



# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Austin Johnson

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### An Unexpected Prayer

Can you imagine the pain of trying to become pregnant month after month yet failing to do so? Some of you can. What if the month after month turns into year after year? Some of you can understand. The pain. The hurt. The exhaustion. The internal demons and doubts that begin to creep into one's mind, and worse, heart. The strain this must put on a marriage relationship and the overall shadow it must cast upon one's world view. To make matters exponentially worse, your next-door neighbor continues to birth child after child and go so far as to make fun of you for being dried up and unable. Pure misery.

In a nutshell, this was Hannah. Year after year going to the Shiloh, the city of the priest where yearly sacrifices are made, and year after year praying for a child with no results. Emotionally drained and potentially filled with negative self-speech, is our Hannah in 1 Samuel 1. But then the unthinkable happens! Through fervent prayer, an undying faith, and the grace of God, she becomes pregnant. Her promise to God was, if a child came to her, she would lend this child to God. This meant giving up the child she desired for years and years. Giving up the child that had filled her once aching heart. Giving up the child, relegating their relationship to occasional visits in another town. Giving up her child!

So upon giving her child up to the Lord in service in the Temple of Shiloh, we have a prayer that Hannah prayed. What do you think this prayer would consist of? Wouldn't you think it would be filled with thanks for her wishes coming true, words of strength for Samuel, or even help to get through the emotional strain of having to give him up? None of the above. Go to 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and read a focused prayer of praise and adoration. Listen to a heart that clearly understood, no matter the circumstances I will praise God almighty! For the sake of space and time, allow me to share with you one phrase that ought to be a regular phrase used in our daily prayers, *"My heart glories in the Lord; my strength is exalted in the Lord...There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God."* (1 Samuel 2:1, 2)

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

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

February 7, 2021

### **BABY BOY SHOWER**

Everyone is invited to a "Drive-By Baby Boy Shower," for Rachel Stovall TODAY from 3:45 pm-4:45 pm, under the awning, close to the fellowship hall. Selections are online at: [BabyList.com](http://BabyList.com). Shower Team # 5 will be the hostess.

### **RESPONSES**

Angi Medley and Emily Robinson were both moved this past week to respond to the invitation. Please keep these two good people in your prayers as they strive to live right, in the sight of God.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you so much to Sammie Fritts and Pat Carpenter for delivering Meals on Wheels last week, at a short notice.

Jimmy Black is now attending Cox Blvd Church of Christ. He will miss everyone here at Florence Blvd and will visit from time to time.

### **CONTRIBUTION LOG FOR TAXES**

The contribution log sheets, for 2020, for income tax purposes, have been placed in your church mailbox or have been mailed. If you did not receive one or if you have any questions, please give a handwritten note to Jerry Trousdale or Ray Carpenter.

### **SICK/PRAYER LIST**

Lane Baker, Reed & Sue Canerday, Ray Carpenter, 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 Trousdale, 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)

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

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

### **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	Cards
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:** Another in the Fire (*Daniel 3:13-15*)

**Sunday PM:** Prayer that Moves (*Philippians 4:4-7*)

### **FOR THE RECORD**

**Sunday AM: 204 / On Line Views: 946**  
**Sunday School: 157 / On Line Views: 314**  
**Sunday PM: 136 / On Line Views: 627**  
**Wednesday: 144 / On Line Views: 202**  
**Budget: 13,300**  
**Contribution: 17,997**



## **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: