



# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

*A place to believe, belong, and become.*

December 16, 2018

## Elders

Todd Chastain  
Steve Clark  
Bill Hames  
Ken Vanhorn  
Mark Willingham

## Deacons

Greg Allen  
Justin Beckman  
Kevin Clemons  
Jeffrey Cox  
Myron Crunk  
Mike Davidson  
Kevin Hunter  
Jamey Medley  
Dave Schmidt  
Matt Warner  
Don Williams

## Ministers

Cody Peery  
Joe Wells

## Secretary

Sonya Cox

### **Taking it for Granted**

By Joe Wells

We flip a light switch and the lights are supposed to come on. We get into our car, and we expect that when we turn the key it will crank right up. When we're hungry, we open the refrigerator or the pantry and just know food will be there. We turn the facet on and expect clean water to flow into our cup.

What do all of these have in common?...They are all simple actions or pleasures of life that we continually take for granted. They've become so much a part of our lives that we don't think much about them – much less give thanks for them. However, if there's ever a problem with one of them, we notice it immediately.

In Luke 17: 11-19, we learn of a situation that Jesus encountered after having done a wonderful miracle for some men who were sick with leprosy. Because of their sickness, they were not allowed to be with their families, the people of the city, or participate in any of the normal activities they once enjoyed. Upon seeing Jesus approach, they cried out to Him for help, *"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"* (v. 13) Being compassionate and loving, Jesus healed them as they went to show the priests their new condition.

We can imagine their newfound excitement as they are reunited with friends and family members; however, as we read verses 15 -17, we are confronted by the selfishness that even we at times fall victim.

*"Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine – where are they?'"*

It's important that each of us recognize that Jesus noticed the nine didn't come back to give thanks for getting their lives back. We can't imagine how anyone, after being given a second chance like these, would not want to fall to their knees and express their sincere thankfulness to God Almighty. However, when things are going well – it's easy to forget the One who makes it all go.

May we always be thankful for the simple pleasures, and never be so wrapped up in ourselves that we forget to thank God for giving us life through His Son, Jesus.

**May God bless you this week 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



## **THANK YOU**

To the Ladies Class,

Thank you so much for thinking of me at this time. The basket was beautiful. I am so thankful to be a part of a loving church family. So many have sent things for my family and we are grateful for everything.

Love,  
Angi Medley

Thank you so much for my care package. I am so grateful for wonderful people, such as yourselves, that care about strangers enough to make these.

With gratitude,  
Michelle-Williams



## **FOOD DRIVE**

Parents of children in our Cradle Roll-Primary Classes, please remember to send non-perishable food items with your child to class to help restock the church pantry. Thank you!!



Young Professionals Bible Study will be December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 at the home of Brently & Kelly Gresham. See Facebook event for details.



## **Men of the Congregation:**

There is a list, on the Round Table, in the foyer, of men that will be doing the Wednesday Night Devotionals for next year. Please go by and look to see if the date is okay for you. If you do not or cannot do the devotional, please mark your name off. If your name is not on there and you are willing to do a devotional, please add your name to the list. If you have any questions, please see Joe Wells.



The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume again in January, but it will be on Tuesday Morning instead. More details to come.

## **SICK/PRAYER LIST**

Joy Berry, Linda Caperton, Larry Cox, Eleanor Martin, Angi Medley, 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; **HILLTOP 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

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU**

If none but you in the world today  
Had tried to live the Christ like way,  
Could the rest of the world  
look close at you, and find the path  
that is straight and true?

If none but you in the world so wide  
Had found the Christ for his daily guide  
Would the things you do  
and the things you say  
Lead others to live in His blessed way?

Ah, friends of the Christ, in the world today  
Are many who watch you upon your way  
And look to the things you say and do  
To measure the Christian standard true.

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ  
With its love so unfailling and true  
But what do they say and  
what do they think  
Of the gospel according to you?

You are writing each day a letter to men  
Take care that the writing is true  
Tis the only gospel that some men will read  
That gospel according to you.

## **FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday AM: 255  
Sunday School: 228  
Sunday PM: 229  
Wednesday: 191  
Contribution: \$14,138

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
Romans 6:23

# UPCOMING EVENTS

12.16 | SERVICE PROJECT

12.16 | SAYS

12.19 | EU DEADLINE

12.27 | CYC DEADLINE

12.30 | EXALT

## Flo Bo Student Ministries

**DEADLINE**

### SERVICE PROJECT

Today ALL youth and families are encouraged to participate in our service project. We are planning to go Christmas Caroling to some of the shut-ins. This will be from 2:30 – 4:30 PM.

### SAYS

Today the 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will go to Atlas Church of Christ for SAYS. The bus will leave at 5 PM.

### CYC

The deadline to sign up for CYC is December 27<sup>th</sup>. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. The dates for CYC are February 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$75 for Sr. youth group members and \$85 for adults. Money MUST be paid by the deadline unless approved by Cody and Matt. More details to come!

### EXALT

Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will go to dinner and EXALT following evening worship. Bring money for dinner.



## EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY

The deadline to sign up for EU is December 19<sup>th</sup>. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. The date for EU is January 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be an all day trip. Cost is \$35. Money MUST be paid by the deadline unless approved by Cody and Matt. You will also need money for 1 meal.

## GET CONNECTED



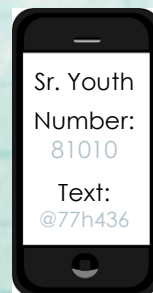
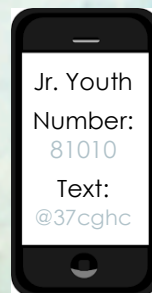
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**AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."  
ISAIAH 6:8**



**MNFTM RESCHEDULE**

It has been decided to forgo meeting for Monday Night for the Master until Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2019. There are so many activities going on presently, and Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Mondays. However, if you're working on a classroom or another project, you are free to come at any time during the week.



## Assignments

**Greeters for the Day:**

East- Larry & Patsy Gooch  
West-Greg & Melanie Allen

**Morning Worship:**

**Scripture Reader:**

Larry Phillips

**Prayers:**

Opening - Ronnie Putnam  
Closing - Justin Beckman

**Youth Led Devo: (4:55pm)**

**Song:** Trent Woodfin  
**Scripture:** Mack Weatherford  
**Prayer:** Wesley Warner

**Van Drivers:**

Sun. AM - Bruce Rivers  
Sun. PM - Kenneth Cox  
Wed - Cody Peery

**Enter Attendance Cards:**

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Pat Thompson

**Evening Worship:**

**Scripture Reader:**

Jimmy Black

**Prayers:**

Opening -Don Williams  
Closing - Ken Vanhorn

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

- 1 - Camden Wells
- 2 - Levi Rikard
- 3 - Luke Woodfin
- 4 - Jayden Woodfin
- 5 - Wesley Warner

**Baptismal Items:**

Janet Willingham  
Judy Malone

**Elder Contact:**

Mark Willingham

## DECEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Evands Pierre

C/O Jean-Claubert Belton  
Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse  
Entrée Double Harvest  
Croix des Bouquets  
Haiti

## Sermon Titles:

AM: *Beware of Sowing Weeds* (Ephesians 5: 1-5)  
PM: *Rooted: The Second Coming* (1 Corinthians 15: 20-26)

## Sermon Notes

**Key Words:**

**Outline:**