

SONSHINE MESSENGER



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"The FUNdamentals Of Living In The Now" Conference Florida Students of the Urantia Book May 22 - 25, 1998

FSUB's 1998 Conference will again be held at the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg. This year's theme is derived from the quote,

"You will learn that you increase your burdens and decrease the likelihood of success by taking yourself too seriously. Nothing can take precedence over the work of your status sphere - this world or the next. Very important is the work of preparation for the next higher sphere, but nothing equals the importance of the work of the world in which you are actually living. But though the work is important, the self is not. When you feel important, you lose energy to the wear and tear of ego dignity so that there is little energy left to do the work. Self-importance, not work-importance, exhausts immature creatures; it is the self element that exhausts, not the effort to achieve. You can do important work if you do not become self-important; you can do several things as easily as one if you leave yourself out. Variety is restful; monotony is what wears and exhausts. Day after day is alike-just life or the alternative of death."

Page 555, Urantia Book

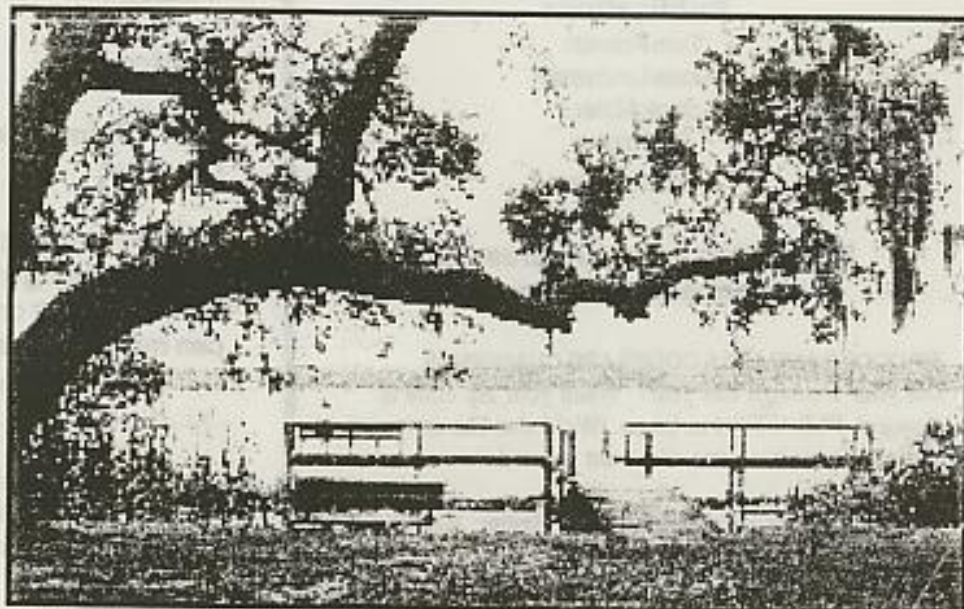
I love this paragraph. It always reminds me to let go of my ego, stop looking at the past with regrets and at the future with longing. No, it drums into my head the reasons I am here - to learn and experience life in all its forms. The struggle is where I grow the most. When I am in conflict, I need go no further than to look at myself. Is my ego driving my decisions? When I can let go of control I find life flows much easier - and happier!

I hope to see all my fellow URANTIA Book readers at this year's Conference. We have a unique opportunity to share these teachings with those around us. Let's get together to recharge ourselves - and have some fun doing it! Last year we all promised to double our attendance by bringing at least one other person. There are many readers who have never attended a Urantia conference.

Remember the thrill you got when you were surrounded by URANTIA Book readers for the first time. I do, and it was great!

Therefore we should try not to look forward or backward but enjoy the present as fully as possible. Plus-we gotta have some FUN! Once again, I hope to see all of you at the conference. Please contact me if you would like to participate in the conference program!

Thanks,
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FLORIDA STUDENTS OF THE URANTIA BOOK (FSUB) is a statewide group of dedicated, committed, readers of the Urantia Book, who have pooled money, talent, and time to promote the teachings of the Urantia Book. This newsletter is one of the many benefits of being a member of FSUB. Following is information regarding FSUB officers and activities.

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COMMITTEES

Book Fairs

Miami Coordinator:	Paul Herrick	561-746-5687
Tampa Coordinator:	Jan Reitler	813-932-3357

Annual FSUB Conference

Kevin Goodman 813-251-4002

Dues

If you would like to become a member of FSUB contact

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Payable to: F.S.U.B.s
Amount \$20 year for individual
\$30 per family

Publications

Tom French
Joycee Lindstrom
Jack Miller
Jan Reitler
Shauna Shaw

Newsletter Items, Address and Information Changes

ZIP CODES AND AREA CODES ARE CHANGING!!

Did your's change this year? When your zip code is changed, PLEASE let us know. We'd also like an e-mail address if you have one and want it listed.

Please send your information to Jan Reitler, 10806 Carrollwood Drive, Tampa, FL 33618

FLORIDA STUDY GROUPS

Boca Raton	Arlean Brasher 407-482-3872
Brandon	Bill & Sharron Beasley 813-681-7255
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Deerfield	Jack Miller 954-421-3957
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Orange Park	Maria Haick 904-269-0887
Sarasota	Patije Mills 941-957-0293
Satellite Beach	Mary Dickinson 407-777-2082
Tampa	Chris & Jim Johnston 813-989-1043
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West Palm Beach /Jupiter	Paul & Francine Herrick 561-746-5687

If you are hosting a study group that is not listed, or if you are no longer hosting a study group and your name appears on this list, please let us know so we can make the changes. Thank you.

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"The FUNdamentals Of Living In The Now" Conference Agenda

Florida Students of the Urantia Book, May 22 - 25, 1998

Friday, May 22, 1998

2:00 p.m.-Dusk	Arrival & Registration Volunteer Sign-up sheets for: Fun Time leaders, Children's chaperones, Officer Nominations, Trivial Pursuit, Volleyball Teams, Newsletter	Kitty Blake & Evelyn Rand Kevin Goodman
Dusk - ?	Fellowship & Music	All

Saturday, May 23, 1998

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:15-8:45 a.m.	Fun Time	
8:45-9:15 a.m.	Energizing & Prayer	Bill Beasley
9:30-10:15 a.m.	Welcome to the Conference	Kevin Goodman/Tom French Introductions by all
10:15-11:00 a.m.	1 st Speaker	Tom French - <i>Some Basics</i>
11:00-11:45 a.m.	2 nd Speaker	Jan Reitler - <i>Some Basics Par Deaux</i>
12:00-12:45 p.m.	Lunch	
12:45-2:00 p.m.	Fun Time	
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Small groups to play "Un Game"	
4:00-5:00 p.m.	3 rd Speaker	Sheryl Bellman - <i>Some Examples from the Master</i>
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Fun Time	
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Dinner	
6:45-8:00 p.m.	Fun Time	
8:00 p.m. - ?	Willy's Wacky Comedy & Talent Show	

Sunday, May 24, 1998

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:45-9:15 a.m.	Energizer/Prayer	Alan Williams
9:30-10:15 a.m.	Speaker-Inspirational/Worship	Jack Miller - <i>Living in the Now</i>
10:15-11:45 a.m.	Business Meeting	FSUB Members
12:00-12:45 p.m.	Lunch	
12:45-3:00 p.m.	Fun Time/Volleyball	All (we hope!)
3:00-5:00 p.m.	URANTIA Book Trivial Pursuit	Teams of Six Persons Each
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Fun Time	
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Dinner	
6:45-8:00 p.m.	Event/Speaker	Jonathan Carr - <i>The Seven Fathers</i>
8:30-10:00 p.m.	*Singing & drumming 'round the campfire*	All*

Monday, May 25, 1998

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45-10:00 a.m.	Closing Speaker & Circle

Notes: There is some discussion about going to Juniper Springs. We may have to reschedule some events on Sunday, or A group may wish to go Sunday afternoon, or Monday after the Closing Circle. To be decided...

Speaker's material MUST BE from the URANTIA BOOK- minor quotes from secondary material are allowed.

*Please bring drums or percussion instruments to assist in the campfire drumming. It's funnnnnnn...

IN TOUCH

Birth Announcement

The angels were rejoicing and trumpets were sounding on February 2, 1998 when Delaney Patrice Shaw made her way into this world. She weighed in at 9 pounds 6 1/2 ounces and measured 21 1/2" long. Her parents, Shauna and Bill Shaw, are equally rejoicing. Shall we all join in welcoming Delaney to Urantia!

Deadline for Summer Additions to Sunshine Messenger

Sunday, July 31st, 1998.

Please mail (email, postal) submissions to Jan Reitler by the closing date.



Millenium Odyssey

In February we in South Florida were blessed with the arrival of Serge Bisson and Cynthia Mantal and their 52-foot sail boat "The Urantian Emprize." This was only the beginning of their long range plans to enter an around the world journey with nearly 100 other boats in a tour called "The Millennium Odyssey." The journey is set to begin in Jerusalem in August 1998, and culminate in London in July of 2000.

Their goal is to introduce and pass out Urantia books and related information in the several ports of call on the journey. The boat is large enough to sleep 8 people comfortably and they have extended an open invitation to Urantia Students from around the world.

While those with sailing experience are needed and preferred, all able-bodied ambassadors are invited. They have engaged in this journey with spiritual intent and therefore are able to keep the cost as low as possible. Consequently, we who are able to join them can, for only \$25. a day plus travel charges to and from the port of call.

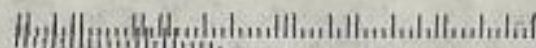
So if you want the experience of a lifetime, or you just want to add some financial or moral support, please contact Jack Miller at 954-427-7157 or Janet Falbo at 561-995-8269 for detailed information. A web page is being constructed. When it is completed, Jack and Janet will have that information.

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SPRING '98 FSUB CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The annual statewide Urantia Book Readers and Study Groups of Florida is scheduled for
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 1998, in Leesburg, Florida
at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center.

CLOTHING & SUPPLIES

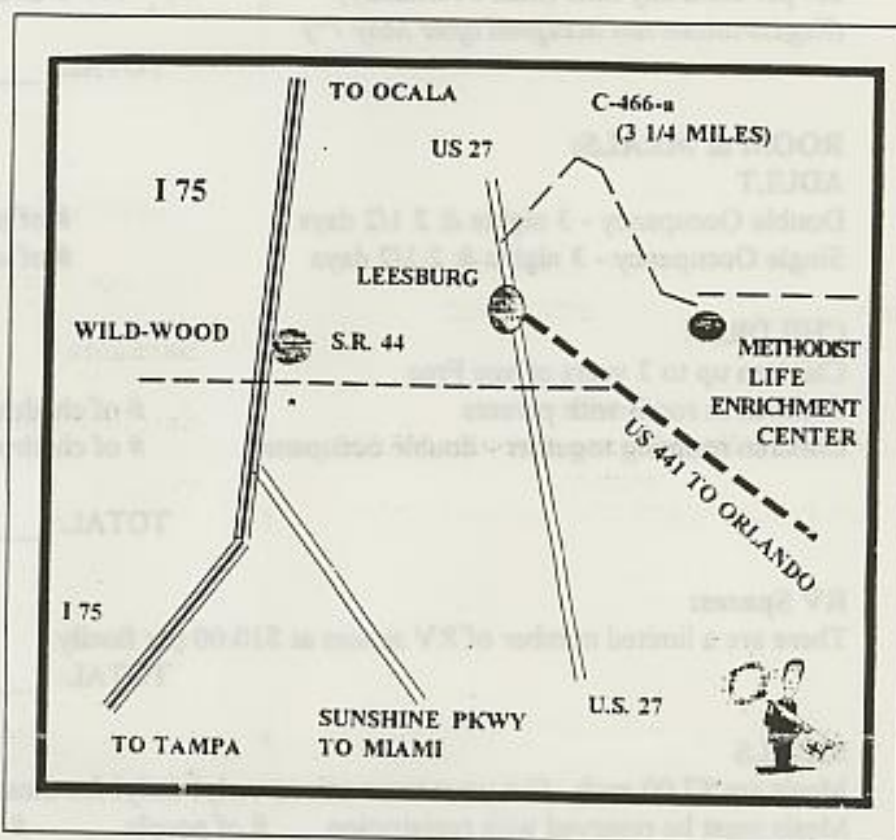
Informal and casual clothing is suggested. Swim suits if going to Juniper Springs. Meeting and sleeping rooms are air-conditioned. It can get chilly at night. You might need insect repellent and flashlights. Please bring your own sleeping bags for children sharing their parent's room. Bring Urantia Books.

LODGING

The United Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg features motel-type lodging. Sleeping rooms have 2 single beds or 1 double bed with private bath. There is no extra charge for children under 12 sleeping on the floor in their parent's room, but bring a sleeping bag for them.

MEALS

Meals are served in an air conditioned, cafeteria style dining room. The conference package includes 8 meals beginning with breakfast on Saturday morning and ending with lunch on Monday. It's a very good deal.



Please call any of the following people if you have any questions regarding registration or rates.

Kevin Goodman, Conference Chairman - 813-251-4002

Shauna Shaw, President FSUB - 813-249-5522

Tom French, Vice-President FSUB - 305-255-5680

Looking forward to seeing you at this year's FUN event.

SPRING '98 FSUB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO. _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$20. per adult prior to May 1, 1998 # of adults _____ x \$20. = _____
 \$30. per adult after May 1, 1988 # of adults _____ x \$30. = _____
 \$5. per child any time (max \$10/family) # of children _____ x \$5. = _____
(Registrations not accepted after May 7)*

TOTAL: _____

ROOM & MEALS:

ADULT

Double Occupancy - 3 nights & 2 1/2 days # of adults _____ x \$105. = _____
 Single Occupancy - 3 nights & 2 1/2 days # of adults _____ x \$130. = _____

CHILDREN

Children up to 3 years of age Free.
 Children in room with parents # of children _____ x \$45. = _____
 Children rooming together - double occupancy # of children _____ x \$100. = _____

TOTAL: _____

RV Spaces:

There are a limited number of RV spaces at \$10.00 per family.
 TOTAL: _____

MEALS

Meals are \$7.00 each. Get your reservations early! early! for these.
 Meals must be reserved with registration # of people _____ # of meals _____ x \$7. = _____

TOTAL: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION TO: Kitty Blake - 3300 SE 2nd Street, Pampano, Florida 33062-5504

The Life Enrichment Center requires 2 weeks advanced registration, therefore registration must be paid by May 7.

