Greetings,

It is with great joy and thankfulness that we here at your school are privileged to communicate with our loyal supporters and alumni through this newsletter. We are profoundly happy to report that we had another successful academic year. We had fourteen (14) graduates this past semester. This is the largest number of graduates since I have been president of this great institution- to God be the glory!

We are humbly praying for more supporters, but we are forever grateful for the generous support of pastors, laymen, churches, associations, conventions, and alumni.

We are totally committed to remain loyal to the legacy of our forebears who started this school with the idea of providing students with sound biblical training at a low economical cost. We need your prayers as well as your financial assistance. Maybe you are wondering what you can do to assist the school? Well, we started five dollars a month club, and we would be most grateful for you to become a member. It will tremendously help us financially if you become a member.

Finally, we have scheduled our Annual Donation Day for Sunday, August 25, 2019, 4pm at the First Baptist Institutional Church 932 MLK Ave. Lakeland, FL.

We are kindly and humbly requesting that all our friends and supporters to attend and bring a generous donation. If you are unable to attend, then fill free to mail your donation to the Seminary.

Thank you once again for your continued support. May God richly bless you and yours.

Rev. Dr. Alex Harper, Sr.
ASSOCIATES OF THEOLOGY
Earl Mason  
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DOCTORATE OF DIVINITY
Melvin Houston  
Robert LeCount, Jr.  
Travis Patterson
DOCTORATE OF MINISTRY
Eugene Hollimon, Jr.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Donation Day  
Sunday, August 25, 2019  
4:00 PM
First Baptist Inst'l Church  
932 MLK, Jr. Avenue  
Lakeland, FL
Rev. Dr. Alex Harper, Pastor
Contributions are being accepted now and may be mailed to:
Florida Theological Seminary  
P. O. Box 1275  
Lakeland, FL 33802
Or
Online at https://www.lakelandfts.com/donations/

Registration for 2019 Fall Semester
Present – September 8, 2019
Late Registration  
September 9 – 13, 2019
Classes begin  
September 9, 2019
The Application, Registration Form and Class Schedule are available via email by contacting ftheologicalseminary@gmail.com  
www.lakelandfts.com
Please call the office at 863-683-3879 if you require additional information.
Office Hours:  
Tuesday – Thursday  
10am – 3pm
Summer Office Hours Vary

Congratulations  
Class of 2019

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc. held its graduation services in the month of May. Our theme was “Preparing for the Present and the Future” Ephesians 6:11. The Baccalaureate Service was held at First Baptist Institutional Church, Lakeland (Rev. Dr. Alex Harper, Sr., Pastor) on Tuesday, May 12. Our Gospel Messenger was Rev. Dr. Rayford Harper, Moderator of First South MB District Association and Pastor of First Baptist of West Tampa. He delivered a powerful, uplifting message. First Baptist Adult Choir and the First South Florida Praise Team blessed us with songs of praise.

Our Graduation Service was held on Thursday, May 14 and was hosted by the Mt. Moriah MB Church, (Rev. Dr. Henry L. Simmons., Pastor). Rev. Eugene Hollimon, Jr. delivered a dynamic Graduate’s Address. Rev. Dr. Frank O’Harroll Moderator of Union Foreign Association and Pastor of New Bethel MB Church, Winter Haven was our Commencement Messenger. Dr. O’Harroll’s message was dynamic and encouraging. We were blessed to have thirteen (13) participating graduates. We also recognized Rev. Dr. Leroy Kelly and Rev. Dr. Curtis L. Walker for their continuing education effort.

CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY
Ronald Brown  
Brandon Elerby  
Daren Gay  
Philip Vernard Mercer
ASSOCIATES OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES
Bobby Turner

President’s Annual Banquet
The President’s Annual Banquet was very well attended on May 13. It was held at the Coleman-Bush Building, Lakeland. A special thanks to Sis. Florence Ferrell for the lovely decor she provided. The First Institutional Male Chorus and Bishop Oliver Jones serenaded us with some old time gospel songs. Rev. Dr. G. I. Bradley, pastor of Providence MB Church, Palmetto, FL preached a soul-stirring and thought-provoking word from the Lord. We enjoyed a scrumptious meal prepared by Sis. Willie Mae Harper of H&H Catering Service. Thanks to everyone for the love shown to President Harper. Your kindness and generosity will always be cherished and remembered.

Spotlight on  
Elder Dr. Charlie Reese

Elder Dr. Charlie Reese is native of Henning, Tennessee. He surrendered his life to Christ at an early age. He is a graduate of Tennessee State University – BS, Sociology, Nova SE University – MS – Anthropology and Stamford Hill University – PhD.

Dr. Reese and his lovely wife of 41 years have lived in South Florida since 1974. His work experience includes therapeutic counseling for drug abuse and mental health patients, classroom instructor with Palm Beach County Schools and Environmental Public Health Inspector/Environmental Manager for thirty-two years with Palm Beach County Health Dept.

Dr. Reese is a co-founder of the In-Time Church of God in Christ, West Palm Beach, Florida. In 1995, he was called to pastor the Greater Union Missionary Baptist Church, where he currently remains at the helm. His motto is “Do not ask others to do what you are unwilling to do.”

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc. is blessed to have Dr. Reese serve as one of its Board Members.

We are most grateful to each of you in your respective places for the support given to this great educational institution throughout the years. Your investment in the school and students is deeply appreciated. May God continue to pour out His bountiful blessings upon you.

DID YOU KNOW?

Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc. offers a 15% discount on tuition fees for new students who are members of churches, congresses, associations or conventions that regularly support the institution.

Additionally, current students that recruit new students will receive a 15% discount on their tuition fees for each new student.

Donations are now being accepted on our secured website at https://www.lakelandfts.com/donations/