

May 22, 2022



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elders

Steve Clark
Ken Vanhorn
Mark Willingham
Jake VanDyke

Deacons

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

Minister

Austin Johnson

Youth Minister

John Birdwell

Secretary

Sonya Cox

What Are You Looking for in “A Church”?

In looking for a church, the first consideration for some is what type of facilities or programs are available. For example, is the building comfortable? What sort of seating is provided or how is the temperature regulated? Is the parking convenient? Is there an accommodating nursery? Is a day-care facility available? Are there recreational and social activities for the members? Do you have a “bail-out” program in case I get behind on my car or house payments?

Notice that all such questions are grounded in physical-material interests. Others move in a slightly different direction. They want to know: Do you have a good music program? Is there, perhaps, a chorus or “praise” teams? Is your church a democracy where everyone has the right to help make church decisions, etc.? Questions of this nature, though sincere, indicate the need for a more mature level of knowledge.

More crucial are the following considerations: What does this church stand for? Does it hold the conviction that the Bible is the inerrant, inspired word of God? Does the leadership believe in the uniqueness of the New Testament church pattern and strive to lead the congregation in the direction of faithfulness as opposed to a loose philosophy which alleges that most all “Christian” churches are okay, and doctrine really doesn’t matter? Does the church have an “open-door” policy where folks can simply float in or out at their convenience, with no accountability to the leadership? Such is not a responsible way to conduct the Lord’s business.

Does sound doctrine emanate from the pulpit—teaching that enriches the soul and inoculates against worldliness and false doctrine? Or are people looking for speakers who are jokesters, stand-up comics, with a repertoire of jokes that ridicule the church and biblical preaching? Are we still interested in restoring the original church, or have we gravitated toward the Joel Osteen, Rick Warren “community church” motif...Far too many want a religion fashioned after their own inclinations (Colossians 2:23), with just a faint aroma of pristine Christianity.

Congregations that have been identified with a “restoration” principle for many years are coming under a new leadership that is charting a course more toward Rome than Jerusalem, and scores of naïve people can’t tell the difference. Many need to look into the mirror of divine truth (James 1:23-24) and ask themselves this question: “What am I looking for in a church?”

Wayne Jackson

“What Are You Looking for in a Church?” ChristianCourier.com Access date May 16, 2022

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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: 272 / On Line Views: 178
Sunday School: 212 / On Line Views: 54
Sunday PM: 222 / On Line Views: 83
Wednesday: 231 / On Line Views: 51
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 11,572

DEATH DOES NOT...

Wipe away all the sadness and tears from our eyes,
Nor does it hide the sorrow of our losses and tearful sighs.
Heaven's promise for a faithful loved one will lessen our sorrows.

Death does not change our destiny when there's no more tomorrows. (excerpt from a poem written by Judy Hogan)

MAY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Fred Asare
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RESPONSES

June Green responded Sunday, May 15th, requesting encouragement for strength while they navigate family issues. If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to her daughter, Erica, her address is as follows:

Erica Fox
00316682 F2 16B
8966 US Hwy 231 N
Wetumpka, AL 36092

SERVICES

We will be conducting the services TODAY at Montreat at 1:30.

CONTRIBUTION

Beginning on Sunday, June 5th, we will begin passing the contribution trays again. We will not be passing the communion trays, so please make sure you get your communion when you walk in the door, like you have been doing.

CHURCH -EAT-CHURCH

We will be having "Church-Eat-Church" on Sunday, May 29th. This will be a pot luck meal. Chicken will be provided by the church. Fellowship Meal **Team #4** will set up. Fellowship Meal **Team #3** will clean up. Check your mail box or the bulletin board beside the shower room if you don't know which team you are on.

9 AM: Worship
10:15 AM: Sunday School
11:00 AM: Church wide fellowship meal
12:30 PM: Afternoon service
Dismiss for the day. NO 5:00 pm service

VBS

Remember our upcoming Happy Campers VBS, June 12-15th. We are still in **need** of **teachers** for this event. Sign up sheets are located on the table in the foyer.



52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 20

Sunday (Epistles) 2 Cor. 11-13

Monday (The Law) Exodus 29-32

Tuesday (History) 2 Samuel 20-24

Wednesday (Psalms) Psalm 60-62

Thursday (Poetry) Job 41-42

Friday (Prophecy) Jer. 42-46

Saturday (Gospels) Luke 5-6