

October 15, 2023

FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Matthew 15 – 28

In Matthew chapter 17 we read of the Transfiguration of Jesus. We find details in a parallel account recorded in Luke chapter 9. What a beautiful and powerful message that was displayed before Peter, James and John. A scene they likely never forgot.

The story of the Transfiguration begins with Jesus bringing three of the apostles with Him up into the mountain to pray. But Peter, James and John fell asleep. How could they go to sleep? They must have been exhausted, right? But seriously...

The story takes an amazing turn. The three apostles are awakened by a magnificent light and a scene of Moses and Elijah appearing before them talking to Jesus. Can you imagine the intensity and brightness of a glorified Jesus? His face shined like the sun and His clothes were, "as white as lightning". No sleeping now and this is not a dream. Luke makes that clear stating that they were "fully" awakened.

Isn't it interesting that Matthew records how Moses and Elijah appeared unto them and specifically identifies the three apostles? Luke reveals that Moses and Elijah were speaking with Jesus about His departure. What did they have to say to one another? The scene now shifts and Moses and Elijah are leaving. Do they not have words of wisdom for Peter, James and John? You mean that the three apostles are not going to have a spiritual chat with Moses and Elijah? But before they get away, Peter has an idea to build a tabernacle for all three, Moses, Elijah and Jesus. Yes, each one a tabernacle right where they stood on the mountain because, "it is good for us to be here".

What happens next reaches beyond our imagination as the transfiguration scene comes to a climax. A bright cloud engulfs Peter while he is talking to Jesus. And then a voice comes from out of the cloud saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" Overwhelmed and gripped with fear Peter, James and John fell face first to the ground. God the Father spoke, and although they could hear His voice, they could not see His face. Exodus 33:20 reveals from God "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" But Jesus the great comforter reaches out to calm their fears. But the scene is not yet complete. When we connect the final scene of the Transfiguration story with the words of the Father, we are left astounded and humbled. Luke records as we read in chapter 9:36a, "And when the voice had spoken, **Jesus was found alone...**"

The lessons revealed in the transfiguration scene are endless. The scene proves that Moses and Elijah were aligned in support of the cross in **Christ alone**. The scene proves that the glory of God is revealed in **Christ alone**. That comfort can be found in **Christ alone**. God's voice on this glorious occasion speaks of **Christ alone**. Wow!

♪ In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand. ♪

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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: 300 / On Line Views: 130
Sunday School: 231 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 193/ On Line Views: 152
Wednesday: 214/ On Line Views: 83
Budget: \$14,620
Contribution: \$ 15,454

OCTOBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Evands Pierre
C/O Jean-Claubert Belton
Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse
Entrée Double Harvest
Croix des Bouquets
Haiti

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

AM Speaker: Don Williams

ALL Adults meet in Auditorium for class:
Lyle Shelton

PM Speaker: Don Williams

We are in charge of the services **TODAY** at Cedar View Assisted Living at 2 pm. If you can help, with this, please see Jake VanDyke.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sonya's Retirement Party, Sunday, October 22nd

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

Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29th

Gospel Meeting , November 5th-8th

AREA EVENTS

30th Annual Alzheimer's Symposium, Friday, November 3rd at Crosspoint Church of Christ. Registration: 7 AM; Symposium: 7:45 AM-5:00 PM. Pre-Registration beforehand is recommended: Donna Johnson djohnson@mhnrc.com or c.a.r.d.nwa@gmail.com

Various topics and speakers speaking about Alzheimers, Dementia, Grief, Hope, Support

UNA Christian Student Center Annual Benefit Dinner
November 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm at KEESTONE RESORT in Loretto, TN.
Entertainment by Ben and Travis and also some talent by our CSC students
Tickets are \$100

Sponsorships opportunities are available

Call or email the CSC office to purchase tickets or sponsor unacsf@comcast.net 256-764-9439

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to a retirement reception honoring Sonya Cox, following evening services, Sunday, October 22nd.

If you would like to give a donation for a money tree, to honor Sonya, please give it to Linda Young or Judy Thompson, by Wednesday, October 18th.

**You Are Invited To A
"Grief & The Holidays"
FREE Seminar**

**Florence Blvd. Church of Christ
Saturday, October 28th
(8:30-11:30 a.m.)**

**8:30-9:00 a.m. (Registration & Breakfast)
9:00-11:30- Dealing with Grief during the
Holidays-What to do and not to do**

**Don Williams, Instructor
To Pre-Register, Call: 256-766-3617
or 256-366-3327**

**(Seminar, Breakfast &
All Materials Are FREE!)**