

July 30, 2023



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Trust, Fear and Honor

The book of Proverbs is full of wonderful information and guidance from the wisest man who ever lived, Solomon. Like everyone, there are times when our relationship with the Lord grows stale. In chapter 3, Solomon gives us three great pieces of advice on how to strengthen our relationship with the Almighty.

First, "TRUST the Lord" (vs. 5). We've heard this a million times, but how are we supposed to do this? The key is in trusting Him not just on a surface. Things will happen in this life we don't like or understand, but God is all-powerful and all-knowing. Let's trust that He knows what's best.

Second, "FEAR the Lord" (vs. 7). If we truly understand that our Lord can cast us into hell for eternity, this should cause fear to rise up inside us. Fear means much more than "respect" as some have tried to claim as a definition of this word. A natural response to fearing the Lord is to "turn away from evil." Why? Because God is going to call every act into judgment ([Ecclesiastes 12:13-14](#)), and that should be a scary thought for a sinful people like us. If we are willing to fear the Lord, then this fear will produce repentance, which will be "healing to our body" and "a refreshment to our bones" (vs. 8). If we truly fear the Lord then we will keep His commandments. When we do this, we do not have to worry about the guilt and punishment for our sins. How healing and refreshing it is to know God has forgiven us when we fear and follow Him. level, but "with all of our heart." In other words, whether life is good or it is bad, we still trust in the Lord. Whether we understand everything going on or not, we still trust in the Lord. But Solomon takes it even deeper. We don't just trust in God with all of our heart, but we also "do not lean on our own understanding," but instead "acknowledge Him in all our ways" (vs. 5-6). See, the point is, God knows best.

Third, "HONOR the Lord" (vs. 9). While there are many ways we can honor the Lord, Solomon specifically says to "honor the Lord from your wealth" and from the "first of your produce" (vs. 9). It's one thing to claim to follow God; it's another to sacrifice our material possessions for Him. If we are willing to do so, Solomon goes on to say that "your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine" (vs. 10). The emphasis here isn't on physical wealth, but spiritual wealth. Many have followed the Lord and been in poverty on earth. If we are willing to honor the Lord from our wealth here, we will be rich eternally in heaven ([Matthew 6:20](#)).

If we could incorporate more trust, fear, and honor in our relationship with the Lord, it will grow. Imagine just how much better our relationship will be with Him if we simply learn to give the Lord more trust, fear, and honor.

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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: 295 / On Line Views: 148
Sunday School: 232 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 229 / On Line Views: 262
Wednesday: 168 / On Line Views: 124
Budget: \$14,620
Contribution: \$ 13,398

AUGUST MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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TODAYS SPEAKERS

AM: Michael Shifflet; **PM:** Don Williams
Young Professionals Class : Tyler Thompson

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

Today: James, the Son of Zebedee; taught by Justin Beckman
August 6th: Bartholomew (Nathaniel); taught by Chris Moran

MEETINGS

The Elders and Deacons Meeting and also the Men's Meeting scheduled for today, has been moved to Sunday, August 6th. Elders and Deacons at 3 pm; Men's Meeting at 4 pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES



August

- Mark Vanhorn
Philippians
(AUDITORIUM)
- Dax Holt
Studies in Exodus
(49ER'S CLASSROOM)
- AJ Gooch
Psalm 119
(LADIES CLASSROOM)
- Caleb Sampson
Media & Tech in Ministry
(FAMILY ROOM)
- Mark Willingham
Am I Really a Pilgrim?
(FELLOWSHIP HALL)

THANK YOU

During this time of sorrow, we learn how much our friends mean to us. Your prayers and kindness will always be remembered by the family of Jim Elrod. Also, thank you for the beautiful wind chimes.

Love and thanks from the family of Jim Elrod

LADIES OVER FOOD FOR SICK

We are in need of some ladies that are willing to call people to provide food for ones that are sick or have had surgeries or babies. You only have to do this for a month. The months that are needed are: September, October, November, & December. If you can help with this, please see Sonya Cox asap.

AREA EVENT

Mars Hill Preschool is looking to hire part-time afternoon workers and substitutes immediately. Interested parties should contact the preschool office at 256-767-1273 or email us at marshillpreschool1@comcast.net.

A 9 week Grief Support Class at Killen Church of Christ Annex, 1560 Hwy 72, Killen, AL. Classes will meet on Wednesday Nights beginning on August 2nd and will go through September 27th. Time: 6:30 pm-7:10 pm, with Don Williams. The class, material, and handouts will be free. If you have any questions, call Don Williams at 256-366-3327.

JESUS IS; My Advocate [1 John 2:1](#); My Deliverer [Rom. 11:26](#); Eternal Life [1 John 1:2](#); Faithful & True [Rev. 19:11](#); The Lamb of God [John 1:29](#); My Protection [2 Thess. 3:3](#); My Redemption [1 Cor.1:30](#); Prince of Peace [Isa.9:6](#); Savior [Eph. 5:23](#)

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