

May 16, 2021



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Biblical Doctrines: BAPTISM

What did Israel have to do to escape the slavery of Egypt and experience the journey to freedom? They needed to cross through the water (*Red Sea*).

What did Jesus have to do to fulfill all righteousness and be called the “*beloved son*” of God? He needed to pass through the Jordan River.

What did each individual need to do to escape the slavery of sin and become a child of God? Each one would need to pass through the water the Bible calls baptism.

Baptism is not a washing with water to remove the filth of dirt on the body, but rather, “*an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him*” (1 Peter 3:21b–22). 1 Peter 3:21 says plainly, “*Baptism, which corresponds to this, no saves you*”. But what does that mean? Is there healing, saving, and miraculous power in the water? No.

Starting in 1 Peter 3:18, Peter sets off to make a point to show how God has historically saved people through the agency of water. Need proof? 1 Peter 3:20 references Noah and how “*God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.*” While God was raining/reigning down judgement upon the world, the water served as an agent of salvation for Noah and his family. It lifted the ark above judgment and kept the people from drowning. Much in the same way, the water in a New Covenant baptism does not do the saving of the individual who is buried in it. God does the saving as a gift of his grace (*Ephesians 2:8–9*). However, the water is the agent God has chosen to use to represent the saving blood of Jesus which washes us and cleanses from all our sin. Therefore, immersion in a water baptism is essential for contacting the blood of Christ and thus becomes essential for the salvation of any soul.

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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: Don Williams speaking

Sunday PM: Jake Whitehead speaking

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Lane Baker, Colton Clifton (deployed overseas), Marjorie Cox, Rhoda Gist (radiation treatment for cancer), Gene Gooch, 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) has colon cancer, 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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have shown concern, for us since my surgery, recovery, and treatments.

The prayers, calls, cards, food, and gift cards are very much appreciated.

I have finally finished my treatments and hope to begin feeling better once I've healed from the radiation side effects.

Looking forward to being back at worship services again.

*Christian love,
Rhoda Gist and Family*

MAY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Jean-Claubert Belton
Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse
Entrée Double Harvest
Croix des Bouquets
Haïti



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 20th-23rd

Time: 6-8 pm

Ages: Birth-6th Grade; 7th-12th Grade; Adult

If you can help with this, please sign the sheets, on the table, in the foyer.

Also, if you would like to purchase a t-shirt, sign the sheet, on the table in the foyer.

T-shirt sheets have the sizes at the top. Kids that attend VBS, will get their shirt free.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 286 / On Line Views: 203

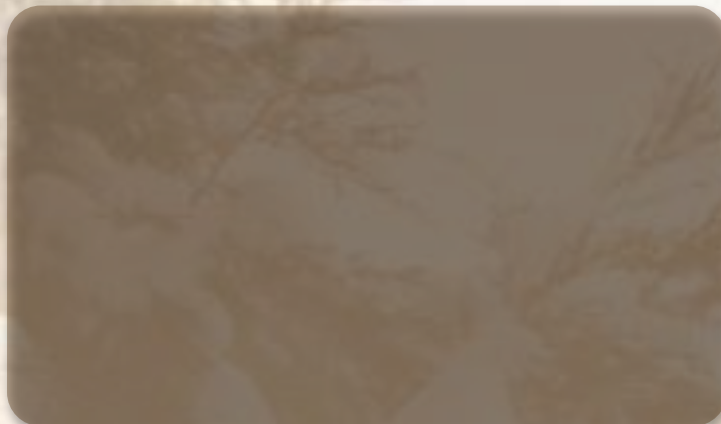
Sunday School: 208 / On Line Views: N/A

Sunday PM: 185 / On Line Views: 236

Wednesday: 165 / On Line Views: 131

Budget: \$13,300

Contribution: \$ 12,154



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: