

September 5, 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

Youth Minister

John Birdwell

Secretary

Sonya Cox

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lord, & You

It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the Gospel in heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing. They remember, as the Psalmist did, how they went "with the multitude...to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday (Psalm 42:4) ...Therefore, let him who until now has had the privilege of living in common Christian life with other Christians praise God's grace from the bottom of his heart. Let him thank God on his knees and declare: It is grace, nothing but grace that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. Life Together. New York: Harper and Row, 1954

I, you, we, need to be committed to God through the local Body at Florence Boulevard! Why? Healthy, involved membership is the key to group success. Healthy, involved membership is the key to appreciation and gratitude of God's design for the local church. We who have the privilege of living in a country where membership is even a possibility ought to receive such a blessing with an attitude of all-in involvement.

Florence Boulevard needs you. Apologizing for sounding like the spiritual Uncle Sam, I believe we are on the precipice of growing and great things as a church family. We have had 19 families place membership with us in the past 2 years. We are fixing and upgrading the bones of our facility, soon to be followed by the outward appearance and image of the interior. More importantly, people are growing in faith and maturity while many are seeking and making disciples of others (something that each Christian must be involved in). For the church of Christ at Florence Boulevard to reach greater heights of influence for the Kingdom of Christ, you must be an integral part of that happening.

Place membership. Seek out a deacon and get involved in a ministry they oversee. Find a brother or sister in Christ and encourage them in their faith. Invite an unchurched friend to come and meet Jesus. Commit to being committed to the work of the Lord through the local Body of Christ. I believe this is what Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Lord would want from you.

Austin Johnson

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

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

SPEAKING TODAY

Due to Austin being away, on the Family Retreat, Sonny Owens will be speaking today at the AM and PM services.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 6th, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jake and Meredith Whitehead will be leaving us to begin work at Shiloh Church of Christ, where Jake will be the new youth minister. They will be missed, and we wish them the best of luck.



LADIES

ALL ladies need to go to their mailbox, located in the foyer, and pick up your Ladies Worksheet and fill out and return to Sonya.

Also, help is needed with the Ladies Day, on Saturday, October 2nd. If you can help with this, please go by the bulletin board, located in the hallway, by the water fountains, and sign up.



On Sunday, the ladies partook in the ladies leadership class and the men led evening worship. After services, the youth visited Jewell Gooch's residence. We know the special place this is and has served for events for many years. We ended the night with singing and prayer overlooking the water. Thank you for hosting us Ms. Jewell!

SEPTEMBER **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

Jesus Gallardo (Hispanic Ministry)
Chisholm Hills Church of Christ
2810 Chisholm Road
Florence, AL 35630
jrgallardo75@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Tyler and Amy Swinea are proud grandparents to a little girl. Sylvia Joy Swinea was born on August 30th, which is also he daddy's birthday. She weighed 4 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 19 inches long. Proud parents are: Thomas & Tatyana Swinea; Proud uncle: Seth Swinea.

AREA EVENTS

Fall Gospel Meeting at Jacksonburg Church of Christ, September 12th-15th, with Matt Heupel. Sunday afternoon service: 1:00 pm; Monday-Wednesday services: 7:00 pm.

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Micah 6:8

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 258 / On Line Views: 203
Sunday School: 200 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 178 / On Line Views: 231
Wednesday: 142 / On Line Views: 158
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 12,770