

October 8, 2023

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST



## Elders

Steve Clark  
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## Minister

Austin Johnson

## Youth Minister

John Birdwell

## Secretary

Sonya Cox

## RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH

By: Jake Vandyke

It was 2 Timothy 2:15 that encouraged me to *“Be diligent (**STUDY**) to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**”* In order to find the truth, we must understand, as we are reading thru the bible, what is the plan in this time frame.

Adam and Eve. The first people had a **“family relationship”** with God. God first covered their nakedness in Genesis 3: 21, *“Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics (coats) of skin, and clothed them.”* The first animal sacrificed! Abel followed God’s directions with an animal sacrifice for worship. Cain obviously did not. This continued for believers thru the flood in Noah’s time and the dispersion from Babel.

The **patriarchal age** began when God selected Abram for the line of the Savior. But God had priests for the **other developing races, such as Melchizedek** (King of Salem and priest of the most high God) to whom Abraham gave a tithe. **Jethro was the priest of Midian in Moses time.** This age lasted until the Exodus, and the Law given to Moses for the family of Jacob (Israel) in the wilderness of Sinai.

The Mosaic age lasted until the death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. This age had priests and a tabernacle or temple, for animal sacrifices, foreshadowing the sacrifice that Jesus would make as the Lamb of God. But during, and near the end of this age; Mark 4: 4, *“John came baptizing in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,”* and preparing the way of the Lord, who would come after him. Still under the Mosaic Law, Jesus was born raised and baptized by John. For the next few years Jesus was teaching His disciples, and the Jewish nation, of the coming Kingdom of God. During this time, He performed ‘signs and wonders’ demonstrating His power and authority, forgiving the sins of some personally, during this period of time. Some because of their faith and some just to cause others to believe that He is the Son of man and of God.

After His death, burial, and resurrection, He told that those who **believed and were baptized would be saved**, and told His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all things that He had commanded them. This began, as recorded in Acts 1 & 2, as His church was established and many were baptized, and were added to His church. This is as far as the Bible tells of but . . .

The established church was persecuted, yet, grew rapidly in many countries where the Bible was taught. Many were martyred for their faith but the church continued to survive and thrive. However, apostasies developed and false doctrines were introduced. One major doctrine promoted by Constantine around the years 354 - 430AD was “Total Depravity” and even “conversion without baptism.” The teachings of original sin began to be proclaimed, to the point that children were believed to be born in sin by year 386. In 418 infant baptism was practiced by Justinian, and in 529 it became a general practice at the Synod of Orange (France). Martin Luther began to doubt infant baptism in 1523, and Anabaptists were a group formed that insisted on immersion, and discontinued infant baptism. They were severely persecuted for this by Catholics and Protestants alike. Now we are in our time frame!

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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: 259 / On Line Views: 156  
Sunday School: 239 / On Line Views: N/A  
Sunday PM: 228/ On Line Views: 141  
Wednesday: 196/ On Line Views: 169  
Budget: \$14,620  
Contribution: \$ 16,537

### **OCTOBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

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

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Many protestant variations developed since then and are still developing—these man-made religions. The persecuted Church of Christ always existed in various parts of the world, and a great restoration following the New Testament pattern developed across the globe in the 1800's. The aim today, as in the beginning and seen through the eyes of the Restoration Movement, is to follow Christ at His Word. How do we do this? By ***rightly dividing the word of truth.***” (p.s. Don't keep the faith, give it away!)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Maywood Church-wide Retreat, October 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sonya's Retirement Party, Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Elders & Deacons Meeting and Men's Meeting,**  
**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Gospel Meeting , November 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

### **BAPTISM**

Dozie Moseley was baptized as a teenager but wanted to be baptized again. He was baptized on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> by Perry Taylor.

### **SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to Kaye Holderfield and her family, in the passing away of her mother, June Jones. Her graveside service was conducted on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **AREA EVENTS**

Ladies Dayat Jacksonburg Church of Christ, Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, with Felicia Plunket. Topic: A Faith For All Seasons. Program begins at 10:00 am in the auditorium. Lunch will be provided afterwards in the annex.

**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**  
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