

July 18, 2021



# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Elders

Steve Clark  
Bill Hames  
Ken Vanhorn  
Mark Willingham

## Deacons

Greg Allen  
Justin Beckman  
Kevin Clemons  
Jeffrey Cox  
Myron Crunk  
Mike Davidson  
Kyle Dickson  
Gregg Elrod  
Nate Fulmer  
AJ Gooch  
Jamey Medley  
Ronnie Putnam  
Dave Schmidt  
Mark Vanhorn  
Matt Warner  
Don Williams

## Minister

Austin Johnson

## Secretary

Sonya Cox

### Spectating or Participating?

The majority of our members come to worship God as they sit in a pew. Oftentimes our individual mission involvement consists of placing a check or cash into a plate. We claim to be a group who proclaims the Gospel to the world, but are only a select few are actually doing that? What is my point? To worship God, we must come and join the congregation by sitting in a pew, it's necessary. To be giving and involved in missions, placing a contribution into a plate is necessary. I wonder if Satan has convinced some Christians that spectating is good enough and tempts those to refrain from participating?

The titanic sank. There was a newspaper that attempted to help families find their loved ones. Within that newspaper was an article that gave names of people and classified them as first, second, and third class. How sad, to live in a world where money and wealth become the basis of classifications. The reality is, there are classifications, but only two—saved and lost. Those who have received the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus and those who are still resisting. And because of this reality, God's people cannot be spectators only. We must, every one of us, be participating in the mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So here are a few questions for you to consider, to see if you are spectating or participating in the mission of Christ:

1. **Are you actively following Jesus as Lord?** If Jesus is Lord, then he is the one who directs, and at his authoritative Word we follow. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)
2. **Are you using your gifts for His glory?** Each one has something he/she can use to glorify God in this life. If you don't know yours, have a talk with me and we can work to figure it out. (*Ephesians 4:11-16*)
3. **Do you have a burden for those who are not yet following Jesus?** I am beginning to believe more and more that people can fall in love with Jesus and yet not love those whom God loves. A burden for the lost is an ache in your heart for those who are resisting God's grace.
4. **Who would you share the good news of Jesus with if you were not afraid of failing or sounding foolish?** Allow the answer to this question become the prayer you pray. That God will work a conviction within you to overcome the fear of failing or of sounding foolish to go and speak to this person! (*John 16:32-33; Romans 8:31; Exodus 4:10-31*)
5. **Are you living a life that is bold in faith and unhindered by the Holy Spirit? (1 *Thessalonians 5:19*)** We quench/hinder the Holy Spirit when we rely more on our own faculties than the Spirit of God in us. We quench the Holy Spirit when we continually deny the opportunities God places in front of us because of our fear or cowardice. We quench the Holy Spirit every time we choose to be spectating instead of participating in the work of God.

*Austin Johnson*

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

Wednesday: 6:30 pm



### MEETINGS

Elders' and Deacons' meeting, **TODAY** at 3PM, followed by a Men's meeting at 4PM.

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### GOSPEL MEETING

Lexington Church of Christ, July 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, with Vance Hutton.  
Monday-Wednesday services: 7:00 pm

### SICK/PRAYER LIST

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

**FAMILY/FRIENDS:** Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Willie Bird (brother of Mary Garrett), 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

\*\*Continue to pray for everyone that has lost loved ones\*\*

### CONGRATULATIONS

Larry & Kathy Phillips are proud grandparents of a little girl. Joanna Kodi Hamm was born on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:05 pm. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 22 inches long. Proud parents: Joseph & Tiffany Hamm; Proud big sister: MaKenna; Proud Great Aunt & Uncle: Terry & Donna Hudson.

### FAMILY RETREAT

September 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying at Camp Northward in KY, and we will be going to the Ark Encounter. Prices are: Camp Rental Fee, \$25.00 per person; Ark price: \$40.00 for seniors (60+), \$50.00 per adult (18-59); \$24.95 for kids (11-17); 10 and under are free. Sign-up sheet and info/schedule sheets are located on the foyer table. See Austin or Brianne for info.

### JULY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful plant, sent in memory of my mother, Virginia McCaleb. Jimmy & I also appreciate the caring phone calls from Mark & Austin. We received so many cards and texts that were a huge comfort to us. We treasure each and every act of kindness. To give you a glimpse of my Mom, she was a gracious Christian lady. Also, she could beat any one of her son-in-laws in a game of Rook or Ping Pong at any given time!

We love you all, Jimmy & Beth Jordan

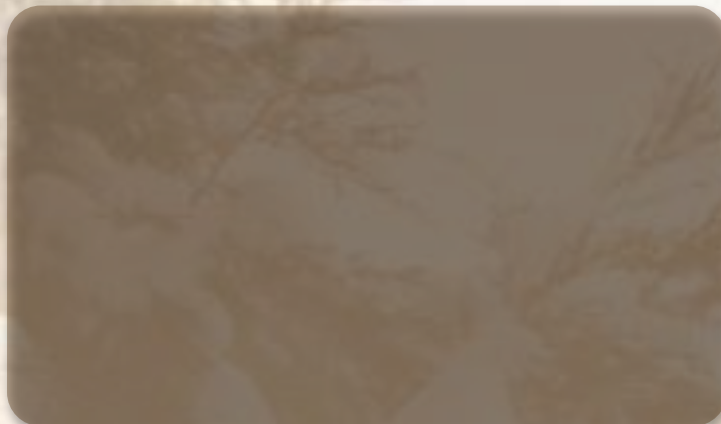
Dear Christian Friends,

Thanks to all your many prayers, said on my behalf, for my recent surgery. The surgery went well. They were able to get all the cancer before it spread elsewhere. Your prayers were answered. Also, thanks for the many calls of concern, the food that was brought to me, meant so much. I miss my friends at Florence Blvd and I will always hold you in my heart. May God bless each of you!

In Christ, Mary Sue Simpson

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 229 / On Line Views: N/A  
Sunday School: 193 / On Line Views: 125  
Sunday PM: 167 / On Line Views: 170  
Wednesday: 182 / On Line Views: 183  
Budget: \$13,300  
Contribution: \$ 14,673



## 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: