

August 15, 2021



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Why Sunday Night Worship is Important

Please note that I titled this article, “Why Sunday Night Worship is Important,” and not “Why Sunday Night Worship is a Direct Biblical Mandate,” as it would be improper. To be clear, there are no biblical mandates that a congregation must gather twice on the Lord’s Day each week. Nor, to my knowledge, is there any direct biblical mandate that each congregation must gather in the morning for worship on the Lord’s Day. If the congregation is gathering for worship on the Lord’s Day at some point—Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2—I believe they are following the pattern of the New Testament Church. Furthermore, I hate that this is even a thing. I cannot wrap my mind around the fact that some Christians feel good about not being with their church family as some in that family are gathering, worshipping, fellowshiping, and encouraging each other in faith [*DISCLAIMER: I am aware there are extenuating circumstances that I do not have the ability to list or identify specifically*]. Having said this, would you consider the following reasons why I believe, in our current congregational context, that Sunday night worship is important?

1. **In the past year, if we have learned nothing else, I hope we have learned that being together more is waaaay better than being together less.** I am the best version of myself when my life is immersed with Christian interaction.
2. **There is something spiritually moving about beginning and ending the day with praise to the Lord.**
3. **Isn’t more worship better than less worship?** Yes. But does that suggest that less worship is worse? Yes and no. In reality, what matters is not how much time we devote in worship, but how deeply God’s people immerse themselves in worship to God. Time then becomes an irrelevant factor as purpose and depth become the standard by which we judge our worship.
4. **The Elders believe it’s good for us as a congregation.** When has that ever been not enough? Hebrews 13:17, “*Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*”

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

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

You will have a meeting **TODAY**, following Bible Class, in the 49er's Classroom.

MEALS ON WHEELS

This week, August 16th-20th, is our week to deliver Meals on Wheels. If you can help with this, please sign the sheet, on the table, in the foyer.

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Lane Baker, Colton Clifton (deployed overseas), Marjorie Cox, Rayford & Rhoda Gist, Mary Garrett, Eleanor 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), Dale Thigpen (nephew of Carolyn Poole), has cancer; 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

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES

August 18th: Wade Hunt, "A Sack Lunch in the Bible," (Matthew 15:33-38; John 6:9)

August 25th: Michael Jackson, "Oils in the Bible," (Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39,48)

MEDIA/SOUND ROOM

During the month of August we will be training those interested in helping with the multi-media/streaming responsibilities during worship. Please see Justin Beckman if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

AUGUST MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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RESPONSES

The following people have responded recently wanting to be better examples to others and better Christians: Ginger Vanhorn, Hunter Robinson, and Maggie Clifton. Please keep them in your prayers.

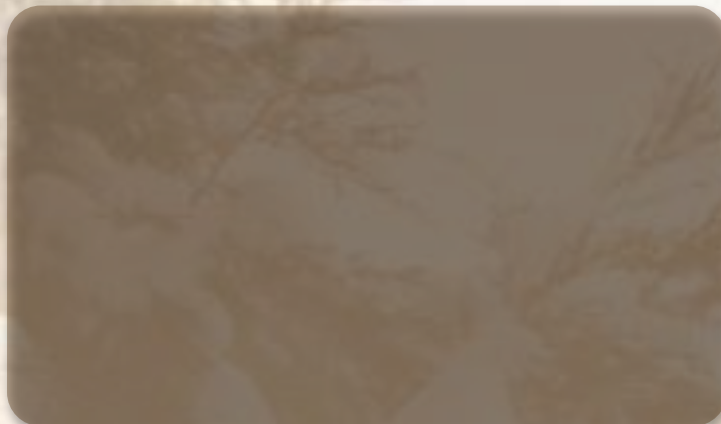


GRIEF CLASS

There has been some discussion about having a grief class here on Wednesday nights, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 29th for 8-9 weeks. This will be held in the fellowship building and, tables will be spread out for safety purposes. A list of probable topics to be discussed can be found in Don Williams's mail box. If you choose to be a part of this class, you can sign up on the sign-up sheet in Don's box. This class is open to friends and other folks going through Grief. If you have additional questions, feel free to see or call Don.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 267 / On Line Views: 202
Sunday School: 221 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 219 / On Line Views: 147
Wednesday: 170 / On Line Views: 203
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 14,237



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: