

February 19, 2023

FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Serpent in the Wilderness Number 21:9

As the children of Israel wandered in the desolate wilderness of Sinai, they became discouraged and began to murmur against Jehovah and against Moses. As a punishment for this rebellious spirit, the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people. The Hebrews were afflicted with serious wounds and many of them died.

Happily, however, the Israelites recognized their weakness and urged Moses to pray that God would remove the plague, which the great leader did. Moses was then instructed to make an image of the fiery serpent out of brass and erect it on a standard so that those who, in faith, looked at it might live. Here is how the text reads: "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and set it upon the standard: and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked unto the serpent of brass he lived" (Num. 21:9). This is a very curious incident. Did it have any spiritual meaning? Assuredly so.

In the New Testament we learn the serpent of brass symbolized Jesus Christ. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believes may in him have eternal life" (n. 3:14-15). Not only did the case of the brazen serpent signify that Christ would be provided as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity, it pictured the very manner of his death. The Lord declared: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself. But this he said, signifying by what manner of death he should die" n. 12:32-33). Thus, in your margin beside Numbers 21:9 write: A picture of the death of Christ (see Jn. 3:15; 12:32-33).

Wayne Jackson, "Notes from the Margin of my Bible," p. 19



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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: 280 / On Line Views: 162
Sunday School: 217 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 175/ On Line Views: 63
Wednesday: 194 / On Line Views: 74
Budget: \$14,620
Contribution: \$ 12,012

FEBRUARY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Jean-Claubert Belton
Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse
Entrée Double Harvest
Croix des Bouquets
Haiti

NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP MEAL

TODAY after morning worship we are having a potluck meal followed by our "New Member" recognition. Please come to get to know these new members and enjoy fellowship together

Heritage Christian University will host the sixth annual Founders Ceremony on March 9, 2023, in the HCU auditorium. Ten unsung and under-appreciated heroes who have extended noble service to the church and our broader community will be honored. Each recipient will be awarded the gold Founders Medallion. Our own Evan Threet is one of the 10 that will receive this honor.

BABY GIRL DIAPER POUNDING

We are having a Baby Girl Diaper Pounding for Taylor Aldridge, that will go through Sunday, February 26th. A basket is placed in the foyer.

NACCH BENEFIT/TRAIL RIDE

Friends, we continue to have sign up sheets for the things that Flo. Bo has done and can do for the 14th Annual Coats Trail Ride and Auction.

Flor. Blvd has provided much of the man and woman power for this great event, and we appreciate in advance all who will pray, work, and buy things necessary for the success of this event.

Flo Bo. provides much of the ingredients for the 150 gallons of chicken stew, as well as the BBQ.

You can place yard sale items in the stairwell, next to the library. Please do not block the steps in the stairwell. **We cannot accept clothes, books, lampshades, and Christmas trees.** If you have larger items and can bring them to the NACCH home, that would be awesome! If you need us to come and pick these larger items up, please call me at 256-366-3327. The earlier, the better as we are gathering things daily, and visiting businesses and other places asking for donations for the BIG and SILENT AUCTION.

Thank you for all you have done For the last 14 years! Let's make this one of the biggest Yet!

Don Williams

Also, on March 10th we will need help at the farm cutting up veggies, for the stews. Buddy Smith will be at the church building and will drive the bus if you can come out and help. Please see him for the time that he will be at church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

You will be going to see the Trash Pandas Baseball Game on Friday, June 23rd. Tickets are \$17.44 per person. A sign up sheet is located on the table, outside of the Sound Room . **Last day to sign up is March 29th and money is due by April 12th.** If you have any questions, please see Duane Alexander.

AREA EVENT

Ladies Day at Killen Church of Christ, Saturday, March 18th, with Lori Boyd. Topic: Complete in Christ. Registration: 8 am-9am; Includes coffee, pastries, lunch, and door prizes. Please RSVP to Connie Olive at 256-710-6379 by March 11th.