

FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our Aim in Life

Life is not about perfection, but rather, direction. Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:10, "You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, **my aim in life**, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness..." and the list would continue on. Give your attention to the phrase "my aim in life" for a few moments. I believe what we decide as "the aim of our lives" will impact our life experiences, reveal the truth our mental space, and indicate the direction of our eternal life.

Paul would go on to explain how he suffered persecutions, attacks from people, and experienced personal loss. None of those circumstances shook him, however, because of the aim of his life. Paul was even able to claim those experiences as good fights and races to be completed (*2 Timothy 4:7*). When Christians continually play the card of victim with a "whoa-is-me" mentality, fighting becomes useless and races are quit. That, however, was not the mind of Paul because of the aim of his life. He was able to claim boldly in 2 Timothy 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." His life, mind, and eternity were all clearly influenced by the aim of his life as his aim allowed him to rise above any of the circumstances he faced to see the greater good of serving God and serving others.

Remember that life is not about perfection, but rather, direction. The aim of our lives must be to serve God and serve others. This mentality will empower you through trying times and lift you even higher in peaceful times. Inclining your heart to the Lord (*Joshua 24*:23) will create a mentality that is not only akin to Paul, but reflective of the mind of Christ—Philippians 2:5–8, "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who… made himself nothing… took the form of a servant… humbled himself." Charged with these words from Paul and the mind of Christ, let our aim in life direct us through Jesus, in service to God and others!

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2502 FLORENCE BOULEVARD www.florenceblvd.org 56-3617 email: office@florenceblvd.org FAX (256) 766-3546 Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am Wednesday: 6:30 pm

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CHURCH OFFICE

Sorry for any confusion, from last week's bulletin. The church office will only be closed on Friday, January 1st, for the New Year Holiday.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

We will NOT be having singing on Wednesday, December 30th. Everyone will go to their regular classes.

MEETINGS

On January 10th there will be a Deacons Meeting at 3 p.m. and our annual Articles of Incorporation and Men's Meeting at 4 p.m. These meetings are very Important and we encourage all men in the congregation to attend.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Start each day with gratitude Count your blessings Keep your faith larger than your fears Study God's Word daily Pray daily

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Lane Baker, Reed & Sue Canerday, Danny Coats, Gene Gooch, Harlon Goolsby, Mary Garrett, Boyce Holderfield, Robert Holderfield, Eleanor Martin, Helen Parker, Paul Richardson, Shelby Trousdale, Delores Williford <u>FAMILY/FRIENDS</u>: Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Larry Hunter (father of Kevin Hunter), June Jones (mother of Kaye Holderfield), Larry Martin (son of Leo & Hazel Martin-brother of Deb Harrington), Vance Pitts (husband of Patsy Pitts), Keith Wade (son of Doyce & Shelby Wade; brother of Mike Wade). <u>NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:</u> CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111;

LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME: Mary Nix, Room 6; Glen Gist, brother of Rayford Gist, Room 13

Blessings to You in the New Year May peace fill your world, May love fill your home With contentment and happiness, too-In wonderful ways May this year of new days Be filled with sweet blessings for you. Happy New Year

FOR THE RECORD Sunday AM & On Line Views: 514 Sunday School & On Line Views: 291 Sunday PM & On-Line Views: 395 Wednesday & On Line Views: N/A Budget: 12,400 Contribution: 12,785



END OF THE YEAR INFO

First of all thank you so much for your patience during this trying time. We know a lot of things had to change due to the virus and the effects it has brought about. With that being said, we are planning towards 2021. A few things that still may be up in the air are things we hope do not change.

2 Major events we are praying that will happen in 2021 are CYC and Lads to Leaders. At this time, we are staying the course, but we all are aware these things can change. As of right now, CYC is planning to be normal at half capacity. We are registered and plan to attend CYC as normal.

Lads to Leaders however is constantly evolving with new regulations etc. With these constant evolving requirements, we have decided to place our focus and effort into 5 pillar events for Lads to Leaders this year as a congregation. The five events we will work towards as a congregation are: 1. Speech, 2.Song Leading, 3.Bible Bowl, 4. Puppets, 5. Good Samaritan. While we are not saying you cannot do extra events at home as a family, we are only going to provide practice for these 5 events as a congregation. We would encourage you to work at other events at home together as a family. So we will be getting schedules out for practicing these events soon. We believe these 5 events are pillars in which we would like to see our young people participate.

Also there will be a Parent meeting for all Jr. Youth Parents January 10th in the Auditorium after PM services. We are going to discuss events, improvements, changes, and all things that pertain to our Jr. Youth Program this night. We are asking that if you are able, Please make as much of an effort to be there as possible. Your feedback is vital, and we want to work together to make the Jr. Youth program the best it can be for our Flo-Bo Jr. Youth.

Lastly, <u>there will be a Parent meeting for all Sr. Youth Parents January 17th in the</u> <u>Auditorium after PM services.</u> We want to have discussion about events, and improvements, and what we can do in 2021 that meets the needs of our Sr. Youth Group. Please If at all possible, make every effort to join us and share your thoughts as we plan through the 2021 Year.

Even in the midst of this virus our youth program has thrived and that is because of you all. We are extremely thankful, and we want to continue to help our program lead kids closer to the Lord, and one another. If we can help please don't hesitate to call--- Cody

2020 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Because of COVID-19, the report will be somewhat delayed and limited in its scope for 2020.

It will mainly consist of contributions made, in the white envelopes. Because contributions were recorded, in a number of different formats, some of the information could not be retained, as in the past.

If data is missing, or you have special problems, you should notify either Ray Carpenter or Jerry Trousdale. This should be done in writing and must contain all dates and amounts. We will review our records and attempt to provide you with information or data that may solve your problem. We request that you check and review your personal records prior to making your request.

DECEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH K.B.B Chandrapaul Jack Nelle Institute Nidamanuru-521104 Vijayawada, A.P. India Iovefaithhope@yahoo.com

Sermon Titles:

AM: Where We've Been (Proverbs 22:17-21)

PM: Where We're Going

Assignments

Morning Worship Scripture Reader: Kevin Clemons Evening Worship Scripture Reader: Larry Gooch

Leading in Communion: Gregg Elrod

Prayers First – Steve Clark Last – Jake VanDyke Prayers First – AJ Gooch Last – Bill Hames

Youth Led: (4:55pm) Song: Justin Farrar Scripture: Trent Woodfin Prayer: Jarrett Johnson

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: