

October 30, 2022

FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST



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The Beauty of Color in the Changing of the Leaves

Leaving Mars Hill Wednesday after dropping Jarrett of from school I noticed how beautiful the trees are during the changing of the seasons. All of the vibrant yellows, purples, reds, oranges, and greens were a beauty to behold. Wouldn't you agree? I was fascinated in thought how God could create such beautiful objects for us to watch and witness. We see transformation, adaptation, as well as dormancy and renewal. Then a thought came over me from a book I've been reading lately. The following quote most aptly describes my feelings in that moment: "In very truth we can render to God no greater or more signal proofs of our trust and faithfulness, than by thus turning from things created to find our joy, though for a single moment, in the Creator." (*The Practice of the Presence of God with Spiritual Maxims*. Grand Rapids: Spire Publications, 1967.)

The changing of the leaves are beautiful and almost majestic to behold. However, the trees in all their grandeur are barely microscopic specks of the majesty that their Creator has within Himself. Why is it that I (*and maybe we*) am so caught up in trivial matters of life that I have to find an escape to the creation to consider the wonder of the Lord our God? Isn't He enough? Have we lost the wonder associated with the Creator of the heavens and Earth? Are our minds so immature that we must retreat to visible objects in our presence to even begin to appreciate God to some small degree? Are we so distracted in thought and action that the outcome of His brilliance is the object of our focus?

God's children seem to have lost amazement towards their Father who created them. The culprit of this issue could be because God's children have cluttered their minds with busyness to the point where thinking solely about Him is rare to non-existent. What can we do about this? The solution may be different for different people. Psalm 50 might be a good place to start. God is over all the earth and "*out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth!*" He is perfectly aware of all His creation, from the greatest of great to the lowest of low. God Himself is a beauty unfathomable and unimaginable. Think on this. Pause in your mind while you live out each day and consider the Father. Bask in His glory. Talk to Him about how amazing He is. Affirm in your mind and acknowledge to God Himself that you are aware of His presence and completely overwhelmed by His love. I believe these moments will go a long way towards transformation through the renewal of our minds (*Romans 12:1-2*).

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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: 278 / On Line Views: 128
Sunday School: 219 / On Line Views: 54
Sunday PM: 186 / On Line Views: 189
Wednesday: 181 / On Line Views: 76
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 15,483

OCTOBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the diaper pounding for Collier and those who gave gifts. Your kindness is truly appreciated. Our little boy will be here in 3 weeks. Prayers for a safe delivery and healthy baby.

The Cliftons, Colton, Maggie, & Creed

Thank you for your visits, cards, and prayers while I was in the hospital. I hope to get back to church soon.

Leo Martin

We want to say thank you so much for your kind words, prayers, and cards when our Daddy and Pawpaw passed away. A special thank you to everyone who came to the visitation, to express your sympathy. It is truly a blessing to have such a loving and caring church family in difficult times. God bless all of you!

Tim, Judy, Tyler, Zach, & Hayden Thompson

MEALS ON WHEELS

This week is our week to deliver Meals on Wheels. **We are still in need of someone on Monday.** If you can help with this, please sign the sheet, on the table, located beside the Sound Room.

GOSPEL MEETING

Our Gospel Meeting, with Joe Wells, will begin **NEXT** Sunday, November 6th and will go through Wednesday, November 9th.

We will be having a Church-Wide , Pot-Luck, Fellowship Meal (meat dishes, casseroles, etc.) following morning services on Sunday.

Team # 1 (Bill & Kim Crunk) is to set up;

Team # 2 (Justin & Mercedes Beckman) is for clean up.

Chicken will not be provided.

Monday Night Meal: Last names A-G provide Italian type food (meal will be in the Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday Night Meal: Last names H-R, provide Mexican type food (meal will be in the Lighthouse)

Wednesday Night Meal: Last names S-Z provide Soups & Sandwiches (meal will be in the Fellowship Hall).

Monday-Wednesday meals will begin at 5:30 each night.

Sunday Night--Wednesday Night services will begin at 6:30 pm.

52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 43

Sunday (Epistles) James 1-3

Monday (The Law) Deut. 4-6

Tuesday (History) 2 Chr 25-28

Wed. (Psalms) Psalm 122-124

Thursday (Poetry) Eccl. 1-2

Friday (Prophecy) Habakkuk

Saturday (Gospels) Acts 9-10