



# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Elders

Steve Clark  
Bill Hames  
Ken Vanhorn  
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Greg Allen  
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Kevin Clemons  
Jeffrey Cox  
Myron Crunk  
Mike Davidson  
Kyle Dickson  
Gregg Elrod  
Nate Fulmer  
AJ Gooch  
Jamey Medley  
Ronnie Putnam  
Dave Schmidt  
Mark Vanhorn  
Matt Warner  
Don Williams

## Minister

Austin Johnson

## Secretary

Sonya Cox

### Choosing God Over the World

Each time I meet a new person, I tell myself not to get too close to them. There's always a constant nagging in the back of my mind, telling me they're going to dislike me or, even if they do enjoy spending time with me, they're going to leave eventually. So, I distance myself and hope that they don't try to get closer.

I guess my relationship with God used to be the same. I didn't want to wholly depend on Him because I was almost certain that if He ever would leave anyone's side, it would be mine. I focused on myself because I believed that was all I had. I became selfish and really angry inside. This led to the worst period of my life. And who was there through it all? Supporting me even though I didn't want to realize it? God.

When I reflect on all He has pulled me out of, I realize just how broken and weak I truly was. For the entirety of my adolescence and a chunk of my young adulthood, I was pushing away the only constant I truly had to depend on. Because of His love, even though I was denying Him, He was steadfastly holding my hand through everything (Isaiah 41:10).

That's what God does. He wants to be with us forever, and we have to choose Him just as He chose us. Deciding to set your heart and soul on God through baptism *literally* gives you a new life and delivers you from the pain and heartache you face day-to-day (Romans 6:4, II Corinthians 5:17 & Psalm 34:17). Choosing God over the world is the best decision I've ever made. I am, now, able to see myself in a new light, looking for opportunities to praise Him instead of absentmindedly seeking out my own self-destruction.

Why would you want to keep looking back when you can look forward toward the kingdom of God? Stop being caught up in where you've been, and appreciate where you're going!

Focusing on the past and letting it dictate your current state of mind instead of living in the here and now is detrimental to your mental and spiritual health (sometimes physical, too)! Depression, anxiety, and sin can eat away at your heart, mind, and soul. The pain seems insurmountable, and the weight you feel on your shoulders is incredibly hard to relieve. It's actually *impossible* for us to relieve. We have to turn to Jesus, the only *real* form of relief we have.

God rejoices in the decision we make to turn to Him. Whether we woke up this morning replaying yesterday's mistakes or assuming the worst in the day's potential, God can and will forget your negativity and bring you out of the slump you're in. He will erase all your cares and lift you up to a place of exaltation (I Peter 5:7).

*A Fellow FB Family Member*

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

February 28, 2021



There will be a Drive-By Bridal Shower, for Abby Garrett, on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm-3pm. She is registered at Target. Shower Team # 6 will be the hostess.

#### Hard Lessons Learned (James 1:1-5)

Life is not always easy, that's one thing for sure.  
Problems and trials will come along, seemingly without a cure.

Why are things so unfair, we can't seem to get ahead?  
Just when it seems we're on our feet, we fall back down instead.

Some folks get discouraged, cause trouble is all they get.  
Pain and sorrow bad decisions, all with great regret.

But for the disciple of the Savior it doesn't have to be this way.  
Cause he has hope within his heart and there it will always stay.

Be joyful when the hard time comes, it will be faith's test.  
And from the test patience will grow, making you more blessed.

Not only should we take it in stride, happy when trials are past.  
But we must learn and grow from it all, remaining all steadfast.

If we want to be wise then ask it we must, then God will supply.  
Hard lessons to learn but better equipped to let them fly right by!

Don't complain when things aren't right, suffer we must sometimes do.  
But God is faithful and will bring us through, that's forever true.

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#### SICK/PRAYER LIST

**Lane Baker, Reed & Sue Canerday, Colton Clifton (deployed overseas), Danny Coats, Marjorie Cox, Gene Gooch, Harlon Goolsby, Mary Garrett, Boyce Holderfield, Eleanor Martin, Leo & Hazel Martin, Helen Parker, Larry Phillips, Paul Richardson, Shelby Trousedale, Delores Williford**

**FAMILY/FRIENDS: 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), Tim Webster (dad of Brett Webster), Brett Wyatt (10 year old son of friend of Amy Dickson-has leukemia)**

**CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111;**

**LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME:**

**Mary Nix, Room 6; Glen Gist, brother of Rayford Gist, Room 13**

#### CARE PACKAGE

Maggie Clifton and Sonya Cox are getting a "Care Package" together to send to Colton Clifton and his Unit, while they are overseas with the Navy, if anyone would like to contribute. Also, notes or cards would also be appreciated. There is a box, located in the foyer for items to be placed. Below are some items listed that they can use:

Socks	Baby Wipes
Frisbees/Balls	Notebooks
Dryer Sheets	Books
Puzzle Books	Ink Pens/Blank Cards
Sunscreen	Chapstick
Small bottles of any kind of toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, etc)	
Eye Glass cleaning cloths	
Small bottles of laundry detergent	
Snack bars, beef jerky, peanut butter, etc	

#### FEBRUARY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

**Jesus Gallardo (Hispanic Ministry)  
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## Sermon Titles:

**Sunday AM:** Mark Vanhorn speaking

**Sunday PM:** Colton Scott-Walk 4 Water-speaking

#### FOR THE RECORD

**Sunday AM: 204 / On Line Views: 294**

**Sunday School: 154 / On Line Views: N/A**

**Sunday PM: 144 / On Line Views: 267**

**Wednesday: 136 / On Line Views: 133**

**Budget: 13,300**

**Contribution: 9,825**



## **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.

## **JANUARY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

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## **Sermon Titles:**

**AM:**

**PM:** Youth Led Worship

## **Assignments**

**Morning Worship**

**Scripture Reader:**

**Mike Davidson**

**Evening Worship**

**Scripture Reader:**

**Larry Gooch**

**Leading in Communion:**

**Ken Vanhorn**

**Prayers**

**First – Kevin Clemons**

**Last – Tyler Thompson**

**Prayers**

**First – David Gooch**

**Last – Bill Hames**

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

**Song:**

**Scripture:**

**Prayer:**

## **Sermon Notes**

**Key Words:**

**Outline:**