

May 8, 2022



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elders

Steve Clark
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Mark Willingham

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Kevin Clemons
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Kyle Dickson
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AJ Gooch
Jamey Medley
Ronnie Putnam
Dave Schmidt
Mark Vanhorn
Don Williams

Minister

Austin Johnson

Youth Minister

John Birdwell

Secretary

Sonya Cox

Core Christian Doctrine

Each year, to my knowledge, Heritage Christian University attempts to make a directory of the churches of Christ in the Shoals. I counted 79 churches of Christ in the directory. 79! Are all 79 of these churches of Christ united? No. Why not? The following is an excerpt from an article I read recently that I would like to share with you.

Jesus prayed for the unity of believers (John 17:20-24). As heirs of the Restoration Movement and followers of Christ, it is imperative that we prioritize unity. However, the New Testament epistles and our own history and experience shows that unity is difficult. How can we live out the unity that Christ requires of us? How should we be faithful to the teachings of Scripture? What united the earliest followers of Jesus together?

--Garrett Best, Preaching Minister, Oliver Creek church of Christ

How do we work to unify the believers in Jesus Christ? Is it even worthwhile? Or should we simply keep our heads down and only worry about ourselves and "our own" congregation (*understanding that Florence Blvd is not ours, but God's*). In an attempt to better understand how to unify God's people, it might help to have a filter to categorize every doctrine, belief, and opinion, so we can examine what is necessary for unity and what exists as opinion. In no way do I believe this to be perfect, but rather, offer it as a starting point for your consideration. The categories are as follows: **1) Core Beliefs, 2) Bible-based Convictions, and 3) Non-Bible-based Opinions.**

Here is where I need your help. Please consider taking these categories and working out for yourself what you believe fits into each of these categories. Help me as I work to figure out what is a necessary belief that each one must have in order to be unified (core belief). What beliefs are convictions that we are convinced by Scripture are correct yet recognize no matter how important we hold these convictions to be, they are not central matters of the Christian faith or gospel (*Romans 14:4*). Finally, what are possible opinions that the Scriptures are silent about where freedom exists to believe what each one chooses to believe. Thank you in advance!

Austin Johnson

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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: 278 / On Line Views: 119
Sunday School: 211 / On Line Views: 42
Sunday PM: 231 / On Line Views: 120
Wednesday: 207 / On Line Views: 65
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 16,567

*Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers here
at Florence Boulevard.*



MAY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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THANK YOU

Turner and I want to say a big thank you to all of the Florence Blvd ladies, for the generous wedding gifts, card, and money. Words cannot express how grateful we are for all of the love and support you all have shown us as we enter into marriage. We are excited for this new chapter in our lives, and feel so blessed to be welcomed with open arms into your church family! Thank you so very much!

Love, Turner and Megan Holderfield

CONGRATULATIONS

Amelia Elrod will be graduating from UNA soon with a Masters in Special Education.

SUNDAY CLASSES

Auditorium: Judges; taught by Austin Johnson

49er's (located behind auditorium): Interesting Passages of the Bible; taught by Mark Willingham

Young Professionals (located upstairs): Marriage; taught by Kyle Dickson

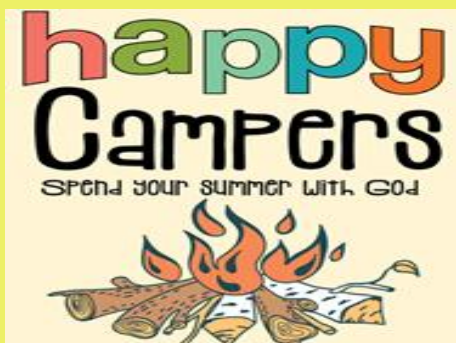
Ladies Class (opposite hallway of Route 66)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 21st Epic Day & Bus Ministry Outreach Day for youth. **If you would like to help with this, please meet THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT, May 11th, following services, in The 49er's Classroom, or see John Birdwell.**

Sunday, May 29th, "Church-Eat-Church"

Vacation Bible School, Sunday, June 12th-Wednesday, June 15th, From 6-8 pm. Be looking for sign-up sheets soon.



52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 19

Sunday (Epistles) 2 Cor. 6-8

Monday (The Law) Exodus 21-24

Tuesday (History) 2 Samuel 10-14

Wednesday (Psalms) Psalm 54-56

Thursday (Poetry) Job 37-38

Friday (Prophecy) Jer. 32-36

Saturday (Gospels) Luke 1-2