFUND POLICY

Since there is no charge for tuition or any other charges in connection with instruction, there is no need for a refund policy for non-VA students. Books are not subject to refund if they have been used.

VETERAN'S REFUND POLICY

The refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees, living expenses, and other charges for veterans or eligible persons who fail to enter a course or withdraw or discontinue prior to completion will be made for all amounts paid which exceed the approximate pro rata portion of the total charges that the length of the completed portion of the course bears to the total length of the course. The proration will be determined on the ratio of the number of days or hours of instruction completed by the student to the total number of instructional days or hours in the course and must be pro rata to the very end.

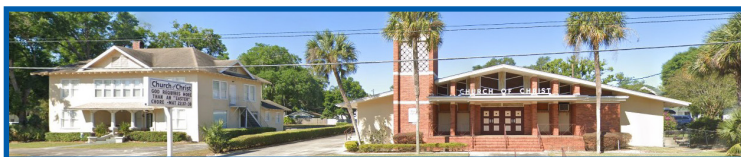
FINANCIAL AID

A limited amount of financial aid is available through the Jackie M. Stearsman (JMS) Scholarship Fund to help qualifying students with living expenses while attending school full-time. No funds from FSOP are

allowed to part-time or online students. Each year the school is able to help a number of deserving men from an endowment fund and individual gifts. Rarely is a man wholly supported from these funds. It is expected that each student raise support to provide a part of his living expenses. Some churches also help these men. Those desiring to receive financial assistance should make application through the school's website. A personal interview with the Director will be required.

HOUSING

Many nearby apartments and small houses are available at reasonable rates. The school will assist in finding suitable housing. For single full-time students who qualify, a dorm style student house is available on campus.



ACADEMICS

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

1. Upon satisfactory completion of course requirements totaling 120 semester credit hours,* a diploma will be granted to the graduate.
2. The student must have demonstrated proper Christian character.
3. Each student must complete satisfactorily all the prescribed courses (including chapel participation during morning classes). There are no electives in the regular curriculum.
4. An overall 2.0 GPA must be maintained.
5. Any student having an "F" or "I" on his record must remove it before graduation, if the subject is needed toward qualifying for graduation.

*These credit hours may be adjusted pending night classes or credited classes from other institutions with the Director's approval.

CLOCK AND CREDIT HOURS

Each day class meets three hours per week for sixteen weeks (48 total clock hours). Full-time students who attend the maximum amount of day-time classes offered each semester will attend ten classes per week. These classes are 3 credit hours each, making a total of 30 credit hours per semester, which is equivalent to 480 clock hours per 16 week semester (total of 1,920 for the two year course). For graduation requirements, see page 15.

Extension classes are 2.5 credit hours each, making a total of 40 clock hours per 16 week semester for each night class taken. These classes are offered one or more nights per week, see the class schedule in this catalog.

Full-time students, taking a minimum of 25 clock hours, will not be allowed to work at secular employment. Some students attend classes at night, and they do engage in average workday employment, thus creating no problems in supplying their funds for attendance in school.

GRADING SYSTEM

The quality of work done by each student is expressed in the following:

92-100	A-Excellent	4 QPS*
83-91	B-Above Average	3 QPS
70-82	C-Average	2 QPS
62-69	D-Low Passing	1 QPS
0-61	F-Failure	0 QPS
	I-Incomplete**	0 QPS
	WP-Withdrawal while passing	0 QPS
	WF-Withdrawal while failing	0 QPS

*QPS = Quality Points per semester

**Must be made-up within 2 weeks after the semester or the grade will be an F, unless otherwise determined by the Director.

PROGRESS REPORTS

In addition to papers returned, a grade report card will be given to each

student at the end of each semester. On request, progress reports will be given to those who provide support to the students.

SCHOLASTIC PROBATION

Any student making below a “C” average (2.0) for any semester will be placed on probation throughout the following semester. He must remove probation within that time or he will be suspended for the following semester. Those who are thus suspended may be readmitted after a lapse of one semester, subject to approval of the Director. Any failures and/or incompletes must be removed by repeating the course, or by completing a satisfactory project approved by the Director.

VETERANS’ STANDARDS FOR ACADEMIC PROGRESS

1. Students receiving VA educational benefits must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.75 each semester.
2. A VA student whose CGPA falls below 2.75 at the end of any semester will be placed on academic probation for a maximum of two consecutive terms of enrollment. If the VA student’s CGPA is still below 2.75 at the end of the second consecutive term of probation, the student’s VA educational benefits will be terminated.
3. A VA student terminated from VA educational benefits due to unsatisfactory progress may petition the school to be re-certified after attaining a CGPA of 2.75.
4. Academic records will be maintained for a minimum of three years.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Each student is expected to be in class on time at every session. All necessary tardiness or absence must be arranged with the Director and instructors, to be governed as follows:

1. **Leave of absence** Such is granted to students under conditions beyond their control, such as road hazards, weather conditions, sickness or death in the family, necessary business (official and representing the school). Military leave is recognized and excused. All work, however, must be completed.

2. **Absences and class cuts** No absence is permitted except as indicated in the above paragraph. No class cuts are excused. Each case will be reviewed by the Director. For each unexcused absence, the student's final grade average will be reduced five points. Three unexcused absences subject one to dismissal. A written reason for each tardiness or absence must be presented to the Director.
3. Anyone whose attendance is determined to be unsatisfactory will be dismissed. For those receiving VA benefits, students exceeding one total absence (5% of class sessions) in a calendar month will be terminated from their VA benefits for unsatisfactory attendance. In order to show that the cause of unsatisfactory attendance has been removed, students must show perfect attendance (no absences) for one calendar month after being terminated for unsatisfactory attendance. After such time, the student may be re-certified for VA education benefits.
4. **Tardiness** Three times tardy equals one unexcused absence; three unexcused absences subject one to dismissal. A written reason for each tardiness or absence must be presented to the Director.
5. **Students traveling for interviews** Students may miss up to three classes excused when "trying out" for preaching positions. Students are urged to deliberately arrange travel to miss the least amount of class as possible.
6. **Make-up work** Each student is held accountable for work missed due to absence for any reason, and will be required to make it up, according to demands of his respective instructor. This may include being required to watch the recording of each missed class and submit notes to the instructor. In view of the intensive work and accelerated program of the school, any student missing as much as two weeks' total in any one semester may be asked to withdraw. He may reenter the next term or a later term.

RULES OF CONDUCT

The following rules of conduct apply to all students:

1. All students are expected to assume proper responsibility as citizens.

Any who are convicted of any violation of the law will be subject to discipline by the school.

2. Everyone is expected to deal honestly and uprightly with fellow students, faculty, and the churches and individuals who give him financial support. Students are not to stir up or bring local church problems to the classroom.
3. Any words or acts unbecoming a Christian will not be tolerated. At all times students must conduct themselves with decorum, and display the proper attitude in all matters pertaining to their school work. Male and female students who may choose to date are expected to refrain from any and all open display of affection while on the school premises. Any questions relative to these stipulations should be taken up with the Director.
4. Cell phone use during class is not permitted except for emergencies.
5. Computers are not to be used for social media during class.
6. Students in this school are not permitted to use tobacco, and/or non medicinal drugs or alcohol in any form. Any who are found doing so will be subject to dismissal.
7. Though a specific offense may not have been committed, if at any time a student's attitude and/or demeanor are not in harmony with the spirit and purpose of the school, he may be asked to withdraw. This will not be subject to review by any other person or group outside the Florida School of Preaching.
8. Re-admission after conduct dismissal is at the discretion of the Director, after a sufficient time has passed to prove that the student has corrected the behavior that resulted in dismissal.

DRESS CODE

The appearance of students, in or out of the classroom, must be consistent with Christian character and influence.

1. Collared shirts and dress slacks are required while in class.
2. Coat and tie are required for students who speak in chapel during the time they are speaking.

3. No shorts are permitted on campus by either male or female students during school hours.
4. Men are not permitted to wear sandals or flip-flops.
5. Hair styles and jewelry should be such so as not to hinder a student's good influence for Christ.

ONLINE STUDENT POLICY

The following policies apply to online students:

1. Online students taking class for credit must attend and participate live during all class periods with their video on, as if they were on campus, except for excused absences or as otherwise approved by the Director.
2. Students who miss classes are expected to watch the recording of each class and submit notes to the instructor or other proof they watched the class.
3. All assignments, tests, quizzes, etc. must be turned in according to the due dates and instructions given by the instructor.
4. FSOP rules of conduct and dress code apply to online students.
5. Academic requirements are the same as the requirements for in-person students, as detailed in a previous section of this catalog.
6. Online students will not be eligible for support.

SPECIAL TRAINING

ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

Beginning the third Monday in January, the school conducts a four day lectureship on a relevant theme. Since 1975 this lectureship has had the goal of bringing in sound preachers from throughout the brotherhood in order to instruct and encourage our students, area churches, and Christians from throughout the United States and abroad. The lectureship provides our students with opportunities to meet other preachers and exposes them to styles of preaching and areas of interest in the preaching field.

STUDENT DAYS

Occasionally during the semester, congregations will request our students to conduct their services on a given Sunday. This provides our students with practical experience and opportunity to make contact with other brethren. Many times these congregations will provide a meal. Full-time students are required to attend unless they are already scheduled to preach somewhere else.

LADIES' CLASSES

The ladies' classes are part of the school's two year program, and are specifically designed to help women better understand their role in the church. The ladies' class meets monthly. Wives of full-time students are expected to attend each FSOP ladies' class offered. Please refer to page 30 in this catalog for details of the expectations and requirements.

These classes are open to all ladies who live in the area and would like to benefit from Bible instruction given by spiritually mature Christian women. These sessions originated as classes for the wives of the men attending school, but over the years have opened up to all women who desire to learn more about what God expects from them as Christian women, wives, and mothers. See class schedule on page 37.

MISSION PRACTICUM

During each school year, there will be mission trips (foreign and domestic) in which students will participate. These campaigns help students put into practice and cultivate personal evangelism skills and techniques they learned in the classroom. Some of these campaigns will also give students experience in preaching through a translator. These short-term mission trips are made possible by the generosity of supporters who give especially to this part of our training.

**52nd Annual Lectureship
January 18-21, 2027**

BIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIRED COURSES

SEMESTER I - *FALL 2026*

Course Number and Name

137.....	First and Second Thessalonians and Galatians
239.....	Old Testament History
275.....	World Religions
220.....	Between the Testaments
203.....	Sermon Preparation and Delivery
222.....	Greek I
100.....	Hermeneutics
262.....	Life of Paul
210.....	Hebrews
214.....	Ezekiel and Daniel

SEMESTER II - *SPRING 2027*

Course Number and Name

249.....	General Epistles
248.....	Wisdom Literature
227.....	Gospel of John
246.....	Minor Prophets
238.....	First and Second Timothy and Titus
223.....	Greek II
224.....	Jesus Throughout Scripture
136.....	Prison Epistles
282.....	Church History - Restoration
285.....	Ethics

BIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAM
REQUIRED COURSES

SEMESTER III - FALL 2027

Course Number and Name

259.....	Revelation
270.....	Logic
107.....	Preacher and His Work
290.....	Computers and Churches
124.....	English Grammar
250.....	Holy Spirit
101.....	Genesis
261.....	Romans
241.....	Church History - General
135.....	First and Second Corinthians

SEMESTER II - SPRING 2028

Course Number and Name

254.....	Marriage and the Family
118.....	Acts
268.....	Psalms
117.....	Life of Christ
120.....	Personal Evangelism
125.....	English Composition
164.....	Pentateuch
113.....	Isaiah and Jeremiah
224.....	Christian Evidences
131.....	Denominational Dogmas

BIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAM COURSES

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Between the Testaments (220) This course examines the approximately four hundred year history between Malachi and John the Baptist. Special emphasis will be given to elements of that time period that fulfilled prophetic prediction, that aid in understanding the synagogue and political situation in first central Israel, and that helps to better appreciate the “fullness of time” (Gal. 4:4).

Book of Acts (118) This is sometimes taught in conjunction with the Life of Christ 117. The Acts of the Apostles will be the text. Together these give a comprehensive view of the life of Jesus and history of the early church.

Christian Evidences (244) This class is designed to prove that Christianity is the one true religion approved by God. It will be shown that man can arrive at truth, that he can know that God exists, that the Bible is the inspired word of God, and that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. The class will be designed to answer objections to the above affirmation, to point out religious error, to defend the faith, and above all to strengthen the faith of all.

Church History - General (241) The purpose of this course is to give a general summary of the history of the church to modern times. This semester will deal with the decline of the Medieval church, the Conciliar period, the Renaissance, the Reformation and Counter-Reformation and the rise of modern denominationalism.

Church History - Restoration (282) This study will focus on the Restoration Movement of the late 18th through 20th centuries. Principles resulting in a restored New Testament church are emphasized.

Computers and Churches (290) This class is designed to acquaint preachers and churches with the potential provided them by computers. This class will give word processing instruction and emphasize the use of the Logos Bible software.

Denominational Dogmas (131) This is a study of the religious doctrines being taught by the denominations in “Christendom.” The goal is to compare these with the teaching of the Bible so that the students may better understand the denominational world.

English Grammar (124) This is a course in the basics of English. The English sentence is to be studied in all its parts. Accurate sentence structure will be stressed. Special emphasis will be given to areas where most grammatical errors occur.

English Composition (125) This will be a continuation of English 124, with emphasis given on writing research papers.

Ethics (285) This study has to do with the Christian’s Biblical base for behavior as he faces contemporary issues in the world. Great emphasis will be placed upon the fact that without the Bible there is no objective or authoritative basis for moral and value judgments.

Ezekiel and Daniel (214) Special studies of these books are made with special emphasis on the text and the historical setting of the prophets. Special attention will be given to these in view of the many false claims made by some interpreters.

First and Second Corinthians (135) A textual study is made of these two letters. The purpose is to see how principles were applied to the problems of this church that we might be better able to resolve problems in the church today.

First and Second Thessalonians and Galatians (137) This class will be a textual study of these three epistles of Paul. From the Thessalonians epistles, emphasis will be given to mistaken ideas versus the truth about the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. From Galatians, emphasis will be upon the difference between Christianity and Paul’s true apostleship versus the Law of Moses and the Judaizer’s claims about Paul.

First and Second Timothy and Titus (238) A textual study of these letters will be made with a desire to understand better the role of a preacher.

General Epistles (249) The books of James, First and Second Peter, First, Second, and Third John, and Jude will be studied.

Genesis (101) This will be a textual study of this profound book of beginnings. This study will include emphasis on creation and Christian evidences along with detail on the lives of the major patriarchs.

Gospel of John (227) The Gospel of John will be studied from the text of the Bible. The peculiar approach made in this book will be noted as it differs from the first three books of the life of Christ.

Greek I (222) This will be an introductory course in the Greek of the New Testament. Time will be spent in vocabulary drills and elementary syntax.

Greek II (223) This is a continuation of course 222 that will include a study of forms and the ability to read and translate certain passages. It will be a valuable course for any who study the New Testament in depth. Prerequisite: Greek I.

Hebrews (210) This class will be a textual study of this monumental epistle, with special attention given to the author's emphasis of how the new covenant is so much superior to the old covenant.

Hermeneutics (100) This deals with the science of interpretation, especially the figurative language found in the Bible. This course is of great value in showing how better to study the Bible.

Holy Spirit (250) A study will be made of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, the prophecy concerning His work in the New Testament and its fulfillment. Current positions relative to the Holy Spirit will be examined.

Isaiah and Jeremiah (113) This will be a study of these Old Testament books. Special attention will be given to the times and conditions of God's people during this period.

Jesus Throughout Scripture (224) This hermeneutics-based class will focus on how every section of the Bible ultimately points to Jesus and the blessings He would make possible through His work on the cross. Students will examine biblical prophecies, events, themes, and typology to see how they point to Jesus.

Life of Christ (117) This is a study of the Gospels. Attention is given to a harmony of the Gospels and a chronological arrangement of the events in the life of Christ. Special attention into the moral and doctrinal teachings of Christ.

Life of Paul (262) Paul, that universal person, commissioned with the universal gospel—what blessings await the diligent study of the life of this great apostle. Paul, born of Jewish parents and a Roman citizen; reared in the culture of the Greek and in the most strict sect of first century Judaism—Paul, more than any other first century person, represents what Christian fidelity demands. To understand the life of Paul is to understand Christianity, and this will be the goal of this study.

Logic (270) Basic principles of deductive and inductive logic will be studied. An effort will be made to help the student make proper application of the scriptures to life.

Marriage and the Family (254) This is a study of what constitutes scriptural marriage and the problems that break up the home.

In this course study will be made of current problems that now threaten the family.

Minor Prophets (246) This will be a survey course of the minor prophets. The chief contribution of each will be sought that practical applications may be made.

Old Testament History (239) The books from Joshua through Second Kings will be studied, with the aim being to familiarize the student with the history of Israel from the point of the conquest of Canaan through the reign of the kings and the period of captivity.

Pentateuch (164) A careful overview is given of the Pentateuch, calling attention to principles that present-day lessons may be learned.

Personal Evangelism (120) This is a practical study of various techniques in doing personal evangelism. Time will be spent in learning basic facts to be presented and the best methods for given situations. Practice sessions will be conducted from time to time.

Preacher and His Work (107) This semester more time will be given to daily work of the local preacher. Attention will be given to the local congregation and the special problems that face the preacher in that setting.

Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (203) This study is sometimes called “homiletics.” Sermon outlining will be studied. Effective presentation of various types of sermons will be studied and practiced. The basic speech course may be taken before enrolling in this class.

Prison Epistles (Eph., Phil., Col. and Phile.) (136) This will be a textual study of these books.

Psalms (268) The Psalms are classified and studied with particular emphasis on their content, literary beauty, style, and Messianic import.

Revelation (259) A textual study will be made along with the different approaches to the book. Dates for writing will be examined.

Romans (261) This will be a textual study of this great epistle. The student is to see how the gospel is emphasized as the means of salvation.

Wisdom Literature (248) This is a textual study of Job, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, Song of Solomon.

World Religions (275) In order to understand mankind, one needs to understand his religion. This course will examine some of the major religions. Missionaries especially will profit from this study. Each religion will be reviewed by the teaching of the Bible.

ADDITIONAL COURSES

Additional classes may be offered at extension sites, however only the classes listed above are currently required for completion of the Bible Education Program.



*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15*



ADDITIONAL STUDENT POLICIES

CHAPEL

Chapel is held each school day. Students are to attend chapel and participate as required. Chapel is held for the benefit of the student and is a time for spiritual growth, announcements, and guest speakers.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

The following translations may be used in chapel and for memory verses as per the instructor's approval: King James Version, New King James Version, American Standard Version (1901), New American Standard Version (original and 1995 update), and the English Standard Version.

MEMORY WORK

FSOP requires memorization of Scripture in every course. Students should have a desire to know God's word and be prepared to memorize numerous Bible verses and passages each semester.

STUDENT WIVES

The student's wife is expected to support her husband in his work as a preaching student and his desire to become a preacher. She is expected to be a woman of integrity, displaying Christian character in her daily life. A student's wife is expected to attend the monthly ladies' class and the Student Wives' Lunch & Learn seminars. Exceptions must be approved by the Director. Baby sitting can be arranged. Wives are also welcome to take regular FSOP classes for credit, if possible.

LIBRARY

The FSOP library is available as a reference to all students. Listed here are a few rules to follow:

1. It is a REFERENCE ONLY library, therefore, no books are to be checked out or taken off the FSOP/church property.
2. No food or drinks are allowed in the library.
3. Do not return books to the shelves. Place them on the book return cart provided.
4. Remember the library is to be used for study purposes, so keep talking to a minimum.
5. Please clean up after yourself. Leave a tidy space for the next user.
6. Students are given the access code for entrance into the library after hours. Please use it responsibly and be sure to turn the lights off and lock the door upon exiting.
7. If you need help finding books please ask a member of the office staff.
8. Those who fail to abide by these rules may have library privileges suspended.

The South Florida Avenue church of Christ has a library in their building that is also available for students. Similar library rules apply as above.

ATTENDING THE LOCAL CHURCH

All full-time students receiving funds through FSOP are expected to attend the services of a sound church of Christ regularly, along with their families. Students should not forsake assembling to study or complete homework assignments.

CLASSROOM

Students enrolled at FSOP to learn God's word, be better servants of the Lord, and, for most, be a more effective Gospel preacher. Students are expected to show respect for God, their instructors, fellow students, and themselves. To help accomplish this, the following classroom rules are put in place:

1. No food is allowed in the classroom.
2. Cups with a spillproof lid are allowed.

3. Students are not to leave class except for emergencies. Going to the bathroom should be planned before class or during break time.
4. Cell phones are to be on silent and not used unless approved by instructor.
5. Desks space is to be cleaned on the last day of class each week.
6. A local business has donated a copying machine for the classroom. Students are responsible for contributing paper and toner for the continued use of the machine.

CLEANING RESPONSIBILITIES

Full-time students present on campus are responsible for helping with weekly cleaning chores.

STUDENT SUPPORTERS AND FINANCES

Full-time students who receive financial support are required to write their supporters twice each semester, thanking them for their support and sending a copy of their mid-term and final grades. Communicating with supporters regularly shows appreciation for their sacrifice and may also result in their supporting future students.

Supporters, whether individuals or congregations, should send all support money directly to FSOP with the student's name in the memo. The office staff keeps record of donations and issues students regular support checks on the first of each month.

Students commit to budgeting and using these funds in ways that are pleasing to the Lord. Wisdom and integrity are required for all Christians, especially preaching students.

STUDENT HOUSING RESIDENTS

Students living in the on-campus house graciously provided by the SFA church of Christ are to honor the rules and requirements of the *Student Housing Agreement* they sign.



FALL 2026 CLASS SCHEDULE

August 3 - December 13

Lakeland Campus

Day	Time	Course, Number, Instructor	Class Hours	Credit Hours
Mon	8:30-12:00	I & II Thessalonians, Galatians, 137, Bauer	48	3
	1:00-4:15	Hermeneutics, 100, Beals	48	3
Tues	8:30-12:00	Preacher & His Work, 107, Wheeler	48	3
	8:30-12:00	English I - Grammar, 124, Kenyon	48	3
	1:00-4:15	World Religions , 275, Wheeler	48	3
Wed	8:30-12:00	Sermon Prep & Delivery, 203, TBA	48	3
	8:30-12:00	Greek I, 124, Kenyon	48	3
	1:00-4:15	Minor Prophets 246, Kenyon	48	3
Thur	8:30-12:00	Old Testament History 239, Ridgeway	48	3
	1:00-4:15	Life of Paul 262, Ford	48	3
Fri	8:30-12:00	Hebrews, 210, TBA	48	3
	1:00-4:15	Ezekiel & Daniel, 214, David Stearsman	48	3

Daily: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Chapel

EXTENSION CLASSES*

Day	Time	Course, Number, Instructor	Class Hours	Credit Hours
Mon	7:00 - 9:30 PM	TBA, TBA church of Christ building 5223 Wesconnett Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	40	2.5
Thur	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Acts, Kenyon church of Christ building 157 - 10th Street W., Apopka, FL 32703	40	2.5

* Extension classes are not for full-time students who receive financial support through the Florida School of Preaching, unless approved by the Director.

* Extension classes are not for veterans receiving educational assistance from the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

SPRING 2027 CLASS SCHEDULE

January 11 - May 14

Lakeland Campus

Day	Time	Course, Number, Instructor	Class Hours	Credit Hours
Mon	8:30-12:00	General Epistles, 249, Bauer	48	3
	1:00-4:15	Prison Epistles, 136, David Stearsman	48	3
Tues	8:30-12:00	Computers & Churches, 290, Wheeler	48	3
	8:30-12:00	Greek II, 224, Kenyon	48	3
	1:00-4:15	Between the Testaments, 220, Wheeler	48	3
Wed	8:30-12:00	English II - Composition 125, Kenyon	48	3
	8:30-12:00	Gospel of John, 227, Beals	48	3
	1:00-4:15	I & II Timothy and Titus, 238, Kenyon	48	3
Thur	8:30-12:00	Jesus Throughout Scripture, 224, TBA	48	3
	1:00-4:15	Ethics, 285, Daniel Stearsman	48	3
Fri	8:30-12:00	Church History: Restoration, 242, Daugherty	48	3
	1:00-4:15	Wisdom Literature, 248, Ford	48	3

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

FALL 2026

16 weeks of instruction

Registration Open	July 14 - August 14, 2026
Fall Semester Begins.....	August 3, 2026
Enrichment Week (PTP)	August 17-21, 2026
Classes Resume.....	August 24, 2026
Board Meeting	September 8, 2026
Mid-Terms & Grades Due	September 21-25, 2026
Mid-Term Break.....	October 5-9, 2026
Classes Resume.....	October 12, 2026
Practicum	November 16-20, 2026
Thanksgiving Break.....	November 23-27, 2026
Classes Resume.....	November 30, 2026
Board Meeting	December 8, 2026
Final Exams & Grades Due	December 7-11, 2026
Fall Semester Ends.....	December 11, 2026
Graduation (Diplomas Awarded)	December 13, 2026
Holiday Break	December 14, 2026 - January 8, 2027

SPRING 2027

16 weeks of instruction

Registration Open	December 15, 2026 - January 22, 2027
Spring Semester Begins	January 11, 2027
Lectureship (no classes)*	January 18 - 21, 2027
Classes Resume.....	January 25, 2027
Mid-Terms & Grades Due	March 8-12, 2027
Board Meeting	March 9, 2027
Practicum	March 15-19, 2027
Mid-term Break.....	March 22 -26, 2027
Classes Resume.....	March 29, 2027
Board Meeting	May 11, 2027
Final Exams & Grades Due	May 10-14, 2027
Spring Semester Ends	May 14, 2027
Graduation (Diplomas Awarded)	May 16, 2027

***Full-time students are expected to attend all sessions of the lectureship in January. Part-time students are expected to attend sessions of the lectureship that would normally be their scheduled class times.**



The ladies' classes are designed to help women better understand their role in the church. The ladies' class meets monthly. These classes are open to all ladies who live in the area and would like to benefit from Bible instruction given by spiritually mature Christian women.

2026-2027 Ladies' Class Schedule

7:00–8:00 PM (Tuesdays)

June 9, 2026

July 7, 2026

August 11, 2026

September 8, 2026

October 13, 2026

November 10, 2026

December 8, 2026

January 18-21, 2027 (during Lectureship)

February 16, 2027

March 9, 2027

April 13, 2027

May 11, 2027

June 8, 2027

July 13, 2027

These classes are streamed live via Zoom. Visit the Ladies page of our website to sign-up. Ladies can request to join the private Facebook group: FSOP Ladies Class to view the recordings.

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