



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

A place to believe, belong, and become.

December 9, 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

Allow for Sharpening

By Joe Wells

Fishing can be an extremely relaxing hobby as long as your happiness is not based upon whether or not you catch anything. It's a great opportunity to get away from the "hustle and bustle" of the week and simply allow your mind to listen to God's beautiful creation. Possibly, it's a welcome chance for a child to spend quality time with their parent or a husband and wife to get away and just enjoy being together. Whatever your reason for fishing, be it for sport or for food, one fact is very true: the real work begins once the fish are caught.

There's nothing quite as frustrating as trying to cut with a dull knife. When it's supposed to slice, it only tears. Instead of having clean, straight edges, you are stuck with jagged and rough cuts. If you've ever tried to fillet a fish, you know without a doubt the value of a sharp knife. That's why it is important to have an instrument handy you can use to sharpen that knife when the need arises.

In your life, you will have the opportunity to be around a lot of people. Every one of these people will have the potential of influencing you either for good or for bad. Just like the metal on metal knife sharpening process, these individuals will either help you become dull or sharp. It's up to you to make sure the angle of interaction between you and those whom you allow to influence you is correct. Oh yeah, just one more piece of wisdom, in order to sharpen a knife, there is a "shaving-off" that has to take place. What I mean is, in order for the blade to become sharp, small pieces of that metal are sanded down and removed so that the fresh metal is exposed. For you and me as Christians, that means that in order to become sharp again, we may have some "rough-edges" that must be removed.

May we always have hearts that are open to the benefit of the sharpening process.

"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

(Proverbs 27:17)

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

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Announcements



RESPONSES

Becky Daniel, mother of Stacey Moseley, came forward Wednesday, November 28th, to express her desire to turn her will back over to God. Please keep her in your prayers.



MNFTM RESCHEDULE

It has been decided to forgo meeting for Monday Night for the Master until Monday, January 14th 2019. There are so many activities going on presently, and Christmas Eve and New Years Eve fall on Mondays. So, tomorrow night, December 10th, and next week, December 17th, we will not meet as a group. However, if you're working on a classroom or another project, you are free to come at any time during the week.



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; **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

MEALS ON WHEELS

We will be delivering Meals on Wheels this week. A special thanks to Dave Schmidt, Sammie & Linda Fritts, and Bob & Deb Harrington for volunteering for this good work.



THANK YOU

The family of Rose Greenhill acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the beautiful quilt. David & Vivian



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!!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

December 9th (TODAY): Church-Wide Fellowship, following evening services, in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods, drinks, and desserts.

December 11th: Ladies "Christmas Sock Exchange" at 6 pm, in the Family Room. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods, drinks, and desserts. Also, please bring a pair of Christmas Socks, that are stuffed (each sock), with items and have the socks tied together. Examples: make-up, ornaments, candles, candy, etc. It can be anything. It does not have to be Christmas related. Just the socks have to be Christmas. \$10.00 is the price limit. See Sonya Cox or Ashley Peery for questions.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 278
Sunday School: 240
Sunday PM: 237
Wednesday: 207
Contribution: \$12,910

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

UPCOMING EVENTS

12.16 | SERVICE PROJECT

12.16 | SAYS

12.19 | EU DEADLINE

12.27 | CYC DEADLINE

12.30 | EXALT

Flo Bo Student Ministries

SAYS

Sunday December 16th the 5th-12th grades will go to Atlas Church of Christ for SAYS. The bus will leave at 5 PM.

EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY

The deadline to sign up for EU is December 19th. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. The date for EU is January 19th. 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.

CYC

The deadline to sign up for CYC is December 27th. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. The dates for CYC are February 21st-24th. 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 30th the 5th-12th grades will go to dinner and EXALT following evening worship. Bring money for dinner.



Service Project

Sunday December 16th 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.

GET CONNECTED



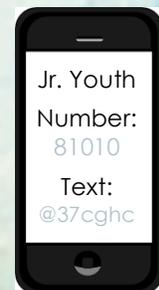
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**AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."
ISAIAH 6:8**



Thirty-five people came out last Monday night to spend an hour (or more) working for the Master. The Sewing Sisters finished up the big project they have been working on and will take a break until January 14th, so if you are one of the Sewing Sisters, thank you for all your hard work! We'll look for you again next month. Many other tasks around the building were worked on; the Library is being meticulously moved shelf by shelf to the new location. This will open up a classroom for our new look bible class wing. As you have noticed, the lights in the auditorium continue to be adjusted to the best possible positions. Many cards were sent out again this past week, and projects that need repair or replacement are being taken care of in a professional way. Thank you to all who participate in Monday Night for the Master! Great things are being accomplished for God by our time spent together.

**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: *Season for Fruit Bearing* (Psalm 1)

PM: *Rooted: "The Church"* (Matthew 16: 13-20)

Assignments

Greeters for the Day:

East- Dale & Carol Boren
West-Jerry Trousdale

Morning Worship:

Scripture Reader:

Steve Ezell

Prayers:

Opening - Larry Brock
Closing - Greg Allen

Youth Led Devo: (4:55pm)

Song: Mack Weatherford

Scripture: Camden Wells

Prayer: Bennett Wells

Van Drivers:

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

Enter Attendance Cards:

Dec. 9th: Kathy Kirby

Evening Worship:

Scripture Reader:

Steve Allen

Prayers:

Opening -Matt Warner
Closing - Mark 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

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: