

August 16, 2015

WORSHIP WITH A FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday:                      Wednesday:  
9 am Worship              7 pm Bible Class  
10:15 Bible Class      and Devotional  
5 pm Evening Worship

Van transportation available.  
Sermons available on CD .mp3

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Dave Schmidt  
Randall Springer  
Tyler Swinea  
Matt Warner  
Don Williams  
Tommy Woodfin

## Minister

Mike Baker

## Associate/ Youth Minister

Barry Binion

## Secretary

Sonya Cox

## Yes, You are an Ambassador

We are all familiar with the term ambassador and how our government sends certain people around the world to other countries to be our ambassador to that country. However, have you considered that we are each ambassadors in a spiritual sense?

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ as though God were pleading through us; we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

Just as our ambassador to England is there to represent our country while promoting and protecting our interests, we also should be always ready to represent Christ as we promote and protect His interests on earth.

I'm not suggesting that everyone should walk around quoting Scriptures to everyone you see. But consider this. On the Mount Jesus said we are the light of the world. You know what happens when a light is brought into a dark room. The darkness rushes away.

The mere presence of a Christian can change how others will act. When people know you are a Christian they will/should respect your beliefs and many times will not act in ungodly ways around you.

Yes, you are an ambassador for our Lord and you represent Christ everywhere you go. Remember this and always be ready to help become a connection between others and Christ.

Mike

Scripture for AM Sermon: 2 Pet. 3:9  
Scripture for PM Sermon: Matt. 25:14-15



Anyone wanting their directory information or photo updated please contact Randall Springer.

TEACHERS

There will be a teacher's meeting for all teachers and assistants of Cradle Roll-Primary Classes, **TODAY** at 4:00 pm, in the Family Room.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Horace and Carolyn Stults have desired to place membership with us here at Florence Blvd. Their information: 540 County Road 172, Florence, AL 35634. Phone: 256-764-4769; Horace's cell: 256-762-2190; Carolyn's cell: 256-762-3499. Please add information to your church directory and also welcome them into the Florence Blvd family.



We have a Coupon Bulletin Board if you would like to bring your unused coupons for restaurants, groceries, etc. Place the coupons in the white box located outside the church office. Also, remember to check the board to see if there are any coupons you would like to pull.



UPCOMING SPEAKER

Thomas Swinea will be speaking on Sunday evening August 23<sup>rd</sup>, about his recent trips to Panama and Peru.

SECRET SISTER

There have been two giving plates sent out this week. When you get one of these plates please enjoy your treat, fill it back up and pass it along. Hopefully this will continue to remind us to encourage each other.



Florence Blvd Church of Christ is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm-6:30 pm. If you can donate, please sign the sheet, on the table, in the foyer, for the time you can give.

BEATITUDES

FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away when my coffee spilled at the table today.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say, "You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected, and not alone.

Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the Cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey Home in loving ways.

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# Mission Report

## AUGUST MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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### AREA EVENTS

Ladies Day at Jacksonburg Church of Christ, Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, with Judy Abrams. Registration and Breakfast: 9 am-10 am. Program: 10 am-12 noon.

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### A PARENT'S PRAYER

I loved you enough to ask you where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a creep.

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room-a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions when the penalties were so harsh, they almost broke my heart.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say "no" when I knew you would hate me for it.

Those were the most difficult battles of them all. I'm glad I won them because in the end, you won something too.

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### THOUGHT TO PONDER

An angry word is like a boomerang; its force returns upon the one who sent it, and yet unlike it, for it has a fang whose poison doubles after one has spent it.

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**Youth Devo Host Sign Up List:** have been posted on the youth board. Please go by and sign up for a date to host if you possibly can. Thanks!

**Area Bible Bowl:** If you would like to participate in Area Bible Bowl this year please sign the list on the youth board ASAP! We will begin in September.

**SAYS:** The first Shoals Area Youth Series of the school year will be on Sunday night September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Beach Retreat:** We will again be participating in a joint Beach Retreat with Chisholm Hills, Stony Point, Sherrod Ave. and the Mobile Inner City Church in Gulf Shores on December 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Be looking for a sign up list on the youth board.

**Coming Events:** Youth Led Service – August 30<sup>th</sup> PM, Church Fellowship – September 13<sup>th</sup>, Beach Retreat – December 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, Challenge Youth Conference – February 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Scripture of the week** – “<sup>10</sup>Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.” –*Daniel 6:10*

