

# Church of Christ

# Florence



January 8, 2017

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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.

## We Preach Christ Crucified

by Joe R. Price

Paul Preaching while holding copy of Bible "We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness" (I Corinthians 1:23). Let there be no mistake: Preaching "Christ crucified" is gospel preaching. The "word of the cross" is the power of God to save the lost (I Corinthians 1:18, 21; Romans 1:16). It reveals how God forgives sinners and what sinners must do to receive God's forgiveness (Romans 1:17; 3:21-26; Acts 2:37). It must be preached.

The apostle Paul observed that when he preached at Corinth he "determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (I Corinthians 2:2). Some hastily conclude that to preach Jesus is to preach only the life and death of Jesus and not the doctrine recorded in the inspired epistles by Christ's apostles and prophets. We are told, in effect, that Jesus is more important than His doctrine. Yet, He is "the Truth," which indisputably involves His doctrine (John 14:6; 7:16-17). Such minimizing of doctrine allows for the subjective interpretation of Scripture ("choose the doctrine of your choice"). Such a view affirms that Jesus approves of each person deciding what doctrine is important and what is unimportant. We are scolded when we teach there is one body of doctrine (teaching) that is truth for all (John 17:17). "Just preach Christ and leave others alone," we are told.

In order to preach the "message of the cross" we must know what that preaching includes (I Corinthians 1:18, 21). Does it include the plan of salvation? Does it include principles of divine authority? Does it include the work and organization of the church? Does it include teaching about sin? Does it include instruction on human obedience? Does it include preaching the fulfillment of prophecy? The Scriptures answer "yes" to each of these questions. Let us see what it means to "preach Christ crucified."

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

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In Acts 8:5, Philip “preached Christ” to the city of Samaria. What did that entail? In Acts 8:12 we learn that he preached the “things concerning the kingdom of God.” Without question, preaching Christ is preaching about His kingdom, the church of Christ (Matthew 16:18-19). After all, the church is His body and fullness (Ephesians 1:22-23). How can one preach Christ and not preach about His body, the church? How can one preach Christ and not preach that He is the savior of His body, the church (Ephesians 5:23)?

When Philip “preached Christ” he preached concerning “the name of Jesus Christ” (Acts 8:12). He proclaimed Christ’s authority; His right to rule our lives (Matthew 28:18-19; Ephesians 1:20-23). To fully preach Christ we must preach His authority. Preaching how the authority of Christ is established and applied in Scripture should not be denounced as not preaching Jesus. Just the opposite is true; we will preach about Bible authority when we preach Christ. Whatever we say and do must be supported by His authority (Colossians 3:17). And, by the way, His authority is revealed to us in “the word of His power,” His New Testament - “the word of the truth of the gospel” (Colossians 1:5; Hebrews 1:1-3; John 16:13; II Timothy 3:16-17).

When Philip “preached Christ” he preached baptism, since “both men and women were baptized” (Acts 8:12). This means he preached about sin and how sinners are saved (Acts 2:37-38, 40). This means he taught the plan of salvation when he preached Christ to the Samaritans (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; 8:1, 4). Those who believed the gospel obeyed it and were saved (Acts 8:12-13). We conclude that Philip preached the continuing responsibilities of faithful, obedient discipleship (Acts 8:13). None should object to preaching the responsibilities of discipleship (such as moral purity, Romans 12:1-2) as not preaching Christ. “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Colossians 2:6-7).

When Philip “preached Christ” he preached fulfilled prophecy. In Acts 8:35, Philip “preached Jesus” from Isaiah 53:7-8, instructing the Ethiopian that Jesus fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecy. The Jesus whom we preach is the suffering Christ of Old Testament prophecy (Acts 17:2-3).

The New Testament of Christ is the apostles’ doctrine that was preached in the first century (Romans 16:25). It is what lost souls heard, believed and obeyed in order to be saved from their sins (Acts 2:40-41). The gospel they preached was not their own; it was revealed to them by the Spirit of God (John 16:12-15; Galatians 1:11-12; I Thessalonians 2:13). It was the “word of the cross” then, and it continues to be the “word of the cross” today (I Corinthians 1:18; I Peter 1:22-25).

We will not make distinctions in God’s word where there are none. To “preach Christ crucified” includes preaching that Jesus fulfilled God’s prophetic plan to save sinners. It includes His life, death, resurrection and exaltation; it includes man’s faith and obedience; it includes the church of Christ and the authority of Christ over our lives. We must preach the “whole counsel of God,” the inspired Scriptures (II Timothy 3:16-4:2; Acts 20:27). To do less is not preaching Christ crucified to the world.

*For God so loved the World,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever Believeth in him should not perish,  
but have Everlasting Life*  
*John 3:16*

## 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

Our next meal for the Northern Kentucky Emergency Shelter is January 14th. Your generosity in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet located 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: 79-80

79. Let those who fear You turn to me,

Those who know Your testimonies.

80. Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes,

That I may not be ashamed.

**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*

Lois Cravens, Teddi Budy's sister, knee surgery  
 Jerry Cantrell, Bruce House's friend, stroke  
 Lee Rust, grandfather of Jacob Green's friend, heart surgery  
**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  
**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  
**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 Who Have Lost Loved Ones**  
 Osvaldo Bonaga's Family

### **Those with cancer and their families**

Cale Thomas	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

### **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 8</b>	<b>January 15</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Carl Power	Wyatt Robbins
Song Leader	Conner Wilburn	Jesse Black
Communion	Clint Green	Art 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 <i>John 3: 14-17</i>	Kyle Strasser	Dave Moster
Sermon <i>Lifting Up Christ</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Robert Budy	Randy Johnson

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Randy Johnson	Wyatt Robbins
Song Leader	Conner Wilburn	Jesse Black
Communion	Clint Green	Art Green
Sermon	Carl Power	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Art Green	Kyle Strasser

## Wednesday

	<b>January 11</b>	<b>January 18</b>
Song Leader	Robert Budy	Jerry Gorman
Invitation	Jerry Gorman	Kyle Strasser
Closing Prayer	Bobby Lemay	Dave Moster
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

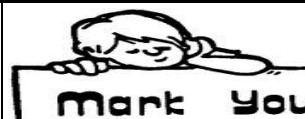
## Communion Prep

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*

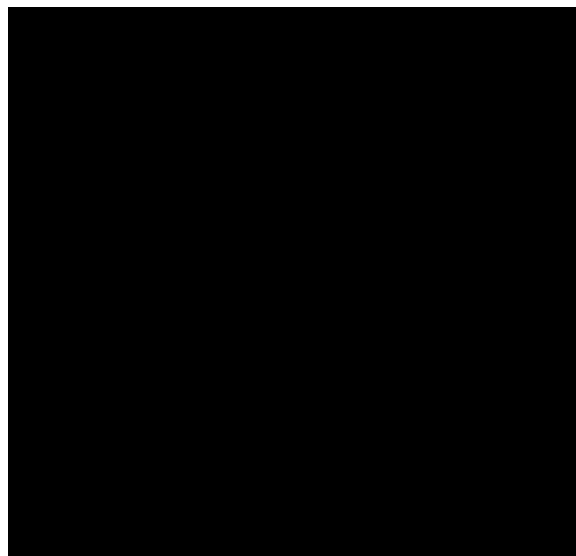
## Greeters

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



## Mark Your Calendar

Jan	8	Lads to Leaders Team A
Jan	14	Shelter Meal
Jan	21	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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