September 18, 2016
WORSHIP WITH A FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday:
9 am Worship
10:15 Bible Class
5 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday:
7 pm Bible Class and Devotional

Van transportation available.
Sermons available Online & on CD

FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Can God Use The Broken?

God did bless him. He was different, a loner who had spent some time in jail, abused his body with drugs and more often than not was homeless. But he was a brother in Christ. I first met him when he came to our congregation many years ago and asked for food. I invited him to stay for our meal that night. He declined but the next time I asked he accepted. Eventually he was restored to the church, but sadly he was never fully accepted by some in the congregation. He was different. He was broken.

I watched him as he grew in his faith. He borrowed books from our library and shared his faith with his friends—other broken people. God was using him through his brokenness.

Today we easily discard things that are broken, but God doesn't. God uses the brokenness of men to accomplish His will, reminding us that it is God's power and not man's ability that brings mankind to the Creator.

Just think of the times when God used people who were "broken" in some way. Moses stuttered. Noah got drunk. Hosea's wife was a prostitute. Solomon was too rich. Abraham was too old. Timothy had ulcers. Paul was a murderer along with Moses and David. Jonah ran from God. Miriam was a gossiper. Elijah was burned out. Thomas doubted. Peter betrayed Jesus.

We are all broken in some way at one time or another. Rather than hide that brokenness, we should see it as a humble path back to God who will restore us. David wrote in Psalm 51:17, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart—These O God, You will not despise."

L. O. Sanderson's hymn helps put this into perspective as well. "Bring Christ your broken life, so marred by sin. He will create a new, make whole again; Your empty, wasted years, He will restore, and your iniquities, remember no more."

Are you broken today? Let God use that brokenness to accomplish great things in His name. Mike

AM Sermon: The 23rd Psalm. Psalm 23:1-6
PM Sermon: Help Comes From the Lord. Psalm 121:1-2

TEACHER'S MEETING

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

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49er's GROUP

You will be going bowling TONIGHT, following services. Everyone is asked to meet at Burger King, on Florence Blvd, to eat together before bowling.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Steve and Susan Clark will soon be printing final copies of the church directory for those who have requested a copy.

They have printed out a proof copy and placed it in the foyer for review. Please go by and confirm your family's contact information is accurate, and make any corrections on the blank sheets provided.

The deadline for new photos to be taken is Sunday, October 2nd. So if you'd like to have a new photo taken, please get with them as soon as possible.

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PANTRY NEEDS

We are in need of Canned Meat (tuna, salmon, chicken, Vienna sausage, etc.). If you can help with this, please bring your items and place them outside of the pantry door. You can also give money to June Green, Kathy Kirby, or Sonya Cox. We also need some boxes of Jell-O and instant pudding. Any non-perishable food would be appreciated. **WE DO NOT NEED CORN OR GREEN BEANS.**

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All youth, need to meet on Wednesday, September 28th, following evening services, in the Fellowship Hall to help put together Halloween Goodie Bags. Everyone is asked to bring a bag of individually wrapped (non-scary) Halloween candy.

RECOGNITION

This week instead of honoring an individual, let's take a look at a group of people to remember and give special recognition to, those of our members who are in nursing homes or assisted living centers. The bible has many verses mentioning how we should give honor and respect to those who have grown older and wiser. Beginning today, if we are looking for something to do that would be an encouragement or blessing to someone else, let's take some time to visit, send a card or call someone that is living in a nursing home or assisted living. Each of us probably have so many things to keep us busy during the day but we need to remember those who spend all day in a small room with not much to do and not much interaction with other people. During our prayers this week let's make a renewed effort to pray for those who would love to be able to attend worship every Sunday and be with hundreds of other Christians but just are not able to anymore. For those who do take the time to make a visit to someone, you will feel especially blessed by your good deed!

Every Wednesday night, at 6:00 pm, we are having a brown bag fellowship meal in the fellowship hall. We want to encourage you to go get a takeout meal or bring your home cooked meal, or eat at home and come hang out… and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun with your family. This is for any and every one.

Mission Report

SEPTEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Wayne Barrier (Burma)
PO Box 93
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AREA EVENTS

Ladies Day at Eastwood Church of Christ, Saturday, September 24th with Kim Cook of Henderson, TN. Registration and Breakfast: 8:30-9:30 am; Program: 9:30-11:30 am.

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A Fall Festival is planned for October 22nd from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

Without your help this event will not be successful. The goal is for this event is to be a Community Outreach Opportunity. There will be Food, Activities, Games, Crafts, a Photo Booth, and Inflatables. What a better way to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus than to reach out to our children and our community. Please sign up on the round table in the lobby. If you have any questions please see Cody or Ashley Peery.

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WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is silent when our words would hurt.
Love is patience when your brother is hurt.
Love is deafness when some scandal flows.
Love is thoughtfulness for another's woes.
Love is courage if misfortune comes along.
Love is hurting as others hurt.
Love is rejoices when others have reason to rejoice.
Love is correction when one has done wrong.
Love is the extra mile for those in need.

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K-12th Grade: The Youth Shirts are in. If you are a member in Kindergarten through 12th grade, please see Cody for your shirt.

Junior Youth: You will have a devotional and go skating on Sunday, September 25th, from 11:00 am-5:00 pm.

5th-12th Grade: You will be going to Exalt on Sunday, September 25th, following evening services.

7th-12th Grade: Please start signing up for CYC, on the Youth Board **ASAP!!**

Sign-up sheets are located on the Youth Bulletin Board in front of the church office. Please use these sheets to sign up for upcoming events.

TNT (TIME NEEDED TOGETHER) for the Sr. Youth. Bible study will be **Tuesday, September 20th**, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse.

Scriptures of the week:

"**6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8 Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."
1 Corinthians 13:6-8

Assignments		Today			Sunday, September 25th		
Greeters	West	Butch Durham/Robert Holderfield			Don & Ruth Deaton		
	East	Larry & Patsy Gooch			Ronnie & Janet Putnam		
		Morning	Evening		Morning	Evening	
Scripture Reading		Bob Harrington	Junior Thompson		Bobby Jenkins	Nate Fulmer	
Prayer	Opening	Mark Willingham	Ken Vanhorn		Jake Vandyke	Justin Beckman	
	Closing	Cody Peery	Greg Robbins		Charles Hester	Steve Fleming	
Youth Led Devo (4:55)		Song	Scripture	Prayer	Song	Scripture	Prayer
		Cody Woodfin	Mason Woodfin	Logan Woodfin	Mason Woodfin	Jayden Woodfin	Evan Davidson
Wednesday, Sept. 21st		Closing Prayer: Kolton Medley					

September	Van Drivers-September	Young Boys to Pick Up Cards-September
Elder Contact Todd Chastain	Sun. AM-Skipper Thomas Sun. PM-Jim Morrison Wed.- Larry Gooch	1-Evan Davidson 2-Mason Woodfin 3-Cale Alvey 4-Trent Woodfin 5-Jack Robbins
Wash Baptismal Garments/Towels-Sept. Kathy Kirby Pamela Woodfin		

Our Record

Sunday	
AM Worship	295
Bible Class	248
PM Worship	211
Wednesday	246
Contribution	$12,104

Sermon Notes

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