

June 6, 2021



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Most Often Repeated Command

Of all the commands in the Bible, which one is repeated the greatest number of times? I think you may be surprised! Love is the greatest command, but it's not the one most often repeated. Writers often speak of pride as being at the root of human failures, but warnings against pride or encouragement to be humble are not the most often repeated commands. Neither are the warnings against sexual impurity or the urging to believe or repent.

The single command that occurs more often than any other is "Fear not." There are other forms of this command: "Do not be afraid," "Be strong and courageous," etc., but according to Lloyd Ogilvie, there are 366 "Fear not" verses in the Bible – one for every day of the year, including one for leap year!

Fear doesn't seem to be the most serious vice in the world. It didn't make the "Seven Deadly Sins" list. No one ever receives church discipline for being afraid. So why does God tell us to stop being afraid more often than He tells us to do anything else?

John Ortberg suggested that the reason God tells us to "Fear not" so often is because "fear is the number one reason human beings are tempted to avoid doing what God asks them to do." Fear causes us to lie to avoid pain or embarrassment. Fear of rejection causes us to listen to gossip. Fear of being poor causes us to neglect family, friends, and God to work more hours. Fear causes us to flatter someone because we're afraid they won't like us if we don't. Fear causes us to go along with the crowd instead of standing apart. Fear of being lonely causes us to justify unwholesome companions.

Fear is the reason so many will not step out of their comfort zones and teach a class or lead a song or prayer. Fear is one reason so little evangelism is being done. Fear is the reason we deny the Lord in difficult situations. Fear is the reason the storms cause our faith to falter. Fear is the reason we betray our values and friends in times of need. Yes, I'd say fear is a major problem for us. We need to be told often to "Fear not." At least I do.

Yet, there is another kind of fear that would help us overcome these other fears if we would learn to use it. Solomon wrote centuries ago, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). In other words, we need to have deep-seated reverence and awe of God in everything we do every day of our lives – to live by faith in God alone – to keep our eyes focused on Jesus and nothing else. Ironically, if we choose to "Fear God" in the sense Solomon said we would be far less likely to need the 366 commands to "fear not."

Pity the person who is more afraid of the winds and the waves than he is of the God who created and controls them.

—Joe Chesser, via Bulletin Digest

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

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

Sermon Titles:

Sunday AM: "Childlike not Childish" Matthew 18:1-5

Sunday PM: John Birdwell speaking

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Lane Baker, Colton Clifton (deployed overseas), Marjorie Cox, Rhoda Gist, Mary Garrett, Eleanor Martin, Leo Martin, Helen Parker, Larry Phillips, Paul Richardson, Shelby Trousdale

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Willie Bird (brother of Mary Garrett), Bill Hogue (brother of Elizabeth Prosser), 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)

CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111;

LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME:

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

WEDDING SHOWER

All ladies are invited to a wedding shower, honoring Meredith Welch & Jake Whitehead, TODAY, from 2-4 pm, in the Family Room. Shower Team #2 will serve as hostesses. Registered at Target, Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath & Beyond.

All ladies are invited to a wedding shower, honoring AJ O'Daniel, bride-elect of Tony Tucker Jr, Sunday, June 13th, from 2:30-4 pm in the Family Room. Registered at Target and Amazon. Shower Team # 1 will serve as hostesses.

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES

June 9th: Vance Hutton-Shoes in the Bible (Exodus 3:5; Ruth 4)

JUNE MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Evands Pierre
C/O Jean-Claubert Belton
Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse
Entrée Double Harvest
Croix des Bouquets
Haiti

CLASS PROMOTION TODAY:

Birth-12 months: Vera Clark, Creed Clifton, Walker Martin, Beckett Stovall

Age 2: Ellis Beckman, Baylor Devito, Jackson Farrar, Ivy Fulmer, Blair Mayes, Mylon Webster, Evelyn Holt, Sophie Warden, Stetson Brewer

Age 3: Emmett Boatright, Cathleen Gooch, Brooks Johnson

Age 4: Rilee Boatright, Alexander Devito, Stella McGee

Age 5-K: Aurora Beckman, Juliana Devito, Justin Farrar, Jarrett Johnson, Moses Weatherford, Colton White

1st Grade: Alba Beckman, Sierra Hinton, Jaycee McDonald

2nd Grade: Miriama Voigt

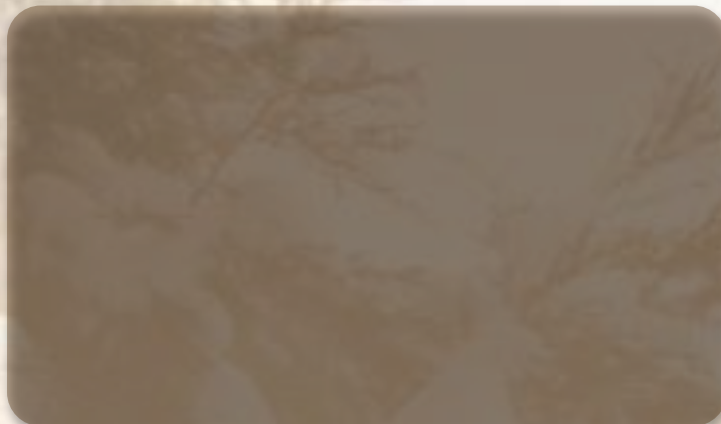
3rd Grade: Chloe White

4th Grade: Hannah Dickson, Kelsey Elliot, Karlee McDonald, Trent Woodfin, Embree Wright, John Thomas Condrey

6th Grade: Wesley Warner, Mack Weatherford

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 262 / On Line Views: 203
Sunday School: 204 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 160 / On Line Views: 273
Wednesday: 184 / On Line Views: 139
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 11,702



Sermon Titles:

AM:

PM:

Assignments

Morning Worship

Scripture Reader:

Evening Worship

Scripture Reader:

Leading in Communion:

Prayers

First –

Last –

Prayers

First –

Last –

Youth Led: (4:55pm)

Song:

Scripture:

Prayer:

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: