



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

A place to believe, belong, and become.

November 11, 2018

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Title: *A Prisoner Unhindered*

By: Joe Wells

The last chapter of the book of Acts has been a focus of mine this week. I don't know why I was drawn to this concluding chapter of the best record of the spread of the early church and the detailed accounts of the apostle Paul; however, in my study, the last verse of Acts chapter 28 has effectively stood out in my mind like a flag flying high on a mountain. Unashamedly detailed in this verse, we see how Paul spent his last recorded days in Romans house arrest.

“And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered” (vs. 30-31, NASB).

What catches my attention as I read this is the fact that even while being restrained for the “hope of Israel” (28:20), meaning the good news of the Messiah and salvation through Him, Paul does not allow his unfair and unfortunate circumstances to cause him to retreat in his mission. It's this unwavering determination and dedication that captures me, and I pray it speaks to you today as well. Far too many times, Christians become mentally trapped as we focus on the unfortunate and displeasing circumstances in life that we fail to see the potential for faithfulness and advancing the cause of Christ by simply remaining dedicated and determined to the purposes of God in all circumstances, both that are pleasing and displeasing to us.

How do we do that? What can we learn from Paul that would help us imitate his drive and focus regardless of our circumstances? I would ask you to consider the following about the apostle Paul revealed in this last chapter and allow them to both challenge and inspire you.

1. Paul preached the gospel whenever and wherever he had opportunity. (vv. 16,20,23,30)
2. Paul's message was clothed in humility and graciousness. (vv. 17-20)
3. Paul preached biblically and doctrinally. (vv. 23, 31)
4. Paul never wasted opportunity. (v. 17)
5. Paul preached tirelessly and incessantly. (vv. 23, 30-31)
6. Paul preached to everyone – Jew and Gentile. (vv. 23-28)
7. Paul kept the focus on Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (v. 23)¹

For every Christian, the single most significant portion of our story is of our redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ. No matter what may come our way, both good and bad, circumstances of life can't out-shine nor blot-out this glorious testimony. The circumstances merely serve as vehicles and avenues for us to tell others of Jesus Christ. As we think about the coming New Year, may we all rededicate ourselves to this mindset and cause.

May God bless you as you walk with HIM.

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

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Announcements



CHILI COOKOFF

Our Men's Annual Chili Cook-Off will be **TONIGHT** following evening services. Men are to cook the chili and ladies are asked to bring sandwiches, chili fixings, crackers, drinks, & desserts.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Young Professionals Bible Study for the month of November will be at the Home Todd and Joy Chastain on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30pm. See Facebook event for food signup list. Make plans to come and bring a friend.



CONGRATULATIONS

Nate and Karla Fulmer are the proud parents of a little girl. Ivy Mills Fulmer was born on Tuesday, November 6th. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Joy Berry, Linda Caperton, Eleanor Martin, Angi Medley, Helen Parker, Shelby Wade

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Diane Smith (friend of Kathy Sparks-has cancer), Wayne Wells (father of Joe Wells), Amie Schmidt Blalock (Daughter of Dave and Janice Schmidt), Kelton Thompson (10 year old neighbor of Gene & Jewell Gooch- in Laurel Oaks Facility in Dothan, AL), Rhonda Gentle (sister of Steve Fleming), Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Larry Hunter (father of Kevin Hunter).

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111; Tommy Mussleman, Room 105; **GREEN OAKS INN:** Faye Sledge, Room 8; **HILLCREST ASSISTED LIVING:** Roy Green, Room 6; **LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME:** Mary Nix, Room 6, James & Florence Treece, Room 10; Glen Gist, brother of Rayford Gist, Room 13; **COTTAGE OF THE SHOALS:** Mary Ellen Romans, (mother of Linda Allen), Room 12-A

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to announce that the following people have decided to place membership here at Florence Blvd: Hunter and Emily Robinson, 710 Highway 20, Tuscumbia, AL 35674; Phones: 256-610-3333; 256-276-1690. Bobbie McGee, 2301 Cloyd Blvd, Apt. F-41, Florence, AL 35630; Phone:256-767-5104(H); 256-412-6704(C).

TEACHER'S MEETING

There will be a teacher's meeting, for all teachers and assistants, of Cradle Roll-Primary Classes, on Sunday, November 18th, at 4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

THANKSGIVING DEVO

We will be having a Thanksgiving Devo on Wednesday, November 21st. ALL classes will meet in the auditorium.

FOOD PANTRY

Please help replenish the church pantry with any non-perishable food item. You can also give money to June Green or Kathy Kirby to purchase supplies. Normally a lot of food is given out in the colder months.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This past Tuesday I hope most of you went to the polls and cast your vote for candidates who want to represent us for the next four years or so.

This evening I hope all of you come to the Annual Florence Blvd. Chili Cook-off Championship to see who represents us for the coming year! Jimmy Black's reign as current champion will be coming to an end and someone else's secret recipe will be declared champion.

When asked about his recipe, Jimmy said, "that was a year ago, I can't remember everything, some ground beef, onions, beans, chili beans and some other stuff."

This will be one of the very special times throughout the year when every age group in the congregation can be represented and have a great time of fun and fellowship together.

So, men get your chili fixin's together and fire up the crockpot with your best effort and see if your recipe has what it takes to be named 1st place.

Thank you Jimmy for giving us your best effort last year and good luck again tonight!

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 276
Sunday School: 250
Sunday PM: 238
Wednesday: 319
Contribution: \$14,176
Monday Night: 210 Tuesday Night: 180

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."
Jeremiah 29:11



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11.14 | FRIENDSGIVING
- 11.18 | SAYS @ FLO BO
- 11.20 | TOP GOLF
- 11.25 | SERVICE PROJECT
- 11.25 | EXALT

Shoals Area Youth Series

November 18th at 5 PM we will host Shoals Area Youth Series. We will be feeding approximately 450 youth, so we will need the entire churches help! The meal will be Thanksgiving dinner. The chicken and dressing, gravy, and cranberry sauce will be catered. We will buy rolls, but we will need the members to make pans of mashed potatoes and green beans! Mrs. Jewel Gooch and Ann Hester are in charge of the desserts. This will only be possible if we all work together, so PLEASE help us if you are able!

FRIENDSGIVING

All youth and families are encouraged to join us for Friendsgiving on Wednesday November 14th at 5:45 PM. We will eat Blue Coast Burrito in the Lighthouse. You MUST let Cody know TODAY if you plan to eat with us, or we will not have enough food.

TOP GOLF

Tuesday November 20th we are planning to take the Sr. Youth to Top Golf in Huntsville. More details to come!

SERVICE PROJECT

Sunday November 25th the 5th-12th grades are having a service project at the church building. We will begin at 4 PM and work until church time.

EXALT

Sunday November 25th the 5th-12th grades will have dinner and EXALT immediately following PM Worship. Make sure to bring money for dinner!

GET CONNECTED



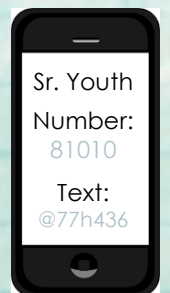
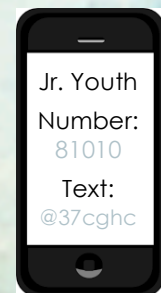
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**AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."
ISAIAH 6:8**



We did not meet on Monday, November 5th due to our Come Together Gospel Meeting. We will pick back up tomorrow night at 6:00 pm for a “Brown Bag” supper and have a short devotional at 6:45 pm and then break off into groups at 7:00 pm. There are lots of activities that everyone can be a part of: World Bible School, Sewing Sisters, Fixing things around the building that may be broken or may need some TLC, Replenishing attendance cards and contribution envelopes in pews, Helping get rooms ready for the new teaching program, Writing cards to visitors, sick, shut-ins, etc. The list could go on and on! If you don't have any plans and would like to have some Christian fellowship, we encourage you to attend this great program. God bless you all!

NOVEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH



Jean-Claubert Belton
Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse
Entrée Double Harvest
Croix des Bouquets
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Sermon Titles:

AM: *Complete Love* (Matthew 5: 43-48)

PM: *Rooted: Perseverance of the Saints* (John 10: 27-29)

Assignments

Greeters for the Day:

East- Robert Coats/Steve Allen
West-Gene & Jewell Gooch

Morning Worship:

Scripture Reader:

Brently Gresham

Prayers:

Opening - Gary Morris
Closing - Nick Hayes

Youth Led Devo: (4:55pm)

Song: Camden Wells

Scripture: Mack Weatherford

Prayer: Bennett Wells

Van Drivers:

Sun. AM - Jeff Campbell

Sun. PM - Kevin Clemons

Wed - Justin Beckman

Enter Attendance Cards:

Nov. 12th: Pat Thompson

Evening Worship:

Scripture Reader:

Chris Turbyfill

Prayers:

Opening - Don Williams
Closing - Matt Warner

Young Boys to Pick Up Cards: NOV.

- 1 - Bennett Wells
- 2 - Brayden Williams
- 3 - Mack Weatherford
- 4 - Moses Weatherford
- 5 - Trent Woodfin

Baptismal Items:

Joy Chastain
Mercedes Beckman

Elder Contact:

Ken Vanhorn

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: