

# Church of Christ

# Florence

January 1, 2017

## Elders

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact one of the elders.

## Deacons

*Jesse Black*  
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## Minister

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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.

## Not Just for New Year's

by Gene Taylor

Usually as one year ends and another is about to begin, people reflect on their lives, especially considering the accomplishments and failures of the past year. Then they make resolutions for the coming year which, most of the time, are promptly forgotten and broken.

Such self-examination is necessary for the Christian, not only at that time of the year, but every day. He must take stock of himself in relation to his service and accomplishments for the Lord and the growth and maturity in his character. He must ask, "Am I doing all I can to insure my growth, stabilization and maturation as a child of God? Am I lending my abilities to the congregation to help it grow and prosper both physically and spiritually?"

If he finds himself lacking in these things, he needs to resolve to do better and to do more for the Lord in the future. And such a resolution must not be abandoned but he must persistently and devotedly retain it in his heart. The apostle Paul possessed this attitude. It is what allowed him to be successful as a disciple of the Lord. He said, "...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

As Christians, we must also be looking forward. We should not dwell upon or worry about past failures. Neither should we sit back and rest upon or gloat over past accomplishments. The child of God never reaches a point where he does not need to continue to grow. He never reaches a point in his service to Christ where he has done enough. Diligence in both these areas must always be given to make "our calling and election sure" (2 Pet. 1:10-11).

The following are some questions that all of us need to ask ourselves to see if we are what we should be in the sight of God or if we need to change our attitudes.

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

•Do I study the Bible diligently? Bible classes and sermons do not supply all the needs of the Christian do grow as he should. Personal, diligent study on his part is essential if he is to gain the knowledge of God's word necessary to function and mature as he should.

•Am I present at every service that I am able to attend? Attendance is usually a barometer of faithfulness. Each must ask, "Are worship assemblies important to me or do I let just anything or anyone keep me from them?" The assemblies are important enough for Christ to be there (Matt. 18:20), what could be more important to you?

•Can I be counted on to support the efforts of this church? Am I concerned about my brethren and my relationship with them? Each Christian needs to be actively involved in the work of the church in any way he can. No one is to be passive and depend upon others to do the work. If one possesses a proper love for the Lord and his brethren, he will want to working and doing his part. He will also seek to be aware of his brethren who need his help materially, emotionally and spiritually and do what he can to meet those needs.

•Am I really concerned about saving the lost? God's desire is that all should be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). His desire is so strong that He sent His Son to earth to save all who believe and obey Him (John 3:16; Heb. 5:8-9). The Christian is to have that same desire. If he does, he will do what he can personally to take the gospel to the lost.

Do you see some things in which you may be lacking? If so, resolve to change and set things in order, then, "press on."

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*Philippians 3:12-14*

*I don't mean that I am exactly what God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal. But I continue trying to reach it and make it mine. That's what Christ Jesus wants me to do. It is the reason he made me his.*

*Brothers and sisters, I know that I still have a long way to go. But there is one thing I do: **I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me.***

*I keep running hard toward the finish line to get the prize that is mine because God has called me through Christ Jesus to life up there in heaven.*

**PRESS  
ON** TOWARD  
THE  
GOAL

## 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

### New Address

The new address for-  
Ron, Julie, and Spencer Harlow  
is on the bulletin board in the hallway.



### 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.

This week's scriptures to memorize are:

Psalms 119: 77-78

77. Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;

For Your law is my delight.

78. Let those who fear You turn to me,

Those who know Your testimonies.

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

### *Prayer List*

**Lee Rust**, grandfather of Jacob Green's friend, surgery to place stints

**JD Martin** auto accident

**Bruce House's Mother**

**Charlene Dickerson** knee replacement surgery

**Nora**, Stacey Brown's grandmother is in the hospital

**Brian Eviston**, former student of Bill Morgan, ALS

**June Pugh**

**Oswaldo Bonaga**, friend of Vicky Robinson, health issues

**Alexis Aiken**, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,

**Nancy Noojin**, Karen Brown's cousin, health issues

**Bowen Becker**, Bob Becker's grandson, heart problems

**Stacie Grindstaff**

**Peggy Harber**, Bob Warmack's cousin, on life support

**Cindy Walker** health issues

**David Mayfield** 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 with cancer and their families**

Oswaldo Bonaga	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

Cale Thomas

### **Our shut-ins and those caring for them**

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*

Please check the prayer list and let me know of any updates.

Thank you.-Nita

## Serving in AM Worship

	<b>January 1</b>	<b>January 8</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	JD Martin	Carl Power
Song Leader	Randy Johnson	Conner Wilburn
Communion	Carl Power	Clint Green
Serve	Daniel House	Daniel House
Serve	Dan Brown	Dan Brown
Serve	Jerry Gorman	Jerry Gorman
Serve	Kyle Strasser	Kyle Strasser
Serve	Matthew Hallmark	Matthew Hallmark
Serve	Bobby Lemay	Bobby Lemay
Scripture Reading	Jerry Gorman	Kyle Strasser
<i>Philippians 3: 12-14</i>		
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
<i>Worthy Spiritual Goals That Can Help Us Grow</i>		
Closing Prayer	Mark Walker	Robert Budy

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Bobby Lemay	Randy Johnson
Song Leader	Randy Johnson	Conner Wilburn
Communion	Carl Power	Clint Green
Sermon	Bruce House	Carl Power
Closing Prayer	Wyatt Robbins	Art Green

## Wednesday

	<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 11</b>
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Robert Budy
Invitation	Bruce House	Jerry Gorman
Closing Prayer	Bobby Lemay	Bobby Lemay
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

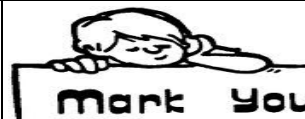
## Communion Prep

January	<b>Communion Prep needed</b>
February	<b>Communion Prep needed</b>

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

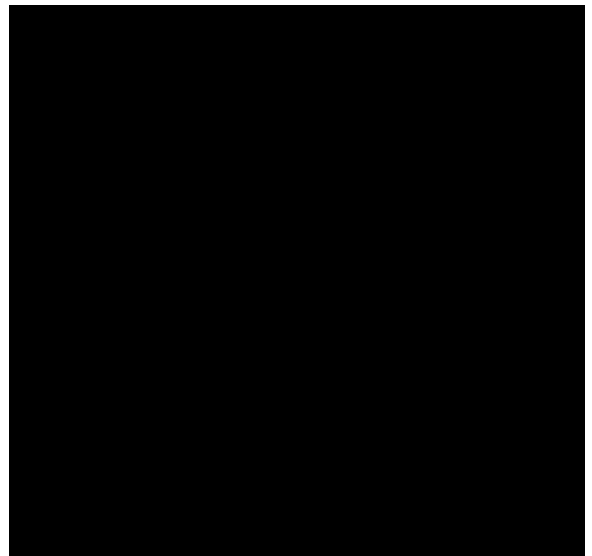
## Greeters

January	<b>Greeters Needed</b>
February	<b>Greeters Needed</b>



## Mark Your Calendar

Jan	6	Bible Bowl Meeting
Jan	7	Lads to Leaders Indv. Scrapbook
Jan	8	Lads to Leaders Team A
Jan	14	Shelter Meal
Jan	14	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Jan	22	Potluck
Jan	22	Lads to Leaders Team B
Feb	17	Bible Bowl Meeting
Feb	18	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Feb	19	Lads to Leaders Team A
Feb	26	Lads to Leaders Team B



## 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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