

October 22, 2023

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## Minister

Austin Johnson

## Youth Minister

John Birdwell

## Secretary

Sonya Cox

## The Message of Mark: A Journey with the Divine Servant King

The Gospel of Mark provides us with a concise account of Jesus' life, mission, and His ultimate sacrifice. Spanning just sixteen chapters, Mark's Gospel is a whirlwind journey through the deeds and words of Jesus, highlighting His role as the Divine Servant King.

From the onset, Mark sets the stage in chapters 1-3 with the powerful ministry of John the Baptist, followed by Jesus' baptism and His early miracles. Jesus' authority is immediately established – He calls disciples, heals the sick, drives out demons, and challenges established religious norms. These chapters make it clearly evident that Jesus is not just an ordinary man, but he also carries **divine authority**.

As we venture into chapters 4-8, Mark is a blend of parables and miracles. Jesus uses parables to illustrate profound truths about the Kingdom of God, such as the parable of the sower, while His miracles — like feeding the 5,000 and walking on water — authenticate His **divine nature**. It is also here that Peter confesses Jesus as the Messiah, but the journey takes a sharp turn as Jesus starts predicting His impending suffering and death. *[It is interesting to note that the book of Mark (6:3) is the only one of the four Gospels to refer to Jesus as a “carpenter” and the “son of Mary” — and it is also the only Gospel to mention Jesus having sisters.]*

Chapters 9-13 take us into the heart of Jesus' mission and His confrontations with religious leaders of the times. The Transfiguration offers a glimpse of Jesus' **divine glory**, yet in the midst of all this, Jesus speaks more about His impending death and resurrection. His teachings during this phase, including about the greatest commandment and the signs of the end times, highlight the essence of discipleship and the future hope for believers.

Mark's concluding chapters (14-16) document the climax of Jesus' earthly ministry: His passion, crucifixion, and resurrection. The events of the Last Supper, His arrest, trial, and crucifixion showcase Jesus as the Suffering Servant, fulfilling His **divine mission** of salvation. However, Mark leaves believers with hope and a mandate. The empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection are a triumphant testament to His victory over death and a command for His followers to go and spread the good news.

As we reflect on the Gospel of Mark, we're constantly reminded of the love and sacrifice of our Divine Servant King, Jesus. His journey from Galilee's shores to Calvary's cross calls each of us to a deeper faith, rooted in love, service, and unwavering hope in the power of His resurrection.

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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: 167 / On Line Views: 166  
Sunday School: 137 / On Line Views: N/A  
Sunday PM: 185/ On Line Views: 236  
Wednesday: 212/ On Line Views: 97  
Budget: \$14,620  
Contribution: \$ 11,140

**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:** AJ Gooch  
**Auditorium Class:** Mike Davidson  
**PM Speaker:** Preston Riley  
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There will be an Elders & Deacons Meeting **NEXT**  
Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm followed by a Men's  
Meeting at 4 pm  
Trunk or Treat, **NEXT** Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>,  
following evening services.

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION**

Everyone is invited to a retirement reception honoring  
Sonya Cox, following evening services **TONIGHT**,  
in the Fellowship Hall.

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**PLACED MEMBERSHIP**

Derrick Urban has desired to place membership here  
at Florence Blvd. Please welcome him into the  
Florence Blvd Family.

**ADDRESS**

Patty Hunt has been moved to a rehab, in  
Athens, AL. Address where you can  
send cards is:

North Alabama Specialty Hospital  
Patricia Hunt  
700 Market Street W  
Athens, AL 35611

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

**Florence Blvd. Church of Christ**  
**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**(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!)**

**AREA EVENTS**

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alzheimer's Symposium, Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:djohnson@mhnrc.com)  
or [c.a.r.d.nwa@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:unacsf@comcast.net) 256-764-9439