

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

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## Youth Minister

Cody Peery

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### ***Title: Let the Lower Lights Be Burning***

By: Joe Wells

In 1871, American hymn writer, Philip Bliss, wrote a song we still sing to this day, *"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"* (#642). History records that Bliss was in Chicago at the time singing in a huge revival that was led by Dwight L. Moody. One night in his sermon, Moody used a clipping from a newspaper that relayed a true story about a man who lived near Cleveland, Ohio, and how he had failed to do his job, lighting the lower lights of the lighthouse, because he thought it was insignificant and unimportant.

On one of the nights where this man stayed home instead of lighting the lights, a great storm came about. The winds were horrific and the boats that were out to sea were in desperate need of safety in the harbor. If the lower lights had been lite, the sailors could have seen the shoreline and navigated safely home; however, with no light, there was great loss of both life and vessel.

As Moody relayed his message he said, "The Master will take care of the great lighthouse. Let us keep the lower lights burning." Being moved by the lesson, and specifically this news story, Philip Bliss returned to his house after the revival was over and immediately began writing both the lyrics and the music to this hymn.



*Brightly beams our Father's mercy from His lighthouse evermore, but to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore.*

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 Individually as Christians, each of us has been given the charge to be lights in a dark world (Matthew 5:14-16). Since we are children of Light (Ephesians 5:8), our walk is to testify to about the One we follow. The concept behind the lower lights burning on the shore is to help others find their way home. You and I, having obeyed the Gospel and abiding in the Truth, by the grace of God we've found our way home. By faith, we walk trusting in the promises of God as revealed to us through His Word. Others in this community and in the world abroad need this same opportunity.

We must be the light that shines in the darkness, as the storms rage, that brings peace and calm. God is the Father of Lights (James 1:17) and His Son is the true Light (John 1:9); therefore, our goal as individual Christians and as a congregation of His people, is to shine the light of Jesus as boats (i.e. souls) seek for the way home.

The question I ask you today is, will we allow ourselves to fall into a state of thinking like the man in the newspaper article from Cleveland back in Bliss's day? Will we lose perspective and start to think we are insignificant as individuals and as a congregation? Or... will we stand boldly on the shore and shine a light so bright that those lost at sea will know where to come for the way home? Will you be that light? Will Florence Boulevard Church of Christ be that light for those in our community and abroad?

*Some poor fainting, struggling seaman  
 You may rescue, you may save.*

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

TODAY- AM - Joe Wells  
 PM - Joe Wells (afternoon)  
 Youth Series (5:00) - Dale Jenkins

Nov. 27 - AM - Don Williams  
 PM - Mike Davidson

Dec. 4 - AM - Cody Peery  
 PM - Melvin Whitlock

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**Food Pantry  
 Donations Needed**

We are in need of everything for the church pantry, except Corn, English Peas, and Green Beans. If you can help with this, please bring your items and place them outside of the pantry door. Also, if you would like to give money for items to be purchased, it can be given to June Green or Kathy Kirby.

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CHILI COOK-OFF

The winner for this year's Men's Chili Cook-off was Bill Crunk. Runner-Up was Kevin Clemons. Congratulations to these two men and thank you to all the guys who made chili and to the ladies who brought the fixings, sandwiches, drinks, and desserts.

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This week we would like to shine a light on the young men who do the scripture reading, prayer and song leading before the 5 pm Sunday service. Many older men find it difficult to stand before a group and do something in a leadership role but these young men (even from a very young age) display a talent that shows they take their responsibilities very seriously. They are building a good foundation that will serve them and all of us well in later years. We know their parents and grandparents as well as their bible school teachers are all proud of them. Let's all make a special effort to encourage and thank these young men who lead us on Sunday nights, and let them know how proud we are of them for serving the Lord in this way.



