

October 31, 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

## Whatever you do, Work as for the Lord

A hard-working and kind-hearted family did very well for themselves. They sacrificed, were generous, and made sure to build something, not only for themselves, but also for their coming children. You see, they grew up with very little. They grew up hard. So they appreciated everything they had and treasured it accordingly. Then came their children. The children were nice and obedient. They listened and obeyed their parents. However, upon the children becoming adults and taking over the family land and business, they started to show their true colors. The Children—, whose parents worked hard, valued everything they attained, and kept business and land well maintained—were not like their parents.

The children felt like they deserved what was put into their laps. The children lived with a certain sense of entitlement. You see, it wasn't their hard work and sacrifice that got them to where they were, it was the parents. These grown children didn't work hard, they didn't sacrifice to keep both land and business maintained, and slowly lost it all. When something valuable is handed to you, something made valuable by the hard work and sacrifice of the generations preceding, it is up to you to work to maintain and increase value.

Sometimes I feel as if we are the Children in the previous story, with the Lord's Church. I think about the generations that have preceded us and what they sacrificed and how hard they worked. Starting off with Jesus on the cross to the early Christians being scattered because of persecution. The scores of illiterate and uneducated Christians craving the Word of God throughout the generations, holding on to the traditions and stories that they heard. How recently our spiritual ancestors survived the Great Depression, never ceasing to gather, worship, and give. I also think about the Seniors who are our congregation today. You know, the ones who had the foresight to plant another church in our community so more people would have access to the Gospel. The ones who had the vision to purchase and build the building we currently sit so comfortably so we can all have a place to serve in as a beacon of light to our community.

**We must be a people who honor the work, sacrifices, and generations of faith who have preceded us.** Jesus said, in John 9:4, "*We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.*" Paul spoke words that must be heeded in Colossians 3:23–24, "*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive an inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.*" Lord forgive us if we are...

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

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 242 / On Line Views: 186  
Sunday School: 194 / On Line Views: 83  
Sunday PM: 174 / On Line Views: 163  
Wednesday: 168 / On Line Views: 129  
Budget: \$13,300  
Contribution: \$ 11,703

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### SERVICES TONIGHT

PM Service will be at 4 pm.

Our annual "Men's Chili Cook-Off," will be at 5 pm.  
We will then have our "Trunk-or-Treat," at 6 pm.

In regards to the chili cook-off, men are to cook the chili and ladies are asked to bring the fixings for the chili (cheese, sour cream, crackers, etc.), sandwiches, drinks, and desserts.

### LADIES

There is still a need of someone that will be over the "Food For The Sick." If you can help with this, please see Sonya Cox for more information.

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### GRIEF CLASS

Don Williams's grief class, that meets on Wednesday Nights, will be meeting on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and also on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> (last class). No class on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, due to Gospel Meeting. You will meet on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> as usual.  
Any questions, please see Don Williams.

### WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

World Bible School is in need of study Bibles, to be given to students that complete the Bible Study or students that do not have a Bible. Bibles can be purchased through World Bible School for only \$5.00 each. If you would like to purchase any, please see Dave Schmidt, Jerry Trousdale, or Sonya Cox. Some flyers have been placed on the tables, in the foyer also, with more information.

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### THANK YOU

*Just want to Thank You and ask the Lord to shower you with His blessings!  
Thank you for all your prayers and cards, for our family, during Hack's illness and since his passing. I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3*

*Lanell Clifton & Family  
(grandmother of Colton Clifton)*

### OCTOBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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### GOSPEL MEETING

We will be having a Gospel Meeting, November 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, with Arvy Dupuy. There will be a combined class, in the auditorium, for 7<sup>th</sup> grade-adult classes.

**Connect Team#1** will be responsible for the meal on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>;

**Connect Team #2** will be responsible for the meal on Monday Night;

**Connect Team # 3** will be responsible for the meal on Tuesday Night;

**Connect Team # 4** will be responsible for the meal on Wednesday Night.

Everyone is invited to each meal.

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### SUNDAY NIGHT FOR THE SAVIOR

Last Sunday night we had about ten adults and children making and writing cards for all occasions. There is a cancer patient in Indiana who will be turning three years old this week who will be receiving special handmade birthday cards with words of encouragement from our younger members.

Sheena Holt and her band of little helpers made dozens of cookies, which were bagged and wrapped with ribbon for handing out on Monday to some of those who visited us on Sunday and some of our members. Big thank you to those who made the banana bread that was given to some of our visitors last week, too.

Ben Holt and Mark Vanhorn are working up in the Lighthouse to prep for painting.

Several of our members put pencils and visitor/member cards in the pews. If you see one of our many visitors, please hand them one of the visitor cards from the rack so we can write or call them and thank them for worshipping with us.

We could sure use some help in the World Bible School effort on Sunday nights.

This week we will be having the Chili Cook-off and Trunk-or-Treat, so there won't be a Sunday Night for the Savior meeting tonight.