

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### Minister

**Austin Johnson** 

# Youth Minister John Birdwell

Secretary Sonya Cox

#### Have This Mind, the Mind of Christ

"Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind..." (1 Peter 4:1)

The Spirit of God inspired Peter to write and use the phrase, "arm yourselves," which is used in the vast majority of translations, or "equip yourselves," which is used once as I have found. These translations come from a Greek word which means, "to make ready, to equip." I cannot help but think of the movie, "The Patriot" when in Battle against the Red Coats, the American militia officer yelled out an order to his troops who had lined up against the horde of British troops, saying, "Make ready!" The American troops repeated the order to their commanding officer, "make ready," as they brought their rifles to active fighting position. What was the point? The battle was directly in front of them, and it was coming quickly. Peter is calling the Christians to "make ready," just not with a rifle for military combat. Peter is calling Christians to be ready to battle the adversary with the mind of Christ.

What is the mind of Christ? Paul echoed this phrase in Philippians 2:5 as he said, "Have this mind among you which is also yours in Christ Jesus...". What was the mind of Christ in that text? Humble service in obedience to the Father (*Philippians* 2:7–8). Jesus was willing to count others as more important than himself (*Philippians* 2:3–4). This was the basis of the mind of Christ. But it doesn't stop there.

As you live your life for Christ there will be suffering and hardships. Our suffering and hardships are not always brought on by our own mistakes or sin, however. Sometimes it is because we are trying to live like Jesus that we face fiery trials and tribulations. As Peter said, "Do not be surprised when you face fiery trials of various kinds..." in 1 Peter 4:12. Trials are coming for those who attempt to live like Jesus. Jesus faced trials first! We are to keep his mindset which is to trust that God sees our attempts to be like Jesus and know that God will reward those who commit their lives to doing good, because He is faithful (1 Peter 4:19).

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." (Isaiah 26:3)

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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: 256 / On Line Views: 122 Sunday School: 218 / On Line Views: 118 Sunday PM: 209 / On Line Views: 116 Wednesday: 197 / On Line Views: 76

Budget: \$13,300 Contribution: \$ 15,962

#### **AUGUST MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

**Evands Pierre** 

C/O Jean-Claubert Belton

**Carrefour Michaud #46 Route Malpasse** 

**Entrée Double Harvest** 

Croix des Bouquets Haiti

#### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES:**

August 10th: Scott Wright (Rogersville)
God's Plan of Salvation
"How Does God Save Me?"

August 17th: Tim Grigsby (Lone Cedar)
The Second Coming of Christ & The Judgement Day
"What Will Happen When Jesus Returns?"

Austin is away this week due to him speaking at a Gospel Meeting at New Hope Church of Christ. Speaking in his absence is: **AM**: Dax Holt; **PM**: John Birdwell.

#### **BAPTISM**

We are happy to announce that Mack Weatherford, son of Woodrow & Donna Weatherford, was baptized early Saturday morning, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Please welcome him into the family of God.

#### **BABY GIRL DIAPER POUNDING**

We are having a Baby Girl Diaper Pounding, for Ashley Farrar, beginning today and will go through August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring diapers and place them in the basket, that will be located in the foyer.

#### WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL BENEFIT DINNER

Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Florence Blvd Church of Christ. There is a sign-up sheet, on the table, located beside the Sound Room.

#### LADIES

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We are needing someone, that is willing, to take over the food groups that fixes food for the sick, of the congregation. If you are able to do this, please see Brianne Johnson or Sonya Cox ASAP.

#### FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We will be having a Fellowship Meal, **NEXT** Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. It **WILLNOT** be "Church-Eat-Church." We will have regular services that day and evening. Also, due to overabundance of chicken left over last time we had a fellowship meal, chicken **WILL NOT** be provided for this meal. **Fellowship Team # 6 is to set up; Fellowship Team #5 is to clean up.** 

#### BACK TO SCHOOL BIBLE VERSES

"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." Philippians 4:6

"This is my command. Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

## 52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 31

Sunday (Epistles) 1 Thess 4-5

Monday (The Law) Lev. 22-24

Tuesday (History) 2 Kings 21-25

Wednesday (Psalms) Psalm 90-92

Thursday (Poetry) Proverbs 14-15

Friday (Prophecy) Ezekial 43-48

Saturday (Gospels) John 1-2