



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Austin Johnson

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Promoting God's Kingdom

All of us have encountered people who aren't on fire for God, and sometimes those people are the ones who are very near to our hearts. You might wonder how you can bring people to Christ, and though it should be, it's not an easy feat. There are so many obstacles that you're going to face when you decide to go on a journey to pull your loved ones toward God and His kingdom. Start small! Usually, when a spiritual problem presents itself, the easiest thing to do in the moment is to talk to God about it. Pray for the people you're concerned about. Specifically, I tend to pray that God will prick their heart in some way. Otherwise, you can just ask God to reveal Himself to the person in some way—through the media, other Christians, etc. There are infinite ways God shows Himself to us each and every day. We just have to be looking for Him.

Another thing you can do is invite them to worship, devotionals, or other gatherings where members of the church will be. Don't be afraid to hear "no" during this step. Chances are, you're going to hear it more than once, but persistence is key. Being denied is a huge part of Christianity, so this is normal (albeit saddening). In fact, Jesus suffered through the same (John 1:11). Because of Jesus' suffering, we are eternally saved! We, too, have to suffer in order to introduce someone else to peace and salvation through Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:29).

Whether the person accepts the invitation or not, the most important part of bringing someone to Christ is encouragement. Send the person reaffirming messages from scripture and devotionals. It's also a good idea to mention the fact that you're praying for them. When you know someone is purposefully taking time out of their day to speak to God about you and your soul, it fills you up in such a unique way. If you let someone know they're in your thoughts, you may get a response you weren't expecting. No matter the outcome of your attempts, know God is proud of you, and His love for you is unchanging. The fact you tried and glorified Him in doing so is what's important!

If you don't succeed, there may be a tough reality to face. As Matthew 10:14 says, "And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town." Even if this is necessary, there is still hope for the soul you were trying to bring to Christ! Try discussing more ideas with a more mature Christian or referring your loved one to someone else that may be able to get through to them. We can never stop attempting to promote God's kingdom. Trying to bring unsaved souls to Christ should be our main goal as Christians. Always be resilient in your efforts. God is helping us through the process!

Austin Johnson

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

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

March 7, 2021



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



Congratulations to Slater & Rachel Stovall, in the birth of a little boy. Beckett Daniel Stovall. He was born on February 25th. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

SPRING QUARTER CLASSES

SUNDAY:

Auditorium-Austin Johnson

49er's-Mark Willingham; Book of Acts

Ladies Class-Gale Elrod-Women of the Genesis

WEDNESDAY:

Auditorium-Don Williams-Ephesians

Young Professionals-Austin Johnson; Increase My Faith

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 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), 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

MARCH MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Fred Asare

Village of Hope

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Accra, Ghana

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Sermon Titles:

Sunday AM: Discipleship-Evangelism
(Matthew 28:19-20)

Sunday PM: Spiritual Therapy from the Psalms
(Psalm 73:16-17)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 190 / On Line Views: 360

Sunday School: 151 / On Line Views: N/A

Sunday PM: 123 / On Line Views: 254

Wednesday: 136 / On Line Views: 150

Budget: \$13,300

Contribution: \$14,467

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

Demar Elam
Open Door Ministry
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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: