

## FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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#### **Biblical Doctrines: CONFESSION & REPENTANCE**

A group of people came to Jesus and had, what they thought to be, earth shattering news! In Luke 13:1 they told him "about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices." You see, Galileans were historically wicked people in the day of Christ. When this group of people came to Jesus and spoke of this situation, what were their intentions? Were they attempting to trap Jesus? Were they wanting confirmation that "wicked" people deserve to die? Were they wondering if people paid for their sins immediately on this earth? Whatever their intentions, I do not know. What I do know is that Jesus responded in a way that caught them off guard.

Jesus answered and said to them in Luke 13:2–3, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." Regardless of the mistakes some people make...regardless of the suffering some people endure...regardless of anything else..."you will all likewise perish; but unless you repent."

4 words of major significance. **ALL**. Jesus spoke directly to the group who approached him about the reality of their lives. None of the individuals that were in his sphere at the moment were free from sin or the responsibility to repent of it. **LIKEWISE**. Jesus does not play favorites. Maybe this group was suggesting that the Galileans deserved to die the way they did. However, Jesus flipped the script when he brought up another situation where 18 died as the tower of Siloam fell on them. We all, likewise, are responsible for our actions and the outcomes of them. **REPENT**. Repentance is to understand and admit being wrong. Spiritually speaking, repentance is admitting sin and shortcomings according to the will of God. Cleary we all fit into that category (Romans 3:23). **PERISH**. This is the outcome of life without repentance, death. Romans 6:23 says clearly that "the wages of sin is death". Unless all people repent, they who refuse, will perish in physical and spiritual death.

I cannot overstate the importance of the biblical doctrine of confession and repentance. It literally is the difference between life and death. Let's be a confessing and repentant church. It all starts when you become a confessing and repentant individual. Admit fault. Admit weakness. Admit the reality that I may have been lured and enticed by sin. Admit that at times I am guilty of selfishly choosing my will over God's will. In doing so, two results will take place—you will encourage others to be like you, and God will gift you with "the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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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: Mother's Day (Exodus 2:1-10)

Sunday PM: Brooks Jackson 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

<u>FAMILY/FRIENDS</u>: 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)

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

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



### MAY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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

### **CELEBRATION DINNER**

This dinner is for everyone that had a part, in helping with the Benefit & Trail Ride, for the Children's Home. Dinner will take place tomorrow night (May 10<sup>th</sup>) at 6 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Meat, drinks, and chips will be provided, but we do need hamburger & hotdog buns, fixings for the burgers/hotdogs, and desserts.

### **WBS**

World Bible School Teachers, there have been a lot of lessons, mailed to WBS in the past several weeks, that need to be graded. Please go by WBS and help with this. Also, if anyone is interested in helping in WBS, please see Jerry Trousdale or Dave Schmidt.

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 234 / On Line Views: 277 Sunday School: 211 / On Line Views: N/A Sunday PM: 201 / On Line Views: N/A Wednesday: 147 / On Line Views: 107

> Budget: \$13,300 Contribution: \$ 20,978

# 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: