

October 16, 2022

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST



## Elders

Steve Clark  
Jake VanDyke  
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

## Patient Endurance

The first-century church in Philadelphia caught the attention of Jesus in a good way. While speaking to several other congregations, the Lord found it necessary to address Philadelphia's particular situation and their overall outlook on life. This was one of the few assemblies that Jesus didn't condemn, but instead, He commended them.

Jesus was rather fond of their "patient endurance" in those strange and difficult times of the Roman persecution ([Revelation 3:10](#)). This word "endurance" is found 32 times throughout the New Testament, with the highest density found in John's Revelation (7x) and the second highest rate (6x) in Paul's words to the Roman church. Very briefly, here's what we can learn about enduring times of opposition from the letter of Revelation:

- Endurance is something that can be shared ([Revelation 1:9](#))
- Endurance is something that Jesus notices ([Revelation 2:2](#))
- Endurance is something that can help your faith be more... well... faithful ([Revelation 2:3](#))
- Endurance is something that opens doors of opportunity to minister ([Revelation 2:19](#))
- Endurance is something that will ultimately lead us to victory over this earth ([Revelation 3:10](#))
- Endurance is something that helps our understanding of true life ([Revelation 13:10](#))
- Endurance is something that Jesus expects from His people ([Revelation 14:12](#))

The church in Philadelphia was seemingly great at this practice of perseverance. In verse 10, Jesus notes, "because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth." In reflecting on this verse, Warren Wilcox noted, "Keep God's word and you shall be kept by God's power." Endurance is a significant blessing to the faithful Christian who lives in a harsh and cruel world. We abandon our spiritual blessings if we neglect the power and development of perseverance.

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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: 275 / On Line Views: 123  
Sunday School: 247 / On Line Views: N/A  
Sunday PM: 197/ On Line Views: 145  
Wednesday: 168 / On Line Views: 83  
Budget: \$13,300  
Contribution: \$ 13,863

**OCTOBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

**Demar Elam**  
**Open Door Ministry**  
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**BABY BOY DIAPER POUNDING**

**TODAY** is the last day for the Baby Boy Diaper Pounding, for Maggie Clifton, Please place your items, in the basket, located in the foyer.

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**LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES**

There will be a LTL Kick-Off, **TONIGHT**, following evening services, in the Fellowship Hall.. Please be thinking about what you would like to be involved in for next year's convention.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL**

If you are interested in in doing a devotional, on Wednesday Nights, please sign the sheet, on the table, located beside the Sound Room, or see Austin Johnson.

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**DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S SEMINAR**

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:00am-12:00 noon, here at Florence Blvd. To pre-register for this free seminar, please call the church office at 256-766-3617 or Don Williams at 256-366-3327.

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**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to John Birdwell and his family, in the passing away of his cousin, Jake Mayes. His funeral was conducted last week in Indiana.

We express our sympathy to Tim Thompson and his family, in the passing away of his dad, Kenneth Thompson. His funeral was conducted on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

We also express our sympathy to Pamela Woodfin and her family, in the passing away of her dad, Jerry Owen. He passed away on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, in Mississippi.

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**AREA EVENT**

UNA Christian Student Center Thirty-fourth Annual Benefit Dinner, 7:00 PM Tuesday, October 25 @Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, Entertainment provided by Garrett and Briana Dean; Tickets: \$75 or sponsorships are available; Purchase by contacting the CSC at [unacsf@comcast.net](mailto:unacsf@comcast.net) or 256-764-9439

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Everyone is encouraged to participate in our Trunk or Treat, on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, following evening services. You **DO NOT** have to decorate your trunk, if you do not want to. This is for Cradle Roll-6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN**

**Week 41**

**Sunday** (Epistles) Hebrews 8-10

**Monday** (The Law) Numbers 33-36

**Tuesday** (History) 2 Chr 16-20

**Wed.** (Psalms) Psalm 119

**Thursday** (Poetry) Proverbs 29-30

**Friday** (Prophecy) Micah

**Saturday** (Gospels) Acts 5-6