

# Church of Christ

# Florence



March 12, 2017

## Elders

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

## Deacons

*Jesse Black*  
*Matthew Hallmark*  
*Wyatt Robbins*

## 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.

## You Are Beloved

by Kent Heaton

To be a child of God is to enjoy the immeasurable blessings of a heavenly Father who grants gifts of mercy and grace to His children daily. Because of the sacrifice of the "only begotten Son," (John 3:16) Christians embrace the warm relationship of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul declares the wondrous majesty of God's people when he calls them the "elect of God, holy and beloved" (Colossians 3:12). The Lord looks upon His people as said of Israel in Zechariah 2:8 - "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.'"

The elect of God are His own special people. "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy" (1 Peter 2:9-10). Christians are the chosen people of God and the priesthood established under Christ. As a nation of holy people we are to be that special gathering of mankind that enjoys the eternal blessings of the heavenly Father. Transformed from the power of darkness we are translated to the kingdom of light to show forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness (Colossians 1:12-13).

The feelings of the Father toward His children are described as "beloved." The Greek word "beloved" is the word 'agapao' or "love." This word is used as a nobler form of love beyond the simple affectionate love 'phileo.' To be the "beloved" shows a deeper and constant love of the Father to His children. Ezekiel expressed in the description of God toward His people the loving care of God - "When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine, says the Lord GOD" (Ezekiel 16:8).

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

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How can man compare the blessing of being the "beloved" of God with anything in this world? Not even the binding relationship of loving parents can instill the depth of love and the measure of peace given to the "beloved" by the Father. There is no measure. There is no confidence in the flesh. There is no thought that can transcend the essence of being under the wing of God and to know that a covenant exists where God says, "you are Mine." With this kind of love we can dismiss the cares of the world and live with the peace of God every day. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

The elect of God enjoy the blessing of being the beloved of God. Our lives should reflect daily the respect for His name, the honor of His covenant, the privilege of being called the children of God. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" (I John 3:1).

"How precious is Your loving-kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light" (Psalms 36:7-9).



**Area-Wide Singing  
Grant County  
Church of Christ  
Sunday, April 2, 2017  
2pm-4pm  
Celebrating 10 Years!**

## 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 made yesterday's shelter meal possible. Your generosity in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

The shelter will be closed the month of April. We will begin providing a monthly meal again in May.

### Help Wanted Still

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: 97-98

97. Oh, how I love Your law!

It is my meditation all the day

98. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;

For they are ever with me.

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**

**Piercefield Family**

**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

	<b>March 12</b>	<b>March 19</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Mark Walker	Wyatt Robbins
Song Leader	Randy Johnson	Carl Power
Communion	Robert Budy	Jesse Black
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>1 John 4:7-10</i>	Ken Strasser	Dave Moster
Sermon <i>Looking For Love</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Bobby Lemay	Clint Green

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Art Green	Robert Budy
Song Leader	Randy Johnson	Carl Power
Communion	Robert Budy	Jesse Black
Invitation	Carl Power	Kyle Strasser
Closing Prayer	Dave Moster	Wyatt Robbins

## Wednesday

	<b>March 15</b>	<b>March 22</b>
Song Leader	Robert Budy	Jerry Gorman
Invitation	Bob Warmack	Ken Strasser
Closing Prayer	Jerry Gorman	Art Green
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

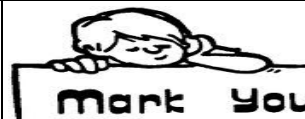
## Communion Prep

March	Naiome House
April	Prep Needed

## Greeters

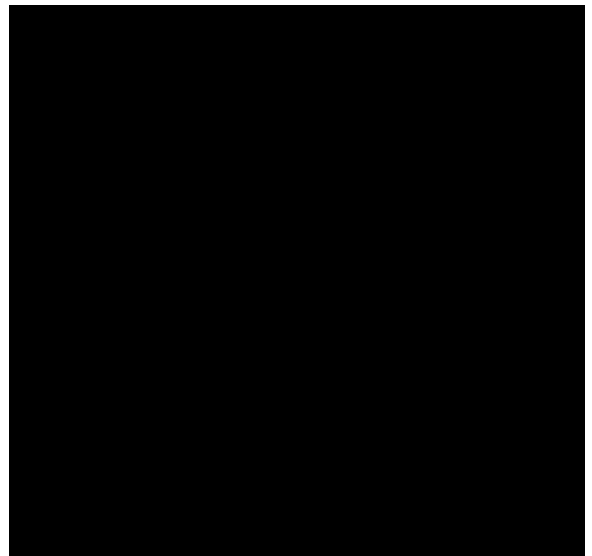
March	Greeters Needed
April	Greeters Needed

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



## Mark Your Calendar

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!
Apr	1	Lads to Leaders Indv. Scrapbook
Apr	2	Lads to Leaders Team A
Apr	7	Bible Bowl Meeting
Apr	8	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Apr	9	Lads to Leaders Team B
Apr	14-16	Lads to Leaders Convention



## 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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