

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

Dream Big

FLORENCE BOULEVARD

Jason and some brethren were being drug out of their homes into the arena of public trial and people said about them, "*These who have turned the world upside down* have come here too." Acts 17:6

"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them." Acts 2:41

"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, **they were multiplied**" Acts 9:31

"And the hand of the Lord was with them, and **a great number believed** and turned to the Lord." Acts 11:21

It seems like many churches that belong to Christ have drank the Kool-Aid that Christianity is about maintaining what we have in our congregation and prayerfully working to ensure my children grow up to believe in God one day. It seems like many churches that belong to Christ have drank the Kool-Aid that Christianity is about making sure our worship is engaging for people and that we get something out of it. While these things have their place, and in their proper context, are worthy of conversation and consideration, have we forgotten about the power of God!? The world was being turned upside down as people were coming to believe in Jesus as the Christ and the church was multiplying greatly! That is our heritage. Those are our roots. The same God who empowered believers to be kingdom workers and world changers is still the same God today (Hebrews 13:8).

We, as the Florence Blvd church of Christ, need to be reminded of our roots, the power of God, and the real possibility of community change/life transformation when God children walk in obedience/courage/faith. It's tempting to put limits on God that He does not put on Himself. It's tempting to think small and not dream big. Well church, consider this my challenge...no my suggestion...no, my plea to dream big! Start asking what if. Push for more. Give without reservation. Sacrifice happily. Reach to others courageously. And above all, remember the power of the Gospel of God to change lives (ours, theirs, everyone).

"For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you..." 2 Peter 1:12–13

Austin Johnson

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 306 / 180 On Line Views: Sunday School: 251 / 82 On Line Views: Sunday PM: 206 / 141 On Line Views: Wednesday: 217 / 112 On Line Views:

Budget: \$13,300 Contribution: \$ 14,597

SEPTEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed tomorrow for the Labor Day Holiday.

CONGRATULATIONS

David and Mevaline Hinton are the proud great-grandparents of a little boy. Sawyer Ray Warden, was born on August 25th. He weighed 7lbs. 7 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Proud parents: Daniel & Karlee (Hinton) Warden; Proud big sister: Sophie; Proud aunts and cousin: Kristy Hinton, Sue Winn, and Sierra Hinton.

BABY BOY DIAPER POUNDING

We are having a Baby Boy Diaper Pounding for Mercedes Beckman, that will go through September 11th. A basket is located in the foyer.

LORD'S SUPPER

Beginning **TONIGHT**, the Lord's Supper will be observed during the evening worship hour in a similar way as in the morning. The worshippers who choose to participate in the evening communion may pick up their emblem packet as they enter the auditorium. This will allow communion participants to remain connected with their church family while providing additional time of worshipful reflection to those who had observed earlier.

49ER'S GROUP

On Saturday, September 10th, you will be going to the Walnut Grove Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry. You will meet at the building at 1:30 pm and take the church bus. It is all you can eat fish, chicken, fries, hush puppies, and drink for \$12.00 per person. Anyone is welcome to join us if you are a 49er or not!

SPECIAL REQUEST

Eleanor Martin, a homebound member here at Florence Blvd, is in need of a helper, who can spend nights with her and keep her company during the day. The helper will also have free time to take care of their own business. Pay will be good and the helper will have her own bedroom. If you can help with this, or if you know of someone that is dependable, honest, trustworthy, and hopefully a Christian, please contact Margie Best at:256-856-1441.

If you would like to send Eleanor a **card of encouragement**, her address is 404 N Fulton St, Florence, AL 35630.

NEW CLASSES STARTING TODAY

<u>Young Professionals:</u> Sunday & Wednesday taught by Austin Johnson. Topic "Mere Christianity".

49ers: Sunday taught by Brian McManus. Topic "The Book of Ezekiel".

<u>Auditorium:</u> Sunday taught by Mark Willingham. Topic "The Last Week Of Christ". Wednesday taught by Don Williams. Topic "Lord Teach Us To Pray".

Ladies: Sunday taught by Gale Elrod. Topic "1, 2 & 3 John".

<u>College:</u> Lighthouse. Sunday taught by Michael Shifflet. Wednesday taught by Nick Hayes.

52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 35

Sunday (Epistles) 2 Timothy 1-2

Monday (The Law) Numbers 9-12

Tuesday (History) 1 Chr 15-19

Wed. (Psalms) Psalm 102-104

Thursday (Poetry) Proverbs 20-21

Friday (Prophecy) Hosea 8-14

Saturday (Gospels) John 10-12