



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

A place to believe, belong, and become.

February 11, 2018

Elders

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Don Williams
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Trustworthy Statement #4

"...For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. "

- 2 Timothy 2: 11-13 -

Distractions are a fact of life, and are used by Satan to pull us away from the work for which we have been saved.

In one of C.S. Lewis' most notable works, *The Screwtape Letters*, the older character, Screwtape, a demon who is training his young apprentice, Wormwood, speaks to the awesome tool of distraction in the hands of the spiritual forces that are working tirelessly to pull mankind away from God Almighty. In one particular section of the book, *Letter XII*, Screwtape impresses upon Wormwood the reality that he doesn't have to focus all his attention on the big event or the big temptation that will cause man to fall. Rather, he urges Wormwood to, *"remember, the only thing that matters is the extent to which you separate the man from the Enemy (God). It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing."*

Isn't that what happens with us most times? It's not that there's some "BIG SIN" that we get trapped in, but rather the struggles in our walk are often associated with the small things of life that we justify as important and necessary, even though they distract us from God and our responsibilities we have as His disciples? That's what appears to have happened with Timothy and possible others in the church in Ephesus and seems to be one of the major reasons Paul wrote the second letter to Timothy.

In our "trustworthy statement" for this week, Paul is reminding Timothy of his duties and responsibilities he has before God. Like many of us, it appears Timothy had become distracted with hurt, rejection, people not agreeing with him, and possibly even a hostile environment that rejected his teaching. Paul writes to remind him to *"kindle afresh the gift of God"* (2 Tim. 6) and *"join in the suffering for the gospel"* (2 Tim. 1:8). In doing so, he uses what many scholars believe would have been a well-known saying or hymn at that time in 2 Timothy 2: 11-13.

Within this hymn there are two statements made to the positive and two that point out negative responses on our behalf. Verse 11 points to our **conversion** and verse 12, to our **endurance**. In both of these, the outcome is favorable and beneficial to the disciple. However, verse 12 also contains a negative response on our part in the topic of **denying** God ("disowning of God") and then verse 13 brings to our **unfaithfulness**. In using this, Paul is both reminding and calling Timothy to stand firm for the cause of Christ and for the sake of the gospel and be busy about the duties and responsibilities before him. The blessing of undivided attention to the cause of Christ is eternal life; however, the consequence of giving in to the distractions is ultimately separation from God resulting in eternal damnation. Screwtape was right. It doesn't have to be the "BIG SIN" or the "BIG EVENT" that gets you to fall away. The little distractions in life are just as effective over time to pull us away from God.

May you and I resolve today to keep our eyes on Christ and our hands to the plow in the vineyard of God.

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Worship Times: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Sunday School 10:15 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Announcements



ODAY'S SPEAKERS

oe IS out of town today. speaking in his absence is Cody Peery, AM service; Don Williams, PM service.



MEALS ON WHEELS

his week is our week to deliver Meals on Wheels. If you can help with this, please sign the sheet, on the round table, in the foyer.



FELLOWSHIP MEALS

he Basics & Young Professionals Meal will be **ODAY**, after morning services, in the Fellowship hall.

9er's Group, you will be going to CASA Mexicana **ONIGHT** following services.



WICK/PRAYER LIST

arry Barnes, Joy Berry, Eleanor Martin, Mary Nix ,Helen Parker, Bruce Linda Rivers, Estelle Scott, Carroll Vickery, Mack Weatherford

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Randy Malone (nephew of Glenda Campbell), Rhonda Gentle (sister of Steve Fleming), Glenda Wooden (sister of June Green, Cathy Kirby, & Wayne Thompson), Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Amy Barnes (friend of Pennie Garrett), Kenneth Simmons (brother of Hazel Martin), Angelia Wisdom (sister-in-law of Pat Thompson), Wade Meagraves (friend of Buddy & Carolyn Smith), Dwight Stults (brother-in-law of Patsy Pitts), Larry Hunter (father of Kevin Hunter), Norma Rickard (sister of Shelby Wade).

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

VEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: James Treece, Room 114; Doug Webster, Room 111; Tommy Mussleman, Room 105; FLORENCE NURSING & REHAB: Cleburn Aderholt, Room 307; GREEN OAKS INN: Gaye Sledge, Room 15; LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME: Jandra Ford, Room 21; Florence Treece, Room 15; Glen Gist, brother of Gayford Gist, Room 10; MITCHELL-HOLLINGSWORTH: Estelle Scott, Room 526; Lucille Collins (mother of Gale Morrison), Room 218; COTTAGE OF THE SHOALS: Mary Ellen Romans, (mother of Linda Allen), Room 12-A



SECRET SISTER

The Secret Sister and Junior Secret Sister **REVEAL** party, will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 pm at CASA Mexicana. Please sign the sheet, on the table, in the foyer if you plan to attend, so we can let the restaurant know. Also, please bring a gift for your Secret/Junior Sister.



VAN DRIVERS

We are in desperate need of men that are willing to drive the church van to services. If you can help with this, please see one of the elders. We are in need of someone, this month, to drive on Wednesday night.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

There are a couple of corrections that need to be made on last week's article on Lane Baker.

First, her father did not preach at the Hawk Pride Mountain church, a good friend of his named Claude Smith did the preaching. Lane's father cut the trees to make the pulpit and dragged rocks for people to sit on while meeting outside. There was no building at that time. Jimmy Black, Nell Holt and Ann Hester were some of the children who used to worship with Lane when they were youngsters at the Valdosta church where Gilbert Kreizer was preaching.

Second, Chris Kemp was the minister here at Florence Blvd. when Lane and her husband returned to the Shoals area. Gilbert attended here and was the first one to greet them when they visited this congregation. This is why Lane chose to worship here, because of the long history she has with some of our other members.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 305
Sunday School: 226
Sunday PM: 204
Wednesday: 164
Contribution: 15,008

AREA EVENT

Ladies Day at Lexington Church of Christ, Saturday, February 17th with Judi Davis Dean. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Lunch will be served.

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Student Ministries

UPCOMING EVENTS

2.11 | PEARLS/BIBLE BOWL TEST

2.11 | DINNER & GAMES

2.15 | YOUTH DINNER

2.18 | SAYS

2.21 | L2L BROWN BAG

2.21 | CYC MEETING

PEARLS/BIBLE BOWL

PEARLS (3PM) and Bible Bowl (4PM) TEST will be today. If you do not attend you WILL NOT get to take the test.

DINNER & GAMES

The Sr. Youth will go to CiCi's Pizza following evening worship TONIGHT. Then we will go back to the building and play games like hide and seek, sardines, etc. Bring friends! Dinner is paid for.

SAYS

The 5th-12th Grades will go to Cox Boulevard. The bus will leave at 5:20 PM.

L2L & BROWN BAG

Wednesday Nights at 6PM we will have Brown Bag Dinner and time will be provided to work on L2L. We will begin scheduling specific groups to meet. We will NOT meet Feb. 14th.

Youth Dinner

Thursday February 15th
6:30 PM

Hinton Family
Turner Family
Warner Family
Hunter Family
Rikard Family
Kelly Family
Austin Family

Please RSVP to Cody or Ashley
if you are coming or not!

CYC MEETING

All those going to CYC, please meet down front Wednesday February 21st following church. This is a mandatory meeting. Please have your money and forms with you!

GET CONNECTED



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**AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."
ISAIAH 6:8**



MNFTM FEBRUARY 5th

We had 36 members who attended last Monday's meeting. After a short devotional and update of the members who are sick or have left the hospital we separated into our different groups to work for one hour. Eight members worked in the World Bible School ministry, eight more worked in sewing sisters making and stuffing pillows and fidget pads. Visits were made Monday night to ECM, many more were made on Tuesday to the nursing homes and members who can't get out. 93 cards were written to members and friends of members here, encouraging and inviting them to meet with us again. Milton Kirby and Charles Hester went through the building tightening up loose hinges and cabinet doors. Furniture was moved and preparations were made to paint some of the rooms upstairs. Thank you Lord for everyone who participated in the Monday Night for the Master program last week, we invite anyone interested to attend tomorrow night.

**FEBRUARY MISSIONARY
OF THE MONTH**



Wayne Barrier (Burma)
PO Box 93
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Sermon Titles:

AM: Cody Peery

PM: Don Williams

Assignments

Greeters for the Day:

East- Matt Warner Family
West- Clanton & Carolyn Poole

Morning Worship:

Scripture Reader:

Gregg Elrod

Prayers:

Opening - Don Williams
Closing - Mike Rudder

Youth Led Devo: (4:55pm)

Song: Bennett Wells
Scripture: Wesley Warner
Prayer: Trent Woodfin

Van Drivers:

Sun. AM - Kenneth Cox
Sun. PM - Donny Young
Wed -

Enter Attendance Cards:

Feb. 11th: Cheri Suns

Evening Worship:

Scripture Reader:

Bob Harrington

Prayers:

Opening -Steve Clark
Closing - Kevin Clemons

**Young Boys to Pick
Up Cards: FEB.**

- 1 - Remington Medley
- 2 - Logan Woodfin
- 3 - Wesley Warner
- 4 - Luke Woodfin
- 5 - Brayden Williams

Baptismal Items:

Carolyn Poole
Beth Jordan

Elder Contact:

Todd Chastain

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: