

# THE HARVESTERS



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## Lectureship Recap

By

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Any honest appraisal of the 1992 *Seventeenth Annual Florida School of Preaching Lectureship* would

have to say that it is one of the best ever. There could not have been a more timely theme: "Does The Church Need



*Changing For The Coming Century?*" All participants did an excellent job and those attending are far better prepared to face the dangerous innovations that are confronting the church from many fronts.

### Joyous Fellowship

We must reflect upon the wonderful association enjoyed by all. Refreshments were provided the guests

and the generosity of the following congregations made it possible. Monday, the **Springhead** Congregation, Plant City; Tuesday, the **Sixth Street** Congregation, Lakeland; Wednesday, the **South Florida Avenue** Congregation, Lakeland; Thursday, the **North Lakeland** Congregation. A special thanks goes to sister Mary Holton and the ladies of South Florida Avenue that coordinated the daily "feed."

### Florida Turnout

From the State of Florida alone there were individuals and groups that signed the register from **seventy-two (72) congregations**.

### Other States

We had individuals register from **thirteen** other states. These were: Alabama, Georgia, Indiana,

Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

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### Foreign Countries

In addition to the local folk and those from other states there were individuals in attendance from **Canada, Ghana-Africa, Haiti, Jamaica and Scotland**.

To all who attended and to those who sacrificed time and funds to make this week a great success we express our deepest appreciation.



If we do not see you until next year please let us hear from you, God bless.

# “BEHOLD THE PATTERN”

## A Review

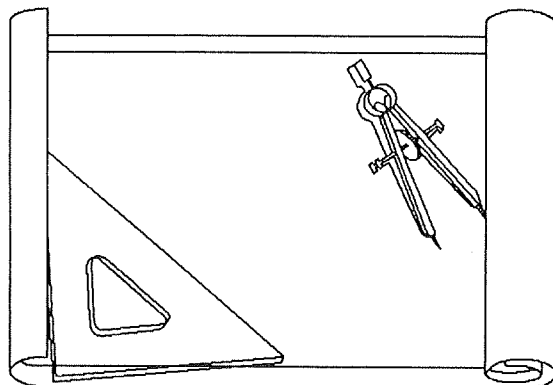
By  
Billy R. Davidson

The name Goebel Music is not all that well known in our part of the country and in a way that is a shame. This writer has known him for nearly twenty years. Our first association was when he lived in Texarkana, TX., working with the Walnut Street Congregation, and brother Music was preaching for the Pleasant Valley congregation in Little Rock, Arkansas. During the time we lived in Texarkana, he preached in two gospel meetings for us. To say that he is a great student of the Bible and loves the inspired revelation of God to man is certainly true. He has a brilliant memory and not very many among us today has a greater command of the scriptures than he. There is one thing I would say about him and that is that he is faithful in every respect.

Brother Music has recently completed and published a book that deserves wide circulation. *Behold The Pattern* is a book that every elder, deacon, preacher and member of the church should have. But more than just having it, it should be read and studied diligently. I have had my copy for less

than a week, therefore I have not had time to read it all. But I will. It is destined to become one of the greatest works published by our brethren and if followed, will no doubt have a great effect upon our great brotherhood.

It is not our purpose to advertise and sell books



through this bulletin, but we believe our writing about this book is justified and our promoting it necessary. If I know brother Music, he is not in the profit seeking business with this publication, but obviously book publishing cannot be done without funds. To prove my point, a box of books was sent to the *Florida School of Preaching* so that a copy could be given to each of the students preparing to preach and also each instructor. That involved a considerable expenditure

within itself, but think of the possible good that will be done by these brethren training to preach the Gospel.

In this book, brother Music gives great emphasis to the pattern for all things given in God's Word. He also writes at length relative to those errors now being presented by many of our erring brethren and he identifies those presenting the error. Indeed, there are many strange and uncertain sounds among us today, and these are identified. It is sad that such a writing is necessary but I certainly believe brother Music has done us a great favor with the bringing out of this book. My sincere prayer is that it will have a wide circulation, but more, that many brethren will study and heed its message.

We will be happy to furnish anyone interested with information as to how

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the book may be acquired.

[Brother Davidson preaches for the Central Church of Christ, Clearwater, Florida and is a part of the faculty of the *Florida School of Preaching*. This article appeared in his church bulletin, December 22, 1991. I read the book during the holidays and agree fully with Billy's assessment.

Brother Wayne Coats purchased the copies for the students and staff. We appreciate brother Coats continued interest in the truth and the *Florida School of Preaching*.

The first printing of this work is sold out. It is being reprinted. If you are interested in securing a copy please **order** them from:

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editor.]

## Sympathy Notes

The administration, staff, and student body express their sympathy to brother Floyd Singleton, Sr. at the passing of his wife, **Annie Bell Singleton**. Sister Singleton died December 9, 1991. Floyd has attended the *Florida School of Preaching* for a number of years. Floyd preaches for the Ninth Street Church of Christ, Winter Garden, Florida.

We also express our sympathy to the family of **William S. Cline**. Bill passed away December 10, 1991. He had served as preacher and director of the school of Preaching at the Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, Florida for a number of years. In the past few years, though battling poor health, he served as the editor of the *Firm Foundation*. Those who loved the truth appreciated the good done by brother Cline.

We also express our condolences to the family of brother Paul Thornhill, member of the Board of Directors, *Florida School of Preaching*. Paul's mother-in-law, **Elsie M. Pollock**, died December 21, 1991.

## From An Alumnus

We always enjoy hearing from former students and to share with you through the Harvesters their success and progress. We had three leave us last year to continue their training at Freed-Hardeman University. We are encouraged when we know that our work here has been of help to our students and to know that what they receive here is recognized elsewhere. Brian Kenyon wrote us over the holiday and we feel his words would be an

encouragement to those interested in our work.

Dear Jackie:

Just finished the semester here at F-H.U. I think I received all A's [in a later note he confirmed this]. I did pass the Greek Clep Test. Thanks for teaching us so well. Haven't had any snow yet, but we're hoping for a blizzard. Everyone in the family is doing fine. May God bless you in your work, family, life, and eternity.

In Christian Love,

/s/ Brian Kenyon and family

## Neil Lopez Graduates

Neil came to the *Florida School of Preaching* from Jamaica, New York. He was originally from Trinidad. He finished his two year training here and did excellent in all his assignments.

Before his graduation Neil was being asked to return to places where he had done substitute preaching and will begin work with the South Jamaica Church of Christ the second week in April.

We look forward to hearing of great things from Neil and his new work. He was an encouragement to the staff and students.



Instead of flowers, many people prefer to send a memorial gift that will bear fruit for many years, helping some young man to preach. Send a memorial to the school and we will write a letter of acknowledgment for you. We will need the following information:

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## Reflections On Comfort

Death is a great equalizer. It brings together the rich and the poor; the young and the old; the bond and free. Death causes all to seek for comfort. Without God and His word there is but sorrow. With God and His Word there are words of assurance and comfort. With God we need not sorrow as those who have no hope (I Thess. 4:13). With God's Word we have words to comfort ourselves and others (I Thess. 4:18).

The people of God know that they face trials and tribulation and that in the midst of these they are comforted and taught to comfort others. What a blessing it is to have those who understand and share our sorrows with us. *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God* (II Cor. 1:3-4).

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