

September 24, 2023



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“Locusts and locusts and locusts, oh my!” Joel 1:4, “What the gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; what the swarming locust has left, the creeping locust has eaten; what the creeping locust has left, the stripping locust has eaten.” Joel emphasizes to the people of Judah that God’s judgement is unyielding and complete, and that the only salvation from such destruction is repentance.

Throughout the Old Testament, God’s people struggle to keep His laws and covenants; they continually turn to other gods and commit sins in the fashion of the surrounding nations. Joel calls the people to sanctify themselves and, “rend their hearts, not their garments” (Joel 2:13); he calls them to truly repent in their hearts rather than just following a law. Through repentance he promises deliverance from the destruction represented by the locusts, deliverance from God’s wrath and judgement.

During life, at times it feels that locusts are swarming, gnawing, creeping and stripping us from joy, from happiness and from our peace; stressors of life such as death, illness, relationships, marriage, jobs, school and a number of other challenges can separate us from God. However, deliverance is promised and has already been fulfilled through Christ.

Joel presents the promise of the Spirit that will be poured out on all men. This is fulfilled in Acts 2 when the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit preaching the salvation that exists in Christ through multiple languages. Joel not only prophesies the salvation of Judah, but also the salvation from death through Christ – the only and ultimate deliverance from life’s locusts, “oh my!”

Zach Thompson

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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: 162
Sunday School: 216 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 194/ On Line Views: 166
Wednesday: 210/ On Line Views: 86
Budget: \$14,620
Contribution: \$ 15,506

SEPTEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Everyone is invited to a potluck fellowship meal **TODAY** following AM services, celebrating those that have been baptized this year. Please come to celebrate, encourage and fellowship with these new Christians!

Meal Team #5 is in charge of set up and Meal Team #6 is in charge of clean up.

MONTREAT APARTMENTS

We are in charge of services at Montreat Apartments **TODAY** at 1:30 PM. If you can help, please see Jake VanDyke.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these upcoming events on your calendars and make plans to attend:

Maywood Church-wide Retreat, October 13th -15th (sign-up sheet on foyer table)

Grief In The Hoildays Seminar, October 28th (more details to come)

Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29th

Elders & Deacons Meeting and Men's Meeting, Sunday, October 29th

Gospel Meeting , November 5th -8th

