

April 24, 2022



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Proverbs 25:2, “It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.”**

Some things will never be understood by mankind. Period. This is a truth that we need to get comfortable with. Deuteronomy 29:29 says, “*The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*” So how is it the case that God is glorified in his concealing of certain pieces of information?

First off, God concealing certain truths shows how much higher he is than we are—even kings (*Isaiah 55:8-9*). Secondly, it shows His infinite knowledge and superiority over all created things as He controls what can be and cannot be known. Thirdly, as people, even kings and those of high rank in the world, seek out answers that God has created, God becomes the aim of ones focus and the object of praise. He is therefore glorified as One worthy of being sought after.

What does Proverbs 25:2 reveal about the individual who is supposed to “*search things out*”? Searching indicates faith, desire, and trust that truths are out there which can be found from God alone. Searching showcases one’s dependency upon God, submission to God, and a willingness to work. Searching things out proves that anything worth having is worth working for. It is the glory of the one who is to search things out because of the blessed pursuit of the knowledge of an infinite and supreme God. I call this searching a “blessed pursuit” because in the process of seeking God, Jesus indicates that if someone asks it will be given, knock and the door will be open, seek and you will find. God blesses us in the journey of knowing Him.

Paul said in Philippians 3:8, “*Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.*” Then in Philippians 3:9–11, “*and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*”

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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: N/A / On Line Views: 153
Sunday School: N/A / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 166 / On Line Views: 106
Wednesday: 168 / On Line Views: 38
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 13,428

SENIOR NIGHT

On Sunday, May 1st, following evening services, we will be honoring our graduating High School Seniors; Evan Davidson, Jack Elrod, & Kailey Garrett.

If you are planning on staying and eat at Senior Night, please sign the sheet, on the table, in the foyer, so we can make sure enough food is ordered.

**APRIL MISSIONARY
OF THE MONTH**

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After Austin's sermon on forgiveness last Sunday night, I decided to share a burden in hopes that it would encourage another.

Earlier this month, my younger sister, my last relative besides my boys, and her husband moved in with me, looking for a house to buy and retire here. She had insisted from the onset that they wanted to do all they could for me for being in my house. I was agreeable to this, as I would want to do the same.

There had been an item in my home that needed replacing. Shortly after they arrived, I did so. Having wanted to do it for me, she was very offended at this action, and began a long tirade about how I had always bullied and bossed her for the last 50 years. She said she thought we could be friends, but if I wasn't going to let them do anything for me, then we couldn't live in the same town. No amount of "I'm sorry" was excepted. After less than 48 hours, she packed up and left. I do not expect to ever hear from her again.

This is where you come in. I have grown to love my church family tremendously, and it grows every day. You show me why God gave us each other. I need you now more than ever, both to help me forgive, and to get beyond this next ending in my life. I know you will step forward and help hold me up during the process; you always have. Thank you for always being there for me, and serving me exactly as our Father asked us to do for each other. I pray He blesses you greatly. Thank you, and I love you. Cheri Suns

Thank you all for the words of encouragement through cards, phone calls, texts, and Facebook messages following the death of my beloved mother. The incredible outpouring of love you've shown me and my entire family this past week – especially during her visitation and funeral – is deeply appreciated, and will never be forgotten. I love my Florence Blvd. family so very much.

*In Christian Love,
Steve Clark*



52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 17

- Sunday** (Epistles) 2 Cor. 1-3
- Monday** (The Law) Exodus 13-16
- Tuesday** (History) 2 Samuel 1-4
- Wednesday** (Psalms) Psalm 48-50
- Thursday** (Poetry) Job 33-34
- Friday** (Prophecy) Jer. 22-26
- Saturday** (Gospels) Mark 13-14