



# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

May 10, 2020

## Elders

Todd Chastain  
Steve Clark  
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## Ministers

Austin Johnson  
Cody Peery

## Secretary

Sonya Cox

## My Hope in Heaven

*The Attitude of a Christian Who is Focused on Heaven is evident within and without.*

Hebrews 11:13–16 says,

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

They lived on earth not having received the promises they were looking for, and what is most impressive is, they were okay with that! The Bible says they saw the promise from “afar” of “a homeland...a better country, that is, a heavenly one.” Their attitude could have been one of bitterness towards God, wondering why that in their lifetime they had not received what He had promised. However, their attitude is seen in Hebrews 11:13 when the Bible says they “greeted them from afar.” What does this phrase actually mean and how does it communicate anything about attitude?

This individual word in Greek must be translated in the form of a phrase in English; “having greeted them from afar; welcomed them from a distance; embraced them.” It conveys the idea that seeing their promises ahead; they embraced/welcomed them as future–yet–certain promises worth waiting for. The Bible describes their feelings as desiring (*Heb 11:16*) the better country and not drifting back to desiring the place they came from (*Heb 11:15*). An attitude such as this one provides peace in the present and hope of the future. Faith! Faith, according to Hebrews 11:1–2, is the “assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.” These were commended by and He was unashamed to be called their God (*Heb 11:16*).

What is God’s shame level with you? Is your hope set on a future–yet–certain promise which allows you to welcome the distance and find peace? Do you embrace the death of your old man, now living a new life in Christ with a new present and future home? If so, God is unashamed to be called your God. If not, look to the witness of our ancestors in the faith and find peace and hope God can provide (*Heb 12:1–2*). This is my hope in Heaven!

*Austin Johnson*

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

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

# Announcements



To all our Mothers here at Florence Blvd!



## NOTE FROM ELDERS

Please note that due to Governor Kay Ivy's press conference recently, weekly worship services and devotionals will continue to be broadcast exclusively online through Facebook Live (<https://www.Facebook.com/FlorenceBlvd>) at least until May 15, 2020 as was stated in her address to the State of Alabama.

You may continue to drop off your contribution if you desire to do so or you may mail it to the church office at 2502 Florence Blvd, Florence, AL 35630, or give online at <https://www.FlorenceBlvd.org/giving>

Please contact any of the elders or the church office if you are in need of anything. We anxiously look forward to when these meeting restrictions are lifted and we may meet in person once again!

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Dear Brothers & Sisters at Florence Blvd,  
Thank you for the cards of encouragement from your congregation. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you also for all you have done for my great grandchildren. I love you all!

Marie Keen (mother of Wendy Woodfin)

## SICK/PRAYER LIST

Gene Gooch, Harlon Goolsby, Mary Garrett, Mattie Liles, Eleanor 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), 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

## SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Jimmy Black, and his family, in the passing away of his wife, Betty. She passed away on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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## Road Construction Route 66

The road is being resurfaced, and the stripes are being repainted. It will be okay for light foot traffic anytime after May 10<sup>th</sup>, but absolutely no liquids (water, tea, coke, coffee, etc.) are to be transported over the roadway until at least JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a sealer being applied, which will need 30 days to fully cure. Thank you for helping out with this.



## FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM Views On-Line: 1100  
Sunday School: N/A  
Sunday PM Views On-Line: 944  
Wednesday Views On-Line: 470  
Budget: 12,400  
Contribution: 14,447

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”  
1 John 2:15

# FLOBO

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 Genesis 39:9-10. Joseph was able to withstand the temptation of Potiphar's wife because he clung to God. Sometimes we give into silly temptations because we may be a little farther away from God than we realize. So the question is how did Joseph stay so close to God? The answer is simple. Joseph studied the Law to make sure that what he did was pleasing to God and nothing else mattered to him. We must have this same mindset. We need to stay close to God and also remember that there are little eyes looking up to us all the time. We need to be a good example to those younger kids looking at us!

Hope you guys are having a great week. Looking forward to being together Thursday night at 7:30 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

**MAY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

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**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 -

Sun. PM -

Wed -

**Enter Attendance Cards:**

**Evening Worship:**

**Scripture Reader:**

N/A

**Prayers:**

Opening:-N/A  
Closing -N/A

**Young Boys to Pick Up Cards:**

- 1 -
- 2 -
- 3 -
- 4 -
- 5 -

**Baptismal Items:**

**Elder Contact:**

Steve Clark

**Sermon Notes**

**Key Words:**

**Outline:**