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Smile: "It's All In The Lord's Hands"



Amber Dawn Kenyon

September 24, 1965 – November 26, 2010

On Friday afternoon, November 26, 2010, at 3:24, my sweet Amber took her last breath. Will and Autumn were with me by her side and Rick was in her ear on the phone as angels carried her into Abraham's bosom. Given the circumstances, we could not have asked for a more peaceful departure. She did not become combative nor have seizures as her oncologist and Hospice nurse warned could be a very likely possibility, given the extent of cancer in her brain. She appeared content and comforted in the

Lord's will of allowing this to happen, for she often reminded me, "It's all in the Lord's hands." Now, she is comforted in the blissful, unseen realm of paradise (cf. Lk. 23:43), while we continue in this world that is full of sorrow, looking forward to that great resurrection day (1 Thes. 4:13-18)!

As the picture to the left indicates, one of Amber's most recognizable features was her smile. There were two things that especially brought that beautiful smile to the fore. First, Amber's family made her smile. Though her "family" included siblings, parents, and in-laws, the family Amber started when she "left father and mother" (Gen. 2:24) made her smile more than anything on this earth. She genuinely enjoyed being with her husband, whether it was "honeymooning," doing things with the kids, or just going to Walmart. She also loved being with her children. As adults, she and Autumn were best friends, especially as they worked at the same school, until—and rightly so—Autumn got serious with Will, who later became her husband...and Amber's second son. Rick also made his mother smile, especially as she enjoyed his fun loving personality. After the nest was empty, Amber especially smiled when Rick and Stephanie came to visit. We look forward to the day (and smile) when Amber and all her "babies" are reunited once again!

Second, Amber loved her work. She did enjoy teaching children, as she taught in the Polk County school system for over ten years. However, the work that brought more smiles to her face is the work that most of the *Harvester* readers would recognize—the work of the Lord through the Florida School of Preaching. The least visible work she did for the school was help put together the indexes for the lectureship book. Due to the circumstances, this

year's book will not have a subject index. The most visible area of Amber's work with the school was with the promotion of our books and study material at our lectureship, Sixth Street's Labor Day lectureship, and Freed-Hardeman University's lectureship! Not only was she a good salesperson, she was also super organized and meticulous in keeping records of exactly what materials were sold. The few times that Amber was not able to travel to FHU, we barely sold enough books for fuel to get back to Florida! She always looked forward to lectureship time and

would sacrifice during the school year to have days off in January and February. Sometimes she would even take days off without pay in order to work with the school.

No body will miss Amber's smile more than me. We were truly one! I thank all of you who sent cards of encouragement to Amber since her initial diagnosis in February. She received around 910, many of which from Christians we had never met personally. Your words and deeds of love will not be forgotten! Life must go on...and, thanks be to God, it is still more abundant in Christ! —*Brian*

Amber's Two Battles

Gene Burgett

Many readers of the *Harvester* have been aware of Amber Kenyon's battle with cancer. I remember vividly the very day it was learned that Amber had cancer, as Brian and I were in Tennessee when a phone call delivered the news. Brian quickly returned home and supported his wife for the next nine months, as Amber valiantly fought the cancer that eventually took her life.

In situations like this two battles are taking place. There is the war for the body. Will life or death prevail in the struggle for the body? A short time ago death won that fight as life slipped from Amber's body. There is, however, a second more significant struggle for the spirit of the afflicted. Will the afflicted fight with godly determination or faithless despair? Will they leave this life with God, allowing Him to lead them "through the valley of the shadow of death," or will they abandon their confidence in God, leaving only a bleak eternity in their future? Amber's love for God never wavered, and God is praised that, for her, death has no sting, leaving "victory through the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

Amber was a tireless worker for the Florida School of Preaching. She sometimes traveled with Brian and me, working with the school's book display at events we attended. During the school's lectureship she also worked with the display, while also feeding a houseful almost every evening. This work usually involved taking personal and vacation days from her job with the Polk County School Board.

Amber is already missed, and as time moves forward the hole she leaves will be enormous. 

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“Do You Understand the Biblical Value of Women?”

36th Annual Lectureship **Jan. 17-20, 2011** Brian R. Kenyon, Director

MONDAY

9:00 God Created Them Male and Female Bruce Daugherty
 9:40 Women in the Mind of God Jackie M. Stearsman
 10:20 BREAK
 10:50 Christ's Genealogy: Tamar Bob Bauer
 11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Women In Society

1:30 Deborah George F. Beals
 2:00 Esther Pierre J. Etienne
 2:30 Widow of Zarephath Bruce Daugherty
 3:00 BREAK
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
 4:30 DINNER
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 7:00 "Seed of Woman" and the Christ Christian Torres
 7:45 Miriam: To God Be the Glory James Meadows

TUESDAY

9:00 Mary Magdalene: Facts and Fiction Raymond Sieg
 9:40 Pilate's Wife Jim Beltz
 10:20 BREAK
 10:50 Christ's Genealogy: Rahab George F. Beals
 11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Women As Companions

1:30 Sarah David Stearsman
 2:00 Jochebed Nathan Franson
 2:30 Manoa's Wife Mike Elledge
 3:00 BREAK
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
 4:30 DINNER
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 7:00 Godly Women's Character Gene Burgett
 7:45 Wives Teaching by Example Jimmy Clark

WEDNESDAY

9:00 Abused Women: Hagar and Rachel Teral Walker
 9:40 Fathers and Their Daughters Marrying Dustin Forthun
 10:20 BREAK
 10:50 Christ's Genealogy: Ruth Jimmy Clark
 11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Women As Mothers

1:30 Lemuel's Mother Will Vann
 2:00 Hannah Brent Missildine
 2:30 Lois and Eunice Bill Greer
 3:00 BREAK
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
 4:30 DINNER
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 7:00 Older Women Teaching the Younger Bernard McKeiver
 7:45 "And His Mother's Name Was..." David Powell

THURSDAY

9:00 Tabitha: Full of Good Works Bill Greer
 9:40 Lydia: Faithful Business Woman Charles Broyles
 10:20 BREAK
 10:50 Christ's Genealogy: Mary Melvin Otey
 11:30 LUNCH

Forum: Women As Church Workers

1:30 Priscilla Dustin Forthun
 2:00 Euodia and Syntyche Brian R. Kenyon
 2:30 Phoebe Steve Atnip
 3:00 BREAK
 3:30 Questions And Answers On Forum Topic
 4:30 DINNER
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 7:00 Women in Romans 16 David Simons
 7:45 "There is Neither Male nor Female" Melvin Otey

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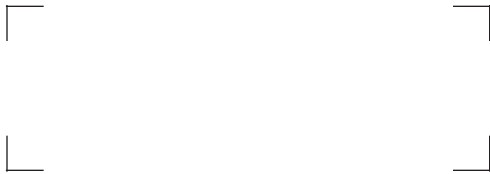
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Day	Time	Lakeland Classes	Instructor	Credit
Monday	__ 8:30-12:00	First and Second Timothy (238)	Davis	3
	__ 1:00-4:15	Greek II (223)	Kenyon	3
Tuesday	__ 8:30-12:00	Wisdom Literature (248)	Stearsman	3
	__ 1:00-4:15	General Epistles (249)	Burgett	3
Wednesday	__ 8:30-12:00	Eschatology (276)	Stearsman	3
	__ 1:00-4:15	English Composition (125)	Kenyon	3
Thursday	__ 8:30-12:00	Ethics (285)	Kenyon	3
	__ 1:00-4:15	Church History: Restoration (242)	Wheeler	3
Friday	__ 8:30-12:00	Gospel of John (227)	Wheeler	3
	__ 1:00-4:15	Minor Prophets (246)	Elledge	3

Extension Classes				
Monday	__ 7:00-9:30	Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon (136) (Alachua church of Christ)	Burgett	2.5
Thursday	__ 6:00-8:30	Life of Paul (262) (Orange Street church of Christ, Auburndale)	Bauer	2.5
	__ 7:00-9:30	Bible Geography and Archaeology (229) (Wesconnett church of Christ, Jacksonville)	Atnip	2.5



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