

May 1, 2022



# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Elders

Steve Clark  
Ken Vanhorn  
Mark Willingham

## Deacons

Greg Allen  
Justin Beckman  
Kevin Clemons  
Jeffrey Cox  
Mike Davidson  
Kyle Dickson  
Gregg Elrod  
Nate Fulmer  
AJ Gooch  
Jamey Medley  
Ronnie Putnam  
Dave Schmidt  
Mark Vanhorn  
Don Williams

## Minister

Austin Johnson

## Youth Minister

John Birdwell

## Secretary

Sonya Cox

## Be Ready to Preach the Word

Paul told Timothy to preach the word, be ready in season and out of season, and to reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. I know Timothy lived in a special era of Spirit inspiration as he helped to lead the church in Ephesus, establishing Elders and deacons, reaching lost souls in Ephesus, and meeting the needs of the Christians in that area. But I also believe we can glean from the instruction Paul gave and use it in each of our individual walks of faith.

We must be ready to preach the word. *“The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.”* (Hebrews 4:12–13) Sometimes I think people hesitate to open the Word in fear that it will expose their true colors to God and then to themselves. But the Word is of the utmost importance! It *“is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”* (2 Timothy 3:16–17) If we believe this to be the case, it must become our focus in study, daily reading, and continual digestion of thought. Some people aren’t ready to preach the word because they are not in the word. When they aren’t in the word, they aren’t focusing on God’s word. If there is no focus on God’s word, there will not be an ever-present thought of God’s word. If there is no ever-present thought of God’s word, then of course they won’t be sharing it with anyone because they haven’t even begun to share it with themselves! Do you see the progression?

Therefore, I would like to reprove those who need it today (2 Timothy 4:2). Reprove means to admonish. I admonish all those guilty of not being ready to preach the word to get ready by being in the Word of God daily. I would like to rebuke all of those who are guilty (2 Timothy 4:2). Rebuke means to express sharp disagreement with someone’s actions. If your daily walk is void of the Word, then change must happen. But I also want to exhort (2 Timothy 4:2). There is no greater journey, task, and ascent than that of growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). It is the greatest book ever written. God’s nature is continually being revealed through the pages of the Scriptures. Coming to know God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the activity of the Holy Spirit more and more should be the delight and joy of every Christian’s life. You are missing out, and oh how I know your love can grow!

Austin Johnson

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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: 305 / On Line Views: 165  
Sunday School: 218 / On Line Views: 41  
Sunday PM: 207 / On Line Views: 109  
Wednesday: 184 / On Line Views: 58  
Budget: \$13,300  
Contribution: \$ 12,855

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**SENIOR NIGHT**

**TONIGHT** following evening services, we will be honoring our graduating High School Seniors; Evan Davidson, Jack Elrod, & Kailey Garrett.

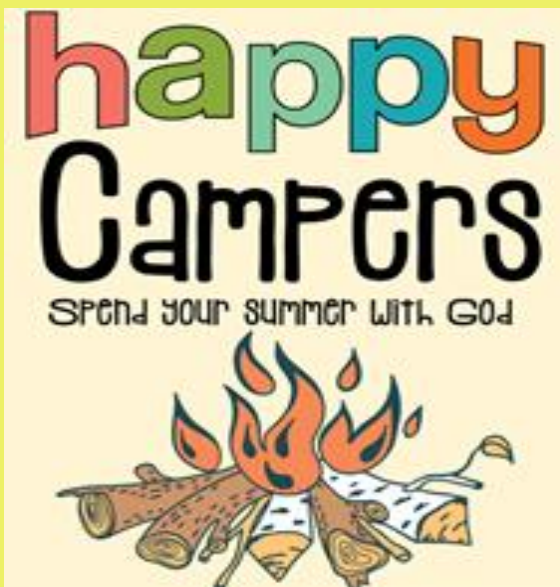
**MAY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Larry & Valerie Brock are the proud grandparents of a little boy. Roland Lamar Blair was born on April 19<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 18 inches long. Proud parents: Reggie & Latina Blair.

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**52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN**

**Week 18**

- Sunday** (Epistles) 2 Cor. 4-5
- Monday** (The Law) Exodus 17-20
- Tuesday** (History) 2 Samuel 5-9
- Wednesday** (Psalms) Psalm 51-53
- Thursday** (Poetry) Job 35-36
- Friday** (Prophecy) Jer. 27-31
- Saturday** (Gospels) Mark 15-16

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>**

**Happy Campers Lessons Overview:**

**LESSONS:**

**Catching Some Fish.** Nothing passes the time quite like going out and catching fish. Kids will learn that we've been called to tell others about the good news of Jesus **Calling of the First Disciples Luke 5:1-11**

**Putting Up the Tent.** We must pay careful attention to pitch our tents just right. Kids will learn how God guided (protected) the Israelites with a pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. **Pillars of Fire and Cloud- Exodus13:21-22**

**Going on a Hike.** During your trip, it's nice to go out to the hiking trails and explore nature. Kids will learn that Jesus sends us out to help and serve others. **Healing the Paralytic. Luke 5:17-26**

**Telling Campfire Stories.** It's nice to sit around the campfire and tell each other stories. Kids will learn that we have the best story ever to tell: Jesus is alive. **Resurrection of Jesus – Matthew 28:1-12**