

Church of Christ

Florence

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Schedule of Services

Bible Class 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Class 7:00 pm

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FROM THE ELDERS

Due to safety concerns
The church doors will be locked
10 minutes after the beginning of service.

Someone will be stationed in the foyer
to allow admittance to latecomers.

Don't Quit

Bubba Carrier

The first time I tried to march and play drums at the same time, I was terrible. When I concentrated on playing a steady beat, I marched out of step; when I focused on marching in line, I played off beat. After the first week, I went to the band director and told him that marching band was not for me and that he shouldn't expect me at any more of the rehearsals. I'll never forget what he said to me "Bubba, I didn't think you were a quitter." That cut through me like a knife.

We don't like to be called quitters, but we sure act like them. We try various hobbies and crafts for a while, and if we don't enjoy them as much as we originally thought we would, we toss them aside and move on to something else. How many have picked up the game of golf only to throw it back down a couple of weeks later? What about attempting to learn a musical instrument? Even those who make a substantial investment in their potential interest — equipment, lessons, and accessories — give up after their initial failure.

If we're not careful, we allow this mentality to carry over into our spiritual thinking. With high ambitions and fiery spirits, we march into the battlefield of life full of vigor and ready to conquer anything that crosses our path. Yet the first time our courage is demanded because of some obstacle or hurdle that lies in front of us, we abandon the Lord and run the other way. The excitement that fueled us at first is lost because we recognize that some exertion is required of us or an unanticipated conflict must be resolved. Even those who make a considerable investment in the Lord's work — time, energy, resources drop out long before the race is won.

Quitting is easy because it involves no effort, no commitment. The world convinces us that life is self-centered and that we must do anything and everything to make ourselves comfortable and content. This philosophy implies eliminating that which causes discomfort and discord; things like our marriage, our religion, even our own life.

Please reflect on these simple suggestions the next time you encounter the temptation to quit the Lord.

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The Church you read about in the Bible

Trust in God

Faith is not simply believing in the existence of God, it involves putting your complete confidence and trust in Him. He has promised, "I will never leave you, nor will I ever forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Even in your darkest hour, when it seems that all hope is gone, He is standing by your side, ready to help you overcome your adversaries. Those who abandon Him have not totally surrendered their fears and worries and are attempting to live life on their own. Place your confidence in God that He will lead you through the difficult times and build you up so that you can endure them. If you never forsake Him, He has promised that He will never leave you. Trust Him.

Finish what you start

Jesus did. He came to this earth with a mission, to fulfill an incredible plan to save men from their sins, and He did not allow one thing to step in His way not the devil, not the apostles, not the scribes and Pharisees.

Paul told Timothy to "be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (II Timothy 4:5). The young preacher was to expect trials and setbacks, frustrations and anxieties, but he was to endure them with patience and persistence and not give up. Paul knew about hardships; "five times I received from the Jews thirty—nine lashes, three times was I beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times was I shipwrecked ..." (II Corinthians 11:24-27). Do you think he considered calling it quits a time or two? Yet through it all, he continued to trust in God and that allowed him to finish what he started.

Remember the big picture

Heaven is for those who have endured and those who have conquered, not for those who have given up. Since Paul had fought the fight and kept the faith, he was confident in his eternal destiny — "in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing" (II Timothy 4:8).

Remember where you're going

It's easy to get distracted by the temporal things that this life has to offer; they cause us worry and tempt us to throw in the towel and quit. They make service to God seem less important and perseverance impossible. At the judgment, those who have endured and those who have given up will be separated, and the ones who have kept the faith will receive their crown of life. Won't the temporal things seem so insignificant then?

Consider the poem of Jill Wolf:

Don't quit when the tide is the lowest, for it's just about to turn,

Don't quit over doubts and questions, for there's something you may learn.

Don't quit when the night is darkest, for it's just a while till dawn;

Don't quit when you've run the farthest, for the race is almost won.

Don't quit when the hill is steepest; for your goal is almost nigh;

Don't quit, for you're not a failure until you fail to try.

Fight the good fight, finish the course, keep the faith, and whatever you do, don't quit.

Collecting For Those In Need

The Emergency Shelter of NKY items needed:

(Men's Shelter)

- **SOCKS**
- Men's Jeans
- Men's Sweatshirts
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants
- Underwear (New)

There is a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping at the shelter.

Benevolence Pantry items needed:

- Canned Goods
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Milk
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Juice Packs
- Baby Formula & Food



Benevolence

Thank you to all who helped make the shelter meal possible. Your generosity in this endeavor is greatly appreciated by all.

Help Wanted

2017 Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Centurions of Scripture

We would like to challenge the entire congregation to memorize 100 scriptures. Our youth do this as a part of the Lads to Leaders program. We ask that you do this with your family. We will be putting two scriptures in the bulletin each week.

Psalms 119: 89-90

89. Forever, O Lord

Your word is settled in heaven.

90. Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

You established the earth, and it abides.

To ensure accuracy of announcements and prayer requests please fill out a gold or blue form and turn in to the office by Wednesday.

Please check the prayer list and let me know of any updates.
Thank you.-Nita

Prayer List

- Caleb Robbins surgery
- Ron Bates heart issues
- Sue Gorman surgery
- Velma Holleman in hospital
- Connie Campbell, Sue Gorman's niece
- Tricia Whaley, friend of Nita Mayfield, auto accident
- Allison Mayfield, Nita's daughter in law, pregnancy
- Candice and Raelynn, friend of Cassi Lemay
- Eunice Chumbley
- Alice Sowder
- Roy & June Pugh
- Alexis Aiken, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,
- Nancy Noojin, Karen Brown's cousin, health issues
- Bowen Becker, Bob Becker's grandson, heart problems
- Cindy Walker health issues
- Our Elders
- Our Nation's Leaders
- Our Military Personnel
- Our Police, Emergency and Healthcare Personnel
- The Churches of Christ around the world
- All those traveling
- The Emergency Shelter
- The Creation Museum and Ark Encounter
- Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones
- A. T. Pate's Family

Those with cancer and their families

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| Libby McDonald | Dennis Blundell | Margie Koons |
| Randy Williams | Desirae Wilson | Janice Gallagher |
| Gary Burke | Dwight Lowerg | Kay Shinck |
| Jim Kennedy | Layla Adkins | Jim McCarthy |
| Kristen Shaw | Ayden Egan | Donnice Palmer |
| Donna Farrar | Peggy Davis | Mike Lohman |
| Lorraine Starr | Gwen Miller | Lindy Blankenbuehler |
| Tammy Palmer | Chad Fischer | Buddy Webb |
| Ashley Pike | Debbie Hellman | Lois Stroub |
| Theresa Falukner | Nancy Lambert | Ruth Phelps |
| Mike Lowe | Steve Dobson | Serena |
| Debra Bullock | Sharon Graff | |

Our shut-ins and those caring for them

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| Joyce Tingle | Chuck Gambil |
| Eveline Lanham | Dessie Hacker |

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer” 1 Peter 3:12

Serving in AM Worship

	February 12	February 19
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	TBA	TBA
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Carl Power
Communion	Jerry Gorman	Randy Johnson
Serve	Dan Brown	Dan Brown
Serve	Elvis Byrd	Elvis Byrd
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Serve	Steve Thomas	Steve Thomas
Serve	Wyatt Robbins	Wyatt Robbins
Serve	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Scripture Reading	Bobby Lemay	Bob Warmack
<i>2 Corinthians 4: 5-10</i>		
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
<i>Never Give Up, Never Quit!</i>		
Closing Prayer	Clint Green	Robert Budy

Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Matthew Hallmark	Mark Walker
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Carl Power
Communion	Jerry Gorman	Randy Johnson
Sermon	Robert Budy	Kyle Strasser
Closing Prayer	Dave Moster	Dan Brown

Wednesday

	February 15	February 22
Song Leader	Jerry Gorman	Jesse Black
Invitation	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Dan Brown	Mark Walker
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

Communion Prep

February	Blacks
March	Naiome House

Greeters

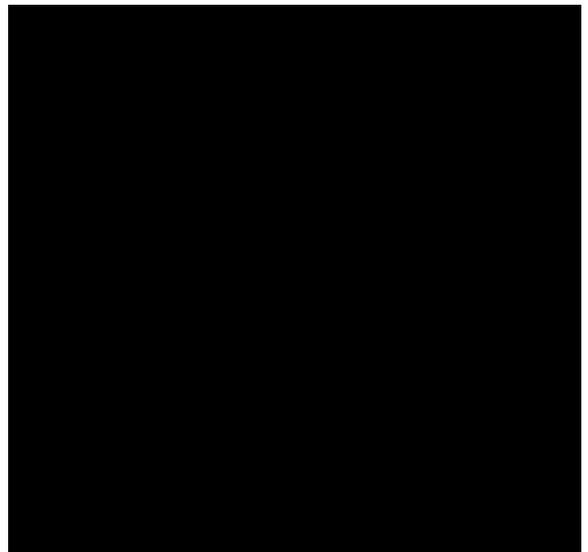
February	Nancy Prater
March	Greeters Needed

Serve
wholeheartedly, as
if you were serving
the Lord, not men.
Ephesians 6:7



Mark Your Calendar

Feb	17	Bible Bowl Meeting
Feb	18	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Feb	19	Lads to Leaders Team A
Feb	20	VBS Curriculum Meeting
Feb	25	VBS Work Day
Feb	26	Lads to Leaders Team B
Feb	26	Potluck
Mar	4	Lads to Leaders Indv. Scrapbook
Mar	10	Bible Bowl Meeting
Mar	11	VBS Work Day
Mar	12	Lads to Leaders Team A



Deacons

Jesse Black	<i>Children's Education/ Fellowships</i>
Matthew Hallmark	<i>Building Maintenance</i>
Wyatt Robbins	<i>Youth and as needed</i>

Coordinators

Jerry Gorman	<i>Prime Timers</i>
Dave Moster	<i>Worship Service/ Duty Roster</i>

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