



July 2, 2023

FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Psalms 95:6-7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand

These verses are familiar because they are the words of a song, we sing in worship quite often on Sundays. They are also the essence or conclusion of many thoughts scattered throughout the book of Psalms: God's Mystery, God's Power, God's Glory, God's Mercy, God's Steadfast Love, God's Patience, God's Greatness; are lessons from Psalms that leads us to the worship of God as the verses above resounds. In Psalms, God is explained through many situations man has found himself to encounter that helps us learn about Him. How can we understand and love God without knowing Him?

*God is there when we praise Him
God is there when we turn from Him, and evil consumes us
God is there when I am a sinner
God is always merciful if we change and follow him
God is there when evil surrounds even though we are following God ways
God is there when He protects us from our enemies
God is there when He restores our strength
God is there when we thank Him for His blessings
God is there when He defends the weak, the fatherless and the widows
God is there when we worship Him
God is there when we follow his statutes
God is there for my salvation
God is always there with His steadfast Love
God is there when we love Him
God is found in Psalms as He is throughout the Bible, so that we as His worshiping people can learn to love Him.*

God just wants us to love Him and obey His statutes because of that love. Hosea 6:5
“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”
This is not to say that their sacrifices and burnt offerings were not important because God is truth and justice, and He was telling them the statutes they needed to follow. The Jewish leaders would follow God's law outwardly with sacrifice and burnt offerings but hide their evil heart trying to cheat God and their fellow Jews. They loved no one except themselves. God was telling them that He wanted everything to emanate from a love for God. Jesus said in Mark 12:30-31, “And you should love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You should love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

God's steadfast love for us is stated about 30 times in Psalms 44 through 95. God has given us the Bible [The Word] including Psalms to help us learn about Him so that we may know and love Him. When we learn to love God from His teachings then the love of God comes shining through back to us in the form of salvation through his Son. (continued on back page)

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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: 261 / On Line Views: 173
Sunday School: 203 / On Line Views: 123
Sunday PM: 154 / On Line Views: 191
Wednesday: 195 / On Line Views: 165
Budget: \$14,620
Contribution: \$ 32,504

JULY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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YOUTH GROUP

Keep our youth group and chaperones in your prayers as they are at Camp Maywood from July 3rd-July 7th.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day. Everyone be safe!

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1 Chron 28:9, David says, *“And you, Solomon my son, Know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and though. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, he will cast you off forever.”*

Lyle Shelton

CONGRATULATIONS

Matthew and Emily Cox are the proud parents of a little boy. Cooper Matthew Cox was born on Monday, June 26th at 9:10 pm. He weighed 6lbs. 12 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Proud grandparents: Jeff and Sonya Cox; Proud great-grandparents: Larry & Nancy Cox; Proud great uncle: Jamie Cox; Proud uncle, aunt, & cousins: Colton, Maggie, Creed, & Collier Clifton.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHORT COURSES IN JULY

Archaeology: Never Lost-Never Buried; Taught by Gregg Elrod in Auditorium

People of Valor, Old Testament; Taught by David Gooch in 49er’s Classroom

Why Did God Create Us?; Taught by Jake VanDyke in Ladies Classroom

Raising Children in the Lord; Taught by Ben McGuire & Brian McManus in the Family Room

Spiritual Disciplines; Taught by Austin Johnson in the Fellowship Hall

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

FloBo “Grip it & Rip it” disc golf tournament will be on Saturday, July 8th at 8 AM at Veterans Park. 3 man scramble. If you are interested, please sign the sheet, on table, in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see Mark Willingham.

CHURCH WIDE MISSION TRIP

July 22nd-July 29th in Eastpoint, Florida. If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet, on the table, in the foyer asap, or see Mike Davidson or Brian McManus. Also, please bring cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and paper towels and place on the pulpit, to be taken on the mission trip.

Also, if you picked out a name, off of the tree, of children in Eastpoint, see Mike Davidson about getting a backpack to put the items in and when you bring the items back, please make sure that their information is with the items.