

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# Tim McGraw, John Maxwell, and Jesus: What do they have in Common?

Released on June 7, 2004, Tim McGraw lit up the charts with the hit "Live Like You Were Dying." A writing team of Tim Nichols and Craig Wiseman "crafted the song based on family and friends who learned of illnesses (cancers) and how they often had a new perspective on life upon learning they had limited time. They decided to write a song based on the concept, hoping that it might inspire someone in such a situation." (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Live Like You Were Dying (son))

John Maxwell, on his leadership podcast, "Communication that Inspires," said he made a commitment at the age of 24 that he was only going to "teach what [he] actually believes or lives out." He went a step further to say, "Only the few desire to live their lives for something bigger than they are. When most people die, it will be as though they never lived."

Jesus said in Matthew 16:25, "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Verse 25 is only enhanced by the power of 16:24, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Jesus clearly defined what the life of a follower of his must look like—to live like you were dying. I think it is biblical to go even one step further, according to Jesus, if we want to be a follower of his, we must live as ones who have already died.

Jesus is the foundation of our understanding that the best way to live life is as though we have died to the old. Colossians 3:1–3 says,

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

This type of living would empower us to give forgiveness we have been denying, inspiring others to do the same (*Tim McGraw*). Living in this way would also speak to the reality that we are living for something much bigger than ourselves (*John Maxwell*)! Truly, to take the wisdom of Jesus, as others who may or may not be Jesus-followers have realized, is the best and only way to live.

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

Wednesday: 6:30 pm



There will be a Drive-By Bridal Shower, for Abby Garrett, TODAY from 2pm-3pm. She is registered at Target. Shower Team # 6 will be the hostess.

#### LADIES CLASS

The ladies class will begin today, in the Ladies Classroom, taught by Gale Elrod.

#### RESPONSES

The following ladies responded recently at services: Maggie Clifton and Judy Thompson, asking for forgiveness and strength. Please keep them in your prayers.

Also, Jeremy McFall, father of Alyssa McFall, was restored. Please keep him in your prayers.

#### **SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to Gale Elrod and her family, in the passing away of her mother, Daisy Boyd. She will be buried in Chester, Virginia, beside her husband this summer. Graveside memorial only.

#### SICK/PRAYER LIST

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

<u>FAMILY/FRIENDS</u>: Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), June Jones (mother of Kaye Holderfield), Larry Martin (son of Leo & Hazel Martin-brother of Deb Harrington), Vance Pitts (husband of Patsy Pitts), Brett Wyatt (10 year old son of friend of Amy Dickson-has leukemia)

<u>CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING</u>: Doug Webster, Room 111; <u>LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME</u>:

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



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## **Sermon Titles:**

**Sunday AM:** The Look of a Disciple (*John* 1:35-42)

**Sunday PM**: Prayer that Moves (*James 5:13-18*)

#### **FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday AM: 238 / On Line Views: 397 Sunday School: 183 / On Line Views: N/A Sunday PM: 166 / On Line Views: 256 Wednesday: 164 / On Line Views: 178

> Budget: \$13,300 Contribution: \$ 15, 270

# Sermon Titles:

AM:

PM:

# **Assignments**

Morning Worship Evening Worship Scripture Reader: Scripture Reader:

#### Leading in Communion:

Prayers Prayers
First – First –
Last – Last –

Youth Led: (4:55pm)

Song: Scripture: Prayer:

# **Sermon Notes**

**Key Words:** 

Outline: