September 25, 2022



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# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

### The Message the World Needs to Hear

Imagine a first-century Palestine where nothing miraculous happened on the first Pentecost after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. There would have been no sound like a mighty rushing wind. There would have been no ability to hear one's native language when foreign men spoke. Imagine the setting in that great city of Jerusalem where Jews from all nations under heaven were gathered together and the apostle Peter had nothing to say. The multitudes would have traveled great distances, presented their harvest offerings, and departed without ever hearing what they all desperately needed most. The subsequent weeks, months, and years would have been ordinary at best, and the world would have continued the course it was on to complete spiritual decay.

The early accounts in the book of Acts, however, chronicle a different narrative. It was one where God was active through his apostles, and those actions were powerful, public, and persuasive. No longer were the crowds satisfied that the Prince of Peace had been put to death. Instead, they were crying out in desperation hoping their guilty consciences could be cleared of the death sentence they each faced. Beginning that day, thousands of people in Jerusalem experienced a complete paradigm shift. The results from that powerful message concerning the resurrected Lord would begin a spiritual chain-reaction which led to a gospel epidemic.

Fast forward some two-thousand years. Some things have not changed. The world continues to be full of trouble and strife. From the conflicts in the Middle East to the never-ending battles over issues of morality, the need to share that same powerful message remains constant. Some churches are beginning to die off and close their doors. Individuals who were once faithful Christians are no longer interested. Various attempts have been made to reverse some of these issues, but very few are centered on the everlasting gospel. If preaching the gospel in the first century led people to be converted to Jesus Christ, would it not be logical to concentrate our efforts in doing the same thing in the twenty-first century.

Jason Jarrett – July 29, 2014

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1 Corinthians 2:1–5 says, "¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

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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: 293 / On Line Views: 112 Sunday School: 249 / On Line Views: N/A Sunday PM: 215 / On Line Views: 186 Wednesday: 209 / On Line Views: 91

Budget: \$13,300 Contribution: \$ 13,401

#### **SEPTEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

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#### MONTREAT SERVICES

We are in charge of the services, at Montreat Apartments **TODAY** at 1:30 pm. If you can help with this, please see Jake VanDyke.

#### ANNIVERSARY

Everyone is invited to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Leo and Hazel Martin, **TODAY** from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. No gifts please, but cards would be greatly appreciated.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Justin & Mercedes Beckman are the proud parents of a little boy. Ezra James was born on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 22inches long. Proud big sisters: Alba and Aurora; Proud big brother: Ellis; Proud grandparents: Jamey & Angi Medley; Proud great-grandparents: Mike & Carol Medley, Clanton & Carolyn Poole; Proud uncle: Remington Medley.

#### **BABY BOY DIAPER POUNDING**

We are having a Baby Boy Diaper Pounding, for Maggie Clifton, beginning next week, October 2<sup>nd</sup>-October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please place your items, in the basket, located in the foyer.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **AREA EVENT**

10 week Grief Support Class at Killen Senior Center, located behind Killen Police Department, beginning on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Sponsored by Greenhill Funeral Home. This class is free and open to the public.

Gospel Meeting, at Valdosta Church of Christ, October 2<sup>nd</sup>-October 6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday & Wednesday speaker: Wayne Scott from Henderson, TN. Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday spekaer: David Conley from Dennis, MS. Sunday PM service: 5:00 pm; Monday-Thursday: 7:00 pm.

#### 52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN Week 38

Sunday (Epistles) Philemon

Monday (The Law) Numbers 21-24

Tuesday (History) 2 Chr 1-5

Wed. (Psalms) Psalm 111-113

Thursday (Poetry) Proverbs 25

Friday (Prophecy) Amos 5-9

Saturday (Gospels) John 19-21