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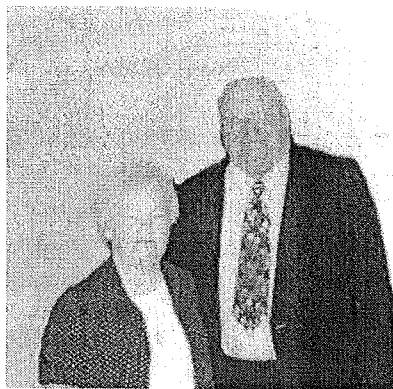
## Booster Banquet To Honor Charles and Gay Hendrickson

Each year at the Booster Banquet individuals or a congregation is selected to give special recognition for their contribution to the Florida School of Preaching. This year we have selected Charles and Gay Hendrickson from Mobile, Alabama. The late brother V. P. Black encouraged this fine couple to attend the annual lectureship at the Florida School of Preaching many years ago. Since that initial visit, unless circumstances prevented it, they have attended the annual lectures and make significant contributions toward that event and the ongoing operations of the school. The first digital camera the school had was purchased by brother and sister Hendrickson.

The support of individuals like these has enabled the school to operate since 1969. We know you will want to join us in commending this couple and other supporters of the Florida School of Preaching. The Booster Banquet is October 18, 2007. Supporters of the school are to notify the office of your plans to be present at this occasion.

Charles was born in Laurel, Mississippi. He moved to Mobile, Alabama in 1953. He entered the military in 1955 and was honorably discharged in 1958. He married Gay

Mears, June 26, 1959. Gay was born in Mobile, Alabama, and obeyed the gospel in 1954. She and



Gay and Charles Hendrickson

her sister, Teddy Mears, work with the World Bible School at the Central church of Christ in Saraland, Alabama. Charles was baptized into Christ in September 1959.

In 1967 Charles took up the trade of boiler maker and worked at that trade until 1992 at which time he formed Boiler-Tek, and sold the company in 2002 and is now semi retired.

Charles and Gay were members of the Plateau church of Christ where the late V. P. Black was the minister. He credits brother Black with teaching him the values of giving that has characterized his life over the years.

Charles and Gay are

inactive members of the sojourners at the present time. Charles served on the board of directors of Rainbow Omega from 1996 to 2001. In addition to supporting the Florida School of Preaching, they support The Gospel Broadcast Network, Demar Elam's Open Door ministry, Wayne Pruitt's Guyana ministry, and Rainbow Omega.

We are grateful to have the support of Gay and Charles Hendrickson, and are happy to honor them on this occasion.

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### 2008 Lectureship Book Appendix

By

Brian R. Kenyon

If all goes as previous years, according to the Lord's will, we should have our 2008 lectureship book, *Do You Understand the Biblical View of Man?*, ready for distribution by mid-December. Much effort and many long hours have gone into production, and everything had to be "camera ready" around October 1. Next month's *Harvester* will give an overview of the lectureship book concerning the speaker subjects listed on page 3. In this brief overview, we want to bring attention to the appendix of this book. Although it is short compared to the rest of the book, it

is rich with Biblical truth.

Since our 1999 lectureship book, we have included an appendix. These chapters deal with topics that are relative to our overall theme, but are not part of the oral presentations. One of the most valuable features of our appendixes over the years has been the written contributions from many of our faithful Christian ladies. This year's appendix is no different.

Joyce Stearsman wrote an article, "Older Women Teach the Younger Women," based on Titus 2:3-5. She looks at God's requirements, a challenging personal inventory, what is to be taught, the woman's relationship to the man, and concludes with a queen mother's advice to her son (Pr. 31). She writes, "The younger women of our day need the advice and wisdom gained by the older women who have a lifetime of experience....If the younger heed the advice of the older and profit by it, they may avoid many problems, mistakes, heartaches, and pain that they might face in their future."

Katrina Stearsman wrote an article, "Influence Exerted by Women." In it, she examines general Biblical statements regarding a woman's influence, and she gives examples of both good and bad women found in the Old and New Testaments, from Eve (Gen. 3:1-6) to Eunice and Lois (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15). She concludes, "A Christian woman's influence is far reaching. As the salt of the earth and the light of the world by covenant with God, her influence is commandeered from cradle to grave."

Amber Kenyon wrote an article, "Wives Helping Their Husbands," in which she examines practically how a wife can help her husband in the home, with their children, in his secular work, and in his work with the church. She

writes, "Among some important factors for a wife to help her husband are strong faith, flexibility, moral/spiritual support, encouragement, and letting her husband know that he is loved more than anything in this world."

Susan Stearsman wrote an article, "Lydia: Biblical Insights for Professional Women," in which she shows from Lydia's life that women can be successful professionals and still be faithful to the Lord and to promoting Christ's cause. She writes, "The spirit of humans can seek to worship God, promote his cause, and influence a world that does not know him. Lydia of Acts 16 exemplifies such a spirit."

In addition to the articles written by women, we have additional articles that deal with the Biblical view of man. Jackie Stearsman's article, "Is Eternal Punishment Justified?" examines eternal punishment in light of God's character. His thesis is stated three ways: (1) positively: "It is the case that God is just in punishing disobedient people eternally;" (2) negatively: "It is not contrary to the nature of God nor to the nature of divine justice for God to punish disobedient people eternally;" and (3) Biblically: "The Bible teaches that God will punish eternally the wicked and disobedient people who refuse his overtures of mercy and love by not repenting and obeying his will."

There are two articles that deal with homosexuality. First, George Beals wrote "Homosexuality," which looks at the current influence of it in our society, presents arguments that show all homosexual behavior is immoral (sinful), critiques some of the "pro-gay arguments," and gives some practical advice in dealing with the problem of homosexuality today. He writes, "Whether or not a physical tendency exists in the body

does not decide the morality of the corresponding behavior. What does determine the morality of human behavior? God. Where do we find God's direction? In his word."

Second, Brian Kenyon wrote "Is Homosexuality Biologically Determined?," in which he examines scientific studies that have claimed homosexuality is biologically determined, including Simon LeVay's "champion" study of the hypothalamus.

As the concluding article to our appendix, we are reprinting, with permission from the *Spiritual Sword*, Roy Deaver's 1977 review of the Warren-Flew Debate on the existence of God, along with the reprint of a 2004 article that documented the famous atheist's realization, almost thirty years later, that "A super-intelligence is the only good explanation for the origin of life and the complexity of nature."

Each year our lectureship and book are carefully planned and put together. There are only thirty-two speaking slots that can have corresponding chapters in the book. However, understanding the Biblical view of man is much broader than thirty-two slots, and it is with this in mind that the appendix exists.

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## “Do You Understand the Biblical View of Man?”

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lectureship **Jan. 21-24, 2008** Jackie M. Stearsman, Director

### MONDAY

9:00 The Biblical View of Jesus as a Man  
 9:40 Man's Duty to Love God  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 The Biblical View of Man and Sin  
 11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: The Biblical View of Man and the Home

1:30 The Home Impacts the Church  
 2:00 The Home's Impact on Society  
 2:30 Broken Homes, Handicapped Children  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Man Must Love Truth  
 7:45 Man and Benevolence

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### TUESDAY

9:00 Pop Psychology  
 9:40 Man as an Employer/Employee  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 Philosophical Ethics  
 11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: The Biblical View of Man and Eschatology

1:30 The Biblical View of Death  
 2:00 The Final State of Man  
 2:30 Sources of Skepticism  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Man Is Created to Work  
 7:45 Man as the Leader of His Family

David Stearsman  
 Mark Reynolds

Jody Apple

Bill Watkins  
 Glenn Burgess  
 Freddie Clayton

James Johnson  
 Jimmy Clark

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 Man Is to Glorify God  
 9:40 Woman as the Man's Helper  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 Love the Brethren  
 11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: The Biblical View of Origins

1:30 Evolution and the Biblical View of Man  
 2:00 Man in God's Image  
 2:30 Origin of the Soul in Each Individual  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Man Is to Seek God  
 7:45 Man Needs Hope

Rusty Hilliard  
 Jimmy Clark

George F. Beals

Ben Radford, Sr.  
 Robert McAnally

### THURSDAY

9:00 Man and the Influence of Demons  
 9:40 Man and Civil Government  
 10:20 BREAK  
 10:50 Radical Homosexuality  
 11:30 LUNCH

#### Forum: The Biblical View of Man and Restoration

1:30 Restoration Needed  
 2:00 Substance Abuse  
 2:30 Recovery Programs  
 3:00 BREAK  
 3:30 Questions and Answers on Forum Topic  
 4:30 DINNER  
 6:30 Congregational Singing  
 7:00 Man's Duty to Love His Fellow Man  
 7:45 Man Is to Worship God

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As a compliment to this lectureship, the Florida School of Preaching proudly presents our fifteenth bound lectureship volume, *Do You Understand the Biblical View of Man?* Understanding our purpose, our nature, and our place in God's plan of redemption is necessary to our salvation. In addition to containing the manuscripts of the oral presentations, this book will include an appendix of related material written by faithful men and women. This book will make a valuable addition to any person's library, especially preachers, teachers, and elders.



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## Love and Money

By

Gene Burgett

There is a well-known and oft recited passage in the Bible that warns us there is potential danger when we mix love and money. "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10a). Nothing good comes of loving money itself. However, the way we use our money can be a means of expressing our love. As Paul urges the Corinthian church to collect a monetary gift they had earlier promised he writes, "Therefore show them, and before the churches the proof of your love..." (2 Cor. 8:24).

It is wrong to love money, but how we use our money may prove where our affections

actually are. Why do we leave our estate to our children after we die? It is because we love them. As we give each Lord's day we are providing proof of some degree of love for the kingdom of God.

Many choose to prove their love by supporting worthy works. Some do this while they are alive with financial contributions to good works. Others desire to prove their love by remembering these good works in the distribution of their estate.

There are many good works, dear reader, you could select as a means of proving your love, but let me recommend to

you the Florida School of Preaching. For thirty-seven years FSOP has been training men to serve in the churches of Christ as teachers and preachers, however this work depends on the generosity of Christian people. If you believe preacher training is important and you are looking for a good and worthy work to support, please give consideration to the Florida School of Preaching. If you would like more information about the school please call me and let us make arrangements to meet.

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