

June 26, 2022

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST



## Elders

Steve Clark  
Ken Vanhorn  
Mark Willingham  
Jake VanDyke

## 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

## Do We Fellowship with That Church?

Have you been around a Christian who accepts any and every belief? The odd thing about this type of an individual is that their work often divides churches they are a part of in hopes of uniting with others. Have you been around a Christian who quickly looks to divide and draw lines, seeking to find the false teachings/teachers? The odd thing here is they normally cannot fellowship with anyone but themselves and eventually work themselves out of fellowship with all church groups!

### Consider 5 Degrees of Fellowship:

- 1. Universal Fellowship: Humanity.** We are all created by God and therefore children on God, in one sense. In a spiritual sense, those who are outside of Christ are not children of God and have not been adopted as his children. Therefore, as we are all created beings, we are physical children of God.
- 2. Faith Fellowship: Believe in God and Christ as Lord.** There are so many religious groups out there that believe in God and “submit” to Christ as Lord. While we differ on doctrinal stances and certain Bible teachings, I can appreciate these individuals in their love for God and “submission” to Christ as Lord. However, just because someone believes in God does not make them an obedient child who has followed the pattern of sound words (2 Tim 1:13). Consider Mark 9:38–41, which says, “For the one who is not against us is for us” and Mark 12:28–34, which says, “Not far from the kingdom of God.” It is possible to be close, but not a part.
- 3. In-Christ Fellowship: Christians (a.k.a. born-again, believer’s baptism).** Originally created to live in relationship with God, every person in right mind has (*or will at some point in their life*) left the innocence of childhood and sinned, resulting in alienation from God (*Romans 3:23*). The consequence of sin is separation from God and the result is eternal death (*Romans 6:23*). God’s grace and eternal life are available to all who will accept Jesus Christ on His terms and will live their lives in obedience to His will (*Hebrews 5:9*). The salvation of humanity is dependent on God’s grace and is not the result of human work or effort (*Ephesians 2:8-9*). Rather, our good work and good conduct is our way of pleasing God and is the recognition and result of His grace to us (*2 Corinthians 5:8-9; 1 John 4:19*). Each person may receive salvation by forgiveness of their own sins as the individual is immersed in baptism in Jesus’ name (*Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21*). Those who faithfully follow and are obedient to Christ are promised eternal life in Him (*1 John 1:7; Revelation 2:10*). And just a quick reminder—Baptism is the Doorway of God’s Adoption. There is a difference in “baptism for obedience as I’ve already become a Christian” versus “baptism for the forgiveness of sins so God can make me a Christian”.
- 4. Congregation Fellowship: within your individual church family.**
- 5. Conscience Fellowship: agree with on matters of opinion.** This area normally consists of one person.

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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: 242 / On Line Views: 114  
Sunday School: 200 / On Line Views: 147  
Sunday PM: 2154/ On Line Views: 115  
Wednesday: 163 / On Line Views: 100  
Budget: \$13,300  
Contribution: \$12,556

**JUNE MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

**Wayne Barrier (Burma)**  
**PO Box 93**  
**Cloverdale, AL 35633**

**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to Margie Best and her family, in the passing away of her son Jeff Best. His graveside service was conducted on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

We also express our sympathy to Nancy Cox and her family, in the passing away of her dad, Alvin Cox. His funeral was conducted Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PRIME-TIMERS**

Austin will be driving the church bus to Maywood Camp and Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. You will be leaving at 8:30 am. If you are interested in going and seeing how the kids love the camp and tour Maywood, please let Austin know ASAP. Also, you will go to lunch at Galbreath Country Buffett in Hamilton.

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES:**

**June 29<sup>th</sup>: Rodney Livingston (Leoma)**

The Oneness of The Church Jesus Built;  
“Isn’t One Church Just As Good As Another?”

**July 6<sup>th</sup>: Chris Presnell (Flint)**

Jesus Teachings on Marriage, Divorce, & Re-Marriage  
“I’m a Divorced Christian-What Now?”

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**4<sup>th</sup> Week & 5<sup>th</sup> Week at Maywood.** Register online.

**Church Wide Retreat**, September 30th-October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Maywood Christian Camp. Cost is \$18 per person per night.  
There are Camper/RV hookups on site.  
Please sign the sign-up sheet on table in the foyer.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**

Jesse and Debbie Sain have visited with us several times this year and Their eldest daughter Penny Creasy has a brain aneurysm and she is Going to have to have brain surgery in the upcoming weeks. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

**52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN**

**Week 25**

**Sunday** (Epistles) Ephesians 4-6

**Monday** (The Law) Lev. 4-6

**Tuesday** (History) 1 Kings 14-18

**Wednesday** (Psalms) Psalm 72-74

**Thursday** (Poetry) Proverbs 5-6

**Friday** (Prophecy) Ezekial 7-12

**Saturday** (Gospels) Luke 13-14