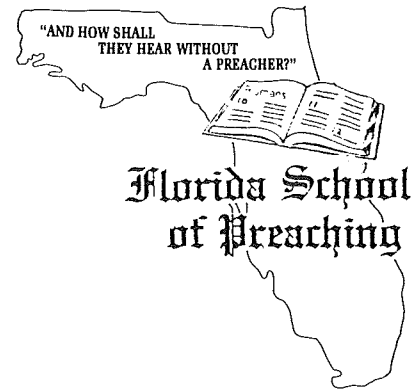


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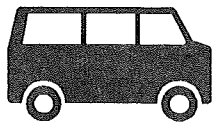
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## Student Day In Virginia

By  
Brian Kenyon

The students and staff wish to express their appreciation to the churches of Christ in Vinton and Christiansburg, Virginia. Sunday, September 30, 1990, students and staff from the *Florida School of Preaching* visited these congregations.



The trip required two days traveling. We left in the early

hours Saturday and returned late Monday afternoon. The Lake Drive Church of Christ in Vinton invited students to conduct both morning and evening services and the Christiansburg Church of Christ had students conduct services in the evening.

In Vinton, Neil Lopez taught the morning Bible study, John Strachan lead the opening prayer, and Brian Kenyon preached. For the evening services in Vinton, Neil Lopez led the opening prayer, while John Strachan and Mike Dykes shared

the preaching responsibilities. At Christiansburg, Brian Kenyon led singing and Graham McDonald

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preached.

It was an honor and joy to serve in these capacities and to provide an example of the work of the *Florida School of Preaching*. Although the travel was long and tiring, the trip was profitable to all concerned.

B.C. Carr accompanied these students on this trip and made a brief report about the

school. The Vinton Church gave a check for \$2,500.00 to the *Florida School of Preaching*. The Christiansburg Church of Christ and the Vinton Church of Christ are regular supporters of the school.

We want to say thank you in a special way to the families of Tommy Blewett, Mike Davis, and Tony Glass; these brethren took us into their homes, extended to us genuine hospitality, and helped us to enjoy some of the best fellowship this side of heaven. We echo the same sentiments as Paul when he said to the church at Philippi, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3).



# "What Is The Purpose of The Lectureship?"

By  
Jackie M. Stearsman

Recently a student asked me to explain the purpose of the *Florida School of Preaching Lectureship*. After doing some additional reflection on this question and in view of the annual lectureship let us consider some reasons for having a lectureship.

## Edification

The occasion provides an excellent opportunity for mutual edification. Students and staff are strengthened by this event. Those attending are built up in the most holy faith. Congregations participating will be encouraged and strengthened. This alone would be sufficient grounds for having the lectures.

## Communication

Each year those attending learn much about the *Florida School of Preaching*. While attending the lectureship individuals visit with student and staff and much is learned regarding the work of the school. Those attending can assist students and staff in knowing what is transpiring in the church where they worship and work. When these things are known the needs of all concerned may be better addressed.

## Address Questions

During the lectureship there is provided time and opportunity for questions. With the excellent staff of speakers much help is available for inquiring souls. This provides a unique opportunity to have subjects raised and considered. With faithful men offering suggestions we are better

able to return our local congregations and address questions that may be vexing us on the home front.

## Focusing Issues

Without contact with faithful brethren we may not know that a given issue is a potential problem for the congregations of the brotherhood. During the lectureship attention is directed to areas that concern brethren on more than a single congregation basis. The Bible abounds in warnings from faithful brethren regarding wolves in sheep clothing (Matt. 7:15); of those who come in with less than honorable motives (Jude 3ff.; II Peter 3:14-18; 2:1-2ff.).

Being alert to particular hobbies and false teachings will enable elders to better oversee the congregations where they serve. Informed preachers that have the courage to preach the truth will be better prepared to teach what is profitable to those who listen to them on a weekly basis.

This has motivated preachers to come at their own expense to attend the lectures.

## Fellowship

The lectureship affords individuals an opportunity to see old friends and to acquire new ones. Most preachers could name a person(s) with whom a close association developed during their attendance at a lectureship.

When the truth is the common denominator that binds souls together the fellowship is wonderful.

Isolated from fellow sol-

diary of the cross may tempt us to become weary in well doing. A few days of fellowship with the faithful can do great things for our spiritual well being.

## Challenge

When the lectureship is over each will return with renewed challenges. Challenges that will urge individuals to do more for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Challenges that prompt us to greater faithfulness and loyalty to Him that loved us and is calling upon us to place His will and ways above all others.

These suggestions are sufficient to challenge us to prepare our schedule that we might attend the *Florida School of Preaching Lectureship*. For additional information write or call the school for a brochure.



"I must not miss it."



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# SIXTEENTH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

JANUARY 21-24, 1991

## THEME: UNDERSTANDING THE WILL OF GOD

### MONDAY—January 21

- 9:00 "Rules of Bible Interpretation"  
Roy Deaver, Austin, TX
- 9:45 "Understanding the Sayings of Jesus"  
V.P. Black, Chickasaw, AL
- 10:45 "Can We Understand the Bible Alike"  
Chris Steele, New Port Richey, FL
- 11:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 "Some Things We may Never Understand"  
Daniel Denham, Eagle Lake, FL
- 2:30 "Understanding The Grace of God"  
Eugene Clevenger, Abilene, TX
- 3:30 "Difficult Texts Explained"  
Jackie Stearsman, Lakeland, FL
- 4:30 DINNER
- 7:00 "Understanding Providence of God"  
Ted Wheeler, Englewood, FL
- 7:45 "Understanding The Love of God"  
Wendell Winkler, Montgomery, AL

### TUESDAY—January 22

- 9:00 "Rules of Bible Interpretation"  
Roy Deaver, Austin, TX
- 9:45 "Understanding the Sayings of Jesus"  
V.P. Black, Chickasaw, AL
- 10:45 "Understanding The Mission of the Church"  
Demar Elam, Madison, AL
- 11:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 "Understanding Gods Attitude Toward Sin"  
Jack Tittle, Rocky Mount, N.C.
- 2:30 "Understanding the Indwelling Godhead"  
Bobby Duncan, Adamsville, AL
- 3:30 "Difficult Texts Explained"  
Wendell Winkler, Montgomery, AL
- 4:30 DINNER
- 7:00 "Perverting The Doctrine"  
Larry Williams, Bradenton, FL
- 7:45 "Revelation and Inspiration of The Will of God"  
Jim Laws, Memphis, TN

### WEDNESDAY—January 23

- 9:00 "Rules of Bible Interpretation"  
Roy Deaver, Austin, TX
- 9:45 "Understanding The Sayings of Jesus"  
V.P. Black, Chickasaw, AL
- 10:45 "Hindrances to Proper Understanding"  
Bobby Liddell, Pensacola, FL
- 11:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 "Understanding Book of Philemon"  
Winfred Clark, Athens, AL
- 2:30 "Understanding Gods will for the Work of Preachers"  
Curtis Cates, Memphis, TN
- 3:30 "Difficult Texts Explained"  
Eugene Clevenger, Abilene, TX
- 4:30 DINNER
- 7:00 "Understanding Leads to Unity—Not Diversity"  
Bruce Harris, Garden City, MI
- 7:45 "Understanding the Greatness of God"  
Demar Elam, Madison, AL

### THURSDAY—January 24

- 9:00 "Rules of Bible Interpretation"  
Roy Deaver, Austin, TX
- 9:45 "Understanding the Book of Jude"  
Winfred Clark, Athens, AL
- 10:45 "Understanding Gods Will in Caring For the Needy"  
Cletus Stutzman, Mount Dora, FL
- 11:30 LUNCH
- 1:30 "Passages of Scripture Misapplied"  
Paul Eubanks, Orlando, FL
- 2:30 "Proper Attitudes Aid Understanding"  
Tom Blewett, Vinton, VA
- 3:30 "Difficult Texts Explained"  
Curtis Cates, Memphis, TN
- 4:30 DINNER
- 7:00 "All Men Are Amenable to The Will of God"  
Harold Rodriguez, Sarasota, FL
- 7:45 "Understanding the Severity of God"  
Bobby Duncan, Adamsville, AL

# ELDERS AND PREACHERS BANQUET

October 18, 1990



Arcadia, Hickory Street  
Bartow, Jackson Street  
Brandon, Bell Shoals  
Cape Coral, Cape Coral  
Clearwater, Central  
Lakeland, North Lakeland  
Lakeland, South Florida Avenue  
Mango, Mango

New Port Richey, River Road  
Oklawaha, Oklawaha  
Pinecrest, Pinecrest  
Sarasota, Midway  
Springhead, Springhead  
Venice, Venice  
Winter Garden, Ninth Street

The above Congregations had representatives meet at the *Florida School of Preaching* for an evening of fellowship. Winfred Clark was the speaker for this occasion. He declared that today: (1) Sin is minimized; (2) Christ is humanized; (3) the Bible is liberalized; (4) the church is criticized, and (5) spirituality is deemphasized. This means that there is a great need for the work the school and its supporters are doing.

In providing a textual analysis of Luke 19:28-38 brother Clark emphasized (1) the leadership of Christ; (2) that Christ asks for and deserves our very best; (3) that those whom Christ sent, went; (4) that Christ has need of us in his plan for reaching men with the gospel; (5) that those who journey with Christ into the city laid what they had before him, observing that all of us can have a part in the grand and noble plan of the Master.

The *Florida School of Preaching* appreciates the help provided by faithful brethren everywhere. On this occasion we were honored to have brethren from the State of Florida to be together and know of our potential for the future and to express appreciation to the many loyal supporters from our state.

## RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHIES AVAILABLE

Barry Jones is involved in providing bibliography data for the serious student of the Bible. He has just completed *Restoration Hermeneutics I* with over 1,200 references. He has indexed *Lard's Quarterly* which covers the years from 1853-1869. Barry also has other projects he is developing which are of interest to preachers. For additional information contact him as follows:



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