

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.

WHAT OUR YOUTH REALLY NEED!

Written By: Mark K. Lewis

There is much reason for concern today as to what our young people are being taught, and how they are being led. Are they really being rooted and grounded in the faith? Are they being taught the truth on the distinctive nature of the church, instrumental music, miracles, creation vs. evolution, authority of elders, the work and worship of the church – and a host of other crucial issues that separate the body of Christ from religions of man? Beloved, just because we who are older in the faith may know the answers to these problems does not mean our youth automatically do! Only by properly training our young people can we guard against their loss. Entertainment and spiritual candy will not cut it! Let's look at four things today that our youth really need, things that I fear they are not getting in many places.

Our Youth Need Pure Bible Teaching!

Though young people have special trials and temptations peculiar to their age, the answer is not entertainment and pabulum! The answer to overcoming sin is the same for everybody: "By the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer" (Psalm 17:4). Concerning the righteous man, the Psalmist says, "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide" (Psalm 37:31). How do we overcome sin and temptation? By hiding God's Word in our hearts (Psalm 119:11). Our youth need to be taught the Bible so that they will be strengthened in faith (Romans 10:17) and mature as Christians (I Peter 2: 1-2; II Peter 3:18), rather than be tossed about by every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4: 14) and destroyed (Hosea 4:6). "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psalm 119:9). We must not be afraid to teach our young strong Bible sermons. They need to hear these things to build a strong church for the future.

Our Youth Need to Be Taught to Respect Authority

A failure to respect authority is disastrous (Leviticus 10:1-2; II Samuel 6). God has placed authority in the home (Ephesians 6:1), in governments (Romans 13:1-7), and in the church (Hebrews 13:17; Acts 20:28), and failure to respect any of these is sinful. Even when we do not agree with the expedient decisions of those in authority, we must respect them and not rebel. One reason ancient Israel went from "scarlet to dung-hill" (Lamentation 4:5) is that "the faces of elders were not honored" (Lamentation 5:12). Our youth need to be taught to respect those in authority, even when they disagree with them.

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The Church you read about in the Bible

Our Youth Need to Be Taught to Consider the Consequences of Their Actions

Being able to look ahead, and to understand the value of Bible Study, properly chosen friends, selecting a Christian mate, and so forth, is true wisdom. Paul tells us that "whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Moses' comment in Deuteronomy 32:29 is priceless: "Oh, that they were wise, that they would understand this, that they would consider the latter end." Our youth need to be drilled to look ahead, think ahead, plan ahead – "If I do this, what will be the result?" We will otherwise one day look back and ask ourselves, "What reward did I get from those things of which I am now ashamed?" (Romans 6:21). The attitude of "Well, I'll do what I want to when I want to do it and nobody is going to stop me" will lead straight to the pig-pen (Luke 15:16). In Ecclesiastes 11:9, Solomon says, in essence: "Go ahead, youth, enjoy yourselves. Live it up. Follow your heart and whatever your eyes see that you want, go after it." But then comes the punch line: "But know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." Learning to consider the results is something we all need to do. But, prayerfully, many of our youth will learn it while yet young.

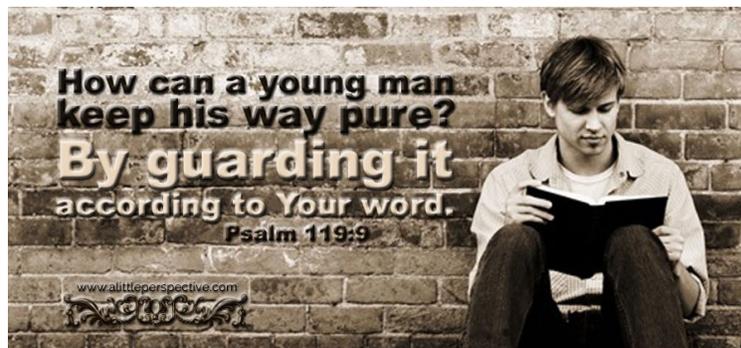
Our Youth Need A Good Example from Parents and Older Christians

Paul wrote, "None of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself" (Romans 14:7). Christian parents are spiritual criminals when they smoke, drink, curse, lie, and dress immodestly, etc., in front of their children.

These parents may think such is having no effect upon their children, but they could not be more wrong. Parents are to raise their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4), and are a large part of that is setting the proper example.

We need more parents like Abraham, who God said "will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord" (Genesis 18:19). We need more fathers like Joshua, who declared that he and his house would serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15). We need more mothers like Hannah, who said concerning her son, "I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life" (I Samuel 1:11). We need fewer parents like Eli, whose "sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not" (I Samuel 3:13); or like Aaron, whose flip-pant attitude toward God's laws rubbed off on his sons (see Exodus 32:24; Leviticus 10:1-2). When we have mothers like Lois and Eunice, we will have sons like Timothy (II Timothy 1:5; 3:14,15).

Children, with their implicit, unconditional trust in their parents, will learn early to love the things Mom and Dad love, and hate the things Mom and Dad hate. Thus, when Christian parents show that their first love is God and His Word, likely the children will learn to love spiritual things, too. If we show, even subconsciously, that we are more interested in the world and earthly junk than the Lord's cause, do not be surprised if the children grow up the same way. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Our youth need the proper example in lifestyle and attitude from older Christians.



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 March 11th. A list of items needed and sign up sheets are located on the Benevolence board in the hallway. Your generosity in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

Help Wanted

2017 Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway. Greeters and people to prepare the communion are needed.

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: 95-96

95. The wicked wait for me to destroy me.

But I will consider Your testimonies.

96. I have seen the consummation of all perfection,

But Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

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

Thank you.-Nita

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

Malakai Martin

Barbra Thompson health issues

Rachel Dooley recovering from accident

Cheryl Whitt, Karen Brown's sister in law, knee surgery

Michele Black recovering from an injury suffered in a fall

Rachel Wilson, Leah Robbins' ballet teacher, passing out

Candice and Raelynn, friend of Cassi Lemay

Eunice Chumbley

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

Power Family

Lonard Family

Those with cancer and their families

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	December Vosquez

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

Serving in AM Worship

	March 5	March 12
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Art Green	Mark Walker
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Randy Johnson
Communion	Bill Morgan	Robert Budy
Serve	Matthew Hallmark	Matthew Hallmark
Serve	Bobby Lemay	Bobby Lemay
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Serve	Daniel House	Daniel House
Serve	Jerry Gorman	Jerry Gorman
Serve	Elvis Byrd	Elvis Byrd
Scripture Reading <i>Psalms 119: 1-11</i>	Nathan Bowling	Ken Strasser
Sermon <i>How Will A Young Man Keep Himself Clean?</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Robert Budy	Bobby Lemay

Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Bob Warmack	Art Green
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Randy Johnson
Communion	Bill Morgan	Robert Budy
Invitation	Bruce House	Carl Power
Closing Prayer	Dan Brown	Dave Moster

Wednesday

	March 8	March 15
Song Leader	Bobby Lemay	Robert Budy
Invitation	Robert Budy	Bob Warmack
Closing Prayer	Dan Brown	Jerry Gorman
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

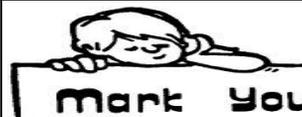
Communion Prep

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April	Prep Needed

Greeters

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April	Greeters Needed

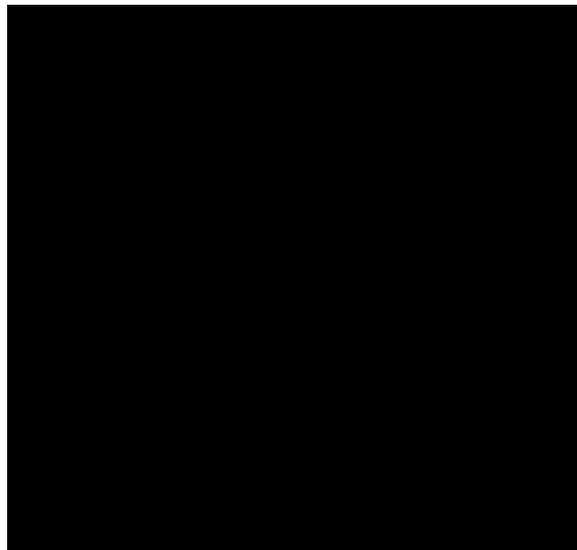
Serve
wholeheartedly, as
if you were serving
the Lord, not men.
Ephesians 6:7



Mark Your Calendar

Mar	10	Bible Bowl Meeting
Mar	11	VBS Work Day
Mar	12	Lads to Leaders Team A
Mar	18	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Mar	26	Lads to Leaders Team B
Mar	26	Potluck Theme: <i>Everything Green</i>

Bring whatever main dish you would like, but if you are bringing a side or dessert, bring something green!



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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