



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

A place to believe, belong, and become.

April 19, 2020

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Rooted

I have finally finished! Upon purchasing our new house in Florence, Brianne and I knew we would eventually dig up all of the monkey grass in our backyard. As of last Tuesday, I completed the task and successfully (as far as I know at this point) removed all of the visible monkey grass. I know, I know, it's a booger to *completely* remove and quite frankly, I'm expecting it to pop back up again in the coming months. And unless I'm mistaken, if you know anything about monkey grass as you read this article, you are too aren't you!?

My biggest take away from the project is the endurance of a strong root system. I've plucked up weeds for years—"The quicker they pop up the quicker you can pull 'em up!" But a strong root system provides stability and endurance that will last. God wants you to find strength and endurance through His (your) spiritual root system.

Colossians 2:6–7 says, *"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him*

and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Each Christian connected to Christ has been given a spiritual root system that provides below-the-surface strength and endurance that you might need to be reminded of today.

You see, we normally depend on the local congregation to provide a garden of fellowship, worship, study, and prayer. As of today, those things have been pulled from our lives. We are currently living in a season of life where our root system is being put to the test. But the beauty of our root system, according to Ephesians 3:16–19, is, *"that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."*

The routine of our spiritual lives has been pulled out and removed. However, God has rooted you with a below-the-surface spiritual strength that will enable you to endure. So, take heart and be of good cheer because we are rooted and built to endure.

Austin Johnson



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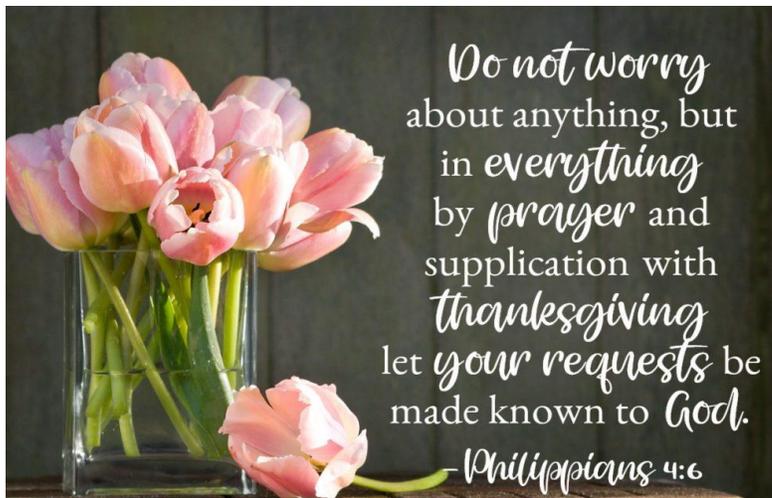
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Worship Times: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Sunday School 10:15 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Announcements



Bible verses for tough times

Worried? <u>Psalms 23; 46, Matthew 6</u>	Planning the future? <u>James 4:13-17</u>
Discouraged? <u>Psalms 37; James 5:7-11</u>	Does God seem far away? <u>Psalms 46</u>
Frustrated? <u>Psalms 90; Hebrews 12</u>	In doubt? <u>Jeremiah 29:11-13</u>
Tired? <u>Isaiah 40; Matthew 11:28-30</u>	Building a new home? <u>Psalms 127</u>
Bereaved? <u>John 16:11-33</u>	Money problems? <u>Psalm 37</u>
Too busy? <u>Ecclesiastes 3:1-15</u>	Bitter and critical? <u>1 Corinthians 13</u>
Lonely or fearful? <u>Psalms 91</u>	Need peace? <u>Matthew 11:25-30</u>
Feel rejected? <u>Colossians 1; 1 Peter 1</u>	Need assurance? <u>Romans 8:1-30</u>
Sick or in pain? <u>Psalms 6; Isaiah 26</u>	Leaving home? <u>Psalm 121</u>
Depressed? <u>Psalms 34; 71, Isaiah 40</u>	Discouraged? <u>Psalm 126</u>
Jealous? <u>Psalms 49; James 3</u>	Don't understand what God is doing? <u>Isaiah 55:8-9</u>
Sleepless nights? <u>Psalms 4; 56; 130</u>	Faith needs encouraging? <u>Hebrews 11</u>
Family problems? <u>Ephesians 6:1-10</u>	Hated because of your faith? <u>John 15</u>
Done something wrong? <u>Psalm 51</u>	Losing hope? <u>2 Thessalonians 2:16-17</u>
Need courage and strength? <u>Joshua 1:5-9; Psalm 27:46</u>	Alone and scared? <u>Psalm 23</u>
Facing a crisis? <u>Job 28:12-28</u>	Hard times? <u>Psalm 9:9</u>

@naemcallaway

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Betty Black, Gene Gooch, Harlon Goolsby, Mary Garrett, Mattie Liles, Eleanor Martin, Hazel Martin, Bobbie McGee, Donald O'Kain, Helen Parker, Benton Richardson, Carolyn Smith, Delores Williford

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Georgia Anders (grandmother of Sonya Cox), Charles Clark (father of Steve Clark), Willie Hunt (mother of Patty Hunt), Larry Hunter (father of Kevin Hunter), Larry Martin (son of Leo & Hazel Martin-brother of Deb Harrington)

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111; **LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME:** Mary Nix, Room 6; Florence Treece, Room 10; Glen Gist, brother of Rayford Gist, Room 13; Tommy Mussleman, Room 20

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to announce that Randall and Stacy Springer have desired to place membership here at Florence Blvd. They are no strangers here so we should say "Welcome Back." Their information is:

Randall & Stacy Springer, 92 Poplar Springs Drive, Killen, AL 35645; Randall: 256-710-4010; Stacy: 256-710-7761



ABC's of Friendship

Always be honest.
 Be there when they need you.
 Cheer them on.
 Don't look for their faults.
 Every chance you get, call!
 Forgive them.
 Get together often.
 Have faith in them.
 Include them.
 Just listen.
 Know their dreams.
 Love them unconditionally.
 Make them feel special.
 Never forget them.
 Offer to help.
 Praise them honestly.
 Quietly disagree.
 Rescue them often.
 Say you're sorry.
 Talk frequently.
 Use good judgement.
 Vote for them!
 Wish them good luck!
 X-ray yourself first.
 Your words count.
 Zip your mouth when necessary.

family

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM Views On-Line: 1600
 Sunday School: N/A
 Sunday PM Views On-Line: 729
 Wednesday Views On-Line: 547
 Budget: 12,400
 Contribution: 7,797

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."
 James 1:17

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STUDENT MINISTRY

{ MARCH 22 }

Save the Date:

ALL YOUTH EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH HAVE BEEN CANCELED. NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT IF THERE IS A CHANGE.

Get Connected:



Flo Bo Student Ministries



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Band App



With our weekly Bible class kicked off, each week we are studying the book His Life. In this book each of us are reading one page a day and reflecting on the life of Christ. Because we are meeting on Thursday nights, we aren't discussing the Friday chapter thoughts. My plan is to reflect on these thoughts here on the newsletter so we can still think about these chapters as a group.

This past Friday, the text that was considered was 1 Corinthians 8:6. In this verse, Paul is carrying on a conversation about eating meat that has been sacrificed to idols. The individuals who have been eating the meat sacrificed to idols are a little more mature, and do not have a concern for it violating other beliefs. The mature Christians have every right to eat the meat, but it is causing the less mature Christians to stumble. For the benefit of these less mature Christians Paul gives a solution. If it causes stumbling just don't do it. Others may not be as certain about God being the One true God. Even though we may be, that doesn't mean everyone around us is on the same level as us.

The challenges is to help others be certain of the One True God and that we help keep our reputation as a peace maker.

Hope you guys are having a great week. Looking forward to being together tomorrow night at 7 pm. ---Cody

Simple Faith

MICAH 6:8



Since we have not met for our usual Monday Night for the Master ministry, and we have been asked to limit our exposure to other people, there is a great opportunity we all have to remember some of our Florence Blvd family.

One of the things we always do on Monday night is to write cards for almost any occasion to visitors, members who are sick or shut-ins or ones who have asked to be remembered in prayer. Most of the addresses can be found in our online church directory as well as phone numbers if you would rather call than send a card.

Check on our members, as their situation may change during the next several days.

Some of us are able to pick up groceries or medicine during the week if needed, please make that known too.

Let's not look at this virus situation as a hopeless problem but see that it is something bad that can become good.

We are all called on to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on Earth, so let's grab this opportunity to do good and excel with it!

Thank you

APRIL 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:

Assignments
Greeters for the Day:
East- N/A
West- N/A
Morning Worship:
Scripture Reader: N/A
Prayers:
Opening -N/A
Closing - N/A
Youth Led Devo: (4:55pm)
Song: N/A
Scripture: N/A
Prayer: N/A
Van Drivers:
Sun. AM - Jeff Campbell
Sun. PM - Kenneth Cox
Wed - Nate Fulmer
Enter Attendance Cards:
Evening Worship:
Scripture Reader: N/A
Prayers:
Opening:-N/A
Closing -N/A
Young Boys to Pick Up Cards:
1 - Levi Rikard
2 - Wesley Warner
3 - Jayden Woodfin
4 - Luke Woodfin
5 - Jarrett Johnson
Baptismal Items:
Joy Chastain
Kelly Gresham
Elder Contact:
Todd Chastain

Sermon Notes
Key Words:
Outline: