

May 23, 2021



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elders

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BIBLICAL DOCTRINES: Male Headship

I have heard it said that God told Christian men to lead because he knew that if he didn't, Christian men would do nothing and that the women would take over! While comical and arguably true in regard to some Christian men, a portion of the previous statement is biblical fact—God did place Christian men as leaders within his Body of Believers. Elders are to lead the local Body as husbands of one wife. Deacons are to serve in physical capacities, as husband to one wife, to clear up the Elders for spiritual leadership. Men are to lead prayers in gatherings (*1 Timothy 2:8*) while women should keep silent in the churches...as they are in submission (*1 Corinthians 14:33–34*).

No matter how cut and dry some view this Biblical doctrine to be, there will always be those who push cultural agendas and/or make large assumptions about Scripture to validate a desire to expand the role of women within the workings and leadership of the Lord's church. Women were prophesying and teaching other men, along with other stretched examples, are thrown out as to why some women ought to be in leadership positions. These examples along with other nuanced studies give some the thought that gender roles were a cultural norm that ought to be left alone to the first century because "God doesn't see gender anymore."

Yes, were women prophesying in the first century (*Acts 2:18; 21:9; 1 Corinthians 11:5*). The assumption is that their prophesying was preaching. Another assumption is that the prophesying was done in a gender inclusive gathering of the Lord's church. Both would be assumptions that stretch the specifics of the text. Yes, Priscilla did help teach Apollos more fully the Word of God. However, her help in teaching was done in a private manner in a joint effort with her husband. I believe the only assumptions we can make about these two "women leading" scenarios is that neither one went against Paul's command for women not to exercise authority over a man in *1 Timothy 2:11–14*, which says, "*A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a wrongdoer.*"

Neither service, assistance, nor help imply authority. Therefore, we must champion women in the position of service, assistance, and help that God mandated for men *and* women while continually submitting ourselves to the biblical order of headship. For, male headship mirrors the headship of Christ and ties back to creation as Paul said in *1 Timothy 2:11–14*. Male headship is currently, and will continue to be in the future, a distinguishing characteristic of the Lord's church in a world seeking to assuage God's design for His Body of Believers.

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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: Families Who Love Jesus... (John 11:1-6)

Sunday PM: Spiritual Therapy from the Psalms, 57
(Psalm 57:1-3)

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

SYMPATHY

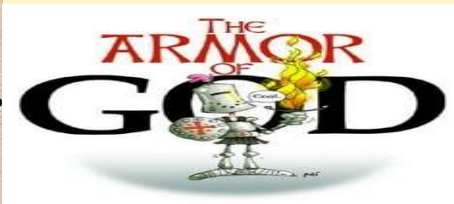
We express our sympathy to the Gooch family, in the passing away of Mr. Gene. He passed away on May 15th. Funeral was held on Tuesday, May 18th. Mr. Gene was a faithful member at Florence Blvd for many years and will be greatly missed. Please keep Mrs. Jewell and the Gooch family in your prayers.

WEDDING SHOWER

All ladies are invited to a wedding shower, honoring Meredith Welch & Jake Whitehead, Sunday, June 6th from 2-4 pm, in the Family Room. Shower Team #2 will serve as hostesses. Registered at Target, Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath & Beyond.

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

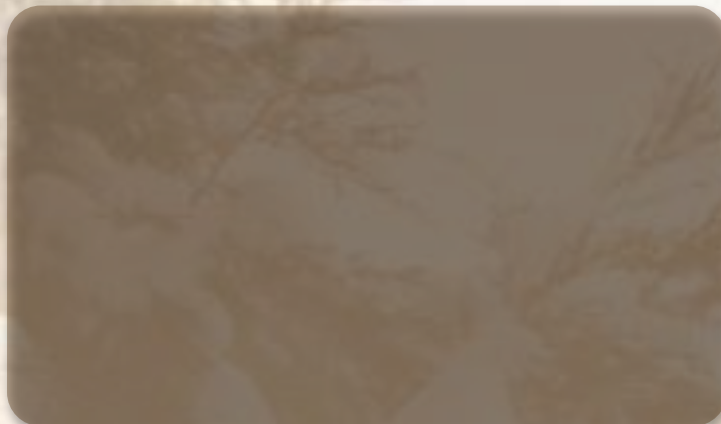
If you can help with this, please sign the sheets, on the table, in the foyer.

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 (cost between \$7-\$12). Kids that attend VBS, will get their shirt free.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 235 / On Line Views: 247
Sunday School: 194 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 173 / On Line Views: 360
Wednesday: 182 / On Line Views: N/A
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$15,510



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: