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School Reflections

Please note the following changes in the school's telephone service.

1. An toll free 800 telephone number has been installed. (1-800-320-9780)
2. The fax number is 941-683-0750. This will be available on a 24 hour basis.
3. The regular office phone number will remain the same.
4. In the very near future we will have the capability to take credit card orders for the lectureship books.

We have completed our 1996 Lectureship. We had excellent attendance and warm reception from those in attendance. We have sold a number of Lectureship books and if you did not purchase one you need to do so before they are gone. We had excellent sermons from those speaking and with a number of replacement speakers there are some lessons that are only available on tape. The tape and the book presentations were on the same topic assigned so the taped lesson will enable you to have a double treatment on the subject.

In the next issue we will place some pictures of the crowds and specific persons involved in the week's events. If you were not a part of this year's event why not make

plans now to be here next year. The lectureship is the third full week in January each year. Mark your calendar now for this date. The dates will be January 20-23, 1997.

The lectureship and school are able to reach beyond the immediate circumstances by having the lectures in print and on tape. A case in point is the following letter we have just received from India.

10th January, 1996

Florida School of Preaching

Dear Brother in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I received the lectureship Book "Doctrine of Christ" safely. Thank you. The printed sermons are thought provoking. I plan to translate some of the articles to Tamil. The sermons will make the denominational people realize the faults lingering in their doctrines and also make them understand the New Testament doctrine. We appreciate all writers.

If you are willing, please mail to me books for 1996 Lectureship. I humbly request you to regularly mail to me books every year. These books will be much useful and guiding to our work for the Lord. Please enroll my

name and address in your mailing list. I am grateful to all the elders and the church.

Let me close here with best wishes for a soul winning New Year.

Please continue to pray for us. We continue to pray for you.

In Christian love,

/s/ T. Pichaiammal

Another letter is as follows:

Dear Sirs:

Please send me your 1996 lectureship book, "You Have Heard It Said...But, the Bible Says." I am enclosing payment...I have the other two lectureship books and have found the content to be solid and sound. One can almost be assured of that before even reading the book, by taking note of the names of the speakers and writers involved. Just wish I could be present for lectureship; since I can't, the book will be the next best thing. Thank you ever so much.

We also received and make reply to the following letter from Zambia.

December 15, 1995

Florida School of Preaching
Dear Mr. Stearsman:

Greeting from Zambia!!

I hope that you are doing well in your work. Having preached the gospel for the past seventeen years in my country, I have diagnosed a deficiency in the full evangelization of Zambia. We desperately need schools of biblical studies in our country in order for us to reach a desired maturity. I am convinced that the church would do well, in terms of growth, if we had schools, such as yours, which would develop and produce capable local men to faithfully minister the gospel to their people.

It is amazing that all of my biblical training has come from schools outside Zambia, and we have many more Zambians who yearn for similar training. Financial constraints have been highly prohibitive, thus hampering their aspirations and desires to train and adequately be qualified to preach the gospel of Christ.

Therefore, on behalf of my people, I would like to appeal to you to assist us in our efforts to establish a school such as yours within our borders. I understand that you had helped brethren in ... to begin a school of preaching there. I would like to know what it would take to set up a school of such magnitude. I have written to my sponsoring congregation for permission to visit your school on a fact-finding mission sometime next year. Would that be alright with you?

My regards to Fred and everyone.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sokontella Kanangu

We replied in part as follows:

January 2, 1996

Dear brother Sokontella,

it was good to hear from you and to know of your work for the Lord in Zambia. I can well understand your assessment of the problem of developing the church in your own country and in the world. I have long been persuaded, in fact it is why I am in the work that I am in, that you can evangelize people no faster than you can develop local congregations. In view of this fact you can develop congregations no faster than you have men to assist with teaching and edification. This means that a preacher or someone doing the work of a preacher is an absolute essential. I am convinced that the study of the life of Paul and the epistles he wrote will establish this beyond successful contradiction. In fact this is one of the reasons that we developed the life of Paul class taught in school here. If men are to understand their duties as a preacher they must understand Paul and his work. God chose him for such a task (Acts 9:15).

The church must understand her duty to train men to serve as preachers. We cannot expect the world or secular universities to train men to be a preacher. How could it? We cannot expect many of the schools that are operating with the major emphasis on secular education to train men to preach. Some men doing the teaching in these schools are not as convinced as they should be of the necessity of preaching and neither are they as informed as they should be of

what preaching is all about. Being schooled in denominational theology and methodology and then trying to incorporate this into practice among faithful people of God will result in confusion to all.

We have talked with some brethren interested in starting a school in Haiti and have attempted to show them what we are doing here with older men who have served as preachers and/or elders to help them understand the duty and sacred privilege of preaching. I am the only full time teacher in our school. This enables us to draw on the strength of others to meet particular needs in the total training. It is better that the students have exposure to more than one person in their training. They do not need to be the clones of me or anyone else. They need to bring out their best potential for the work they are assigned and pledged to be engaged.

If we can explain further our work, I will be happy to do so. Should you be able to come to the States this year, I will take time to go into detail about our program and the underlying philosophy behind it...

The church is very weak in some parts of the States today. Many are closer to the Christian Church than

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they are to the Bible. Having been educated here I am sure you are well informed of these elements. I am not discouraged but fully convinced that what we are doing is an absolute must for the survival of the truth of the gospel. I think we are somewhat like the sons of the prophets in the days of Elijah and Elisha. They were not state supported and many of their own brethren did not appreciate what they were doing until they were in a time of crisis.

When you know what you plan to do relative to coming to our area, let us know and we will be sure and keep some time available to help you understand what we are doing and why.

Sincerely,

Jackie M. Stearsman, Director

Lectureship Statics

Attendance at the lectureship this year was one of the largest that we have had. The following is a break down of the attendance from congregations in the state of Florida:

Alachua
 Arcadia - Hickory Street
 Auburndale - Orange Street
 Bartow - N Jackson Street
 Belle Glade
 Black Creek
 Brandon - Bell Shoals
 Eastside
 Branford - Burlington Sante Fe
 Bushnell
 Cape Coral
 Clearwater - Central
 Daytona Beach - Beville Rd
 Westside
 Deltona
 Dundee

Dunnellon
 Eagle Lake
 Fairmount
 Gainesville - Atlantic Road
 39th Avenue
 Geneva
 Groveland
 Haines City - Central
 Oakland
 Hallandale
 Homoasassa Springs
 High Springs
 Jacksonville - Arlington
 Oceanside
 Paxon
 Wesconnett
 Kissimmee
 Lake City
 Lakeland - Edgewood
 Highlands
 Lake Gibson
 North Lakeland
 Sixth Street
 South Florida Avenue
 Lake Tarpon
 Lake Wales - Northside
 Largo - Southeastern
 Lecanto
 Lithia - Pinecrest
 Mango
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 Miami - Haitia
 Milton
 Mulberry
 New Port Richey - Northside
 North Brevard
 North Ocoee
 Ocoee
 Okeechobee
 Orlando - Haitian
 South Orlando
 West Orlando
 Palm Bay
 Port Charlotte
 Plant City - Laura Street
 Springhead
 Safety Harbor - Booth Street
 St. Petersburg - 20th Street
 Sanford
 Sarasota - Midway
 Osprey
 Sebastian
 Stuart
 Tampa - Southside
 29th Street
 West Nassau

Wildwood
 Winter Garden - 9th and Bay
 Winter Haven - Central
 2nd Street
 Winter Park - S Seminole
 Venice
 Zephyrhills - Southside
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 and countries were
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 Canada - Ontario
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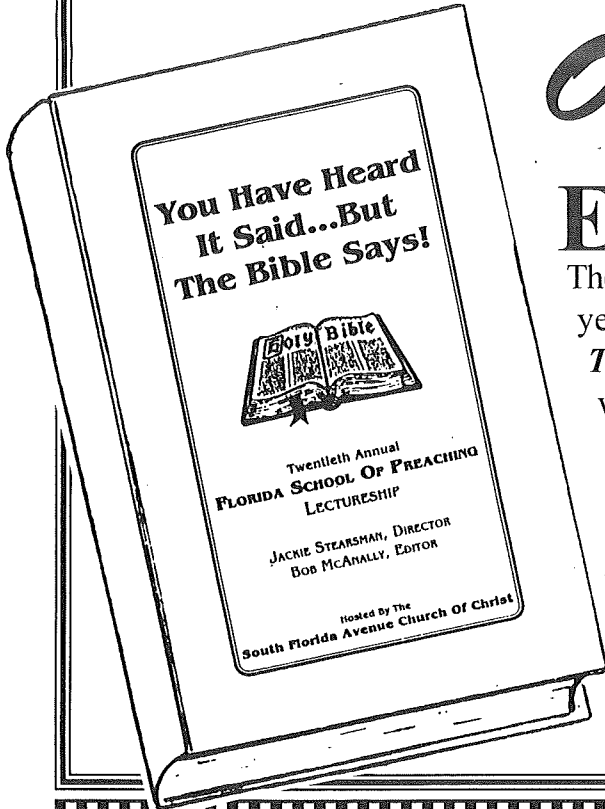
We are extremely sorry to say that we have experienced a severe problem with the audio taping of the lectureship. In order to correct the problem, it will be necessary to make new masters from the video tapes. To any of you that have ordered tapes and have not received them, please be advised that the tapes will be delayed until the problem has been corrected. If you took tapes home with you that are defective, please notify the office and we will correct the problem as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

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