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April 3, 2022 FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Faithful Fellowship

¹ What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—² and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was revealed to us—³ <u>what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you</u> also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed <u>our fellowship is with the Father, and with His</u> <u>Son Jesus Christ</u>. ⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. ⁵ This is <u>the</u> <u>message we have heard from Him and announce to you</u>, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, <u>we have</u> <u>fellowship with one another</u>, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:1-7

Underlined above are four fellowships' that are present for every Christian. "Fellowship" means joint participation through close contact in intimate relationship. Insert that definition into the following for fellowships:

- 1. We have fellowship with God the Father. The God of all creation has made Himself known to us and desires to hear from us and be near us. That is almost an unimaginable reality that we as Christians are blessed to live out daily.
- 2. We have fellowship with God the Son. The Word became flesh (*John 1:1-3*) and dwelt among us. Jesus, the Son of the Almighty, sacrificed his place in heaven to become lowly, bound in fleshly form (*Philippians 2:5–11*), so that might walk in our footsteps and be tempted as we are yet without sin (*Hebrews 4:14-16*). He is not ashamed to call us brothers (*Romans 8:29; Hebrews 2:11*).
- 3. We have fellowship with the apostolic message. This message is one that the writers of Scripture saw with their own eyes and heard with their own ears (*1 John 1:1–3, 5*). In effect we have connection to firsthand testimony of the greatest life ever lived and the greatest message ever proclaimed. The Word of God is one of life's greatest blessings, and sadly at times, one of life's most underappreciated gifts.
- 4. We have fellowship with one another. While not as glamorous or divine as the previous three fellowships, fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ is a gift worthy of praise! Fellowship with the Body of Christ is similar to farming, work, sports, or other activities; you get out what you put into it. It saddens me when I hear people say they love the Christ but couldn't care less about The Church of the Christ. Yes, people are hard to deal with. Yes, there will be issues that arise from time to time. But, where else can you experience the love of Christ more fully than in fellowship (*joint participation through close contact in intimate relationship*) with your local church family?! I would say there is no other place, and we thank God for it!

Austin Johnson

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2502 FLORENCE BOULEVARD www.florenceblvd.org 66-3617 email: office@florenceblvd.org FAX (256) 766-3546 Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am Wednesday: 6:30 pm

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 274 / On Line Views: 183 Sunday School: 234 / On Line Views: N/A Sunday PM: 159 / On Line Views: 189 Wednesday: N/A / On Line Views: N/A Budget: \$13,300 Contribution: \$ 9,347

We are in need of some more highchairs, for the fellowship hall. If you have any you are willing to donate, please see Sonya Cox or you can bring them by the church office.

APRIL MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Nancy Allen and her family, in the passing away of her brother, Alan Stout. His funeral was conducted on Friday, April 1st.



UNA Christian Student Center 17th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday April 25th, 2022; 1 pm Tee time, 11:30 lunch; Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail; \$100 per player-\$400 per team; Prizes given/Mulligan packages available for purchase; Register by April 18; Contact CSC office to register a team; unacsf@comcast.net_ 256-764-9439



WALK 4 WATER

Walk for Water is Sunday, April 24th at 2 pm at McFarland Park. If you would like to walk, please go to <u>https://www.hhi.org/walk4water/register/1811</u> to register and click on Team for Florence Blvd Church of Christ. If you would like to donate, and not walk, please scan the barcode below.

Walk 4 Water



52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 14

Sunday (Epistles) 1 Cor. 11-12

Monday (The Law) Exodus 1-4

Tuesday (History) 1 Samuel 16-20

Wednesday (Psalms) Psalms 39-41

Thursday (Poetry) Job 27-28

Friday (Prophecy) Jer. 7-11

Saturday (Gospels) Mark 7-8