

# Church of Christ

# Florence

March 19, 2017

## Elders

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## Deacons

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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.

## Lesson from a Funeral

by Harry R. Osborne

Have you been to a funeral lately? None of us enjoys funerals, but the reflection demanded by such occasions is good for us. The Bible speaks of the need to learn the lessons that are taught by facing death's reality. Notice the words of Solomon:

"It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men; and the living will take it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by a sad countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth" (Ecclesiastes 7:2-4).

A while back, I entered the house of mourning for an especially thought-provoking funeral. The body of a young man who had turned 18 just three weeks before lay in the casket. He died as the result of a car accident which also took the lives of three other teenagers enjoying a week off during Spring break. Hundreds of teenagers from the local high school were present.

The death served as a vivid reminder that the curse of death that has invaded our world as a result of sin may bring tragedy upon all. This random occurrence of accidental death was well described by one Bible writer of old:

"I returned and saw under the sun that -- The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor favor to men of skill; but time and chance happen to them all. For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them" (Ecclesiastes 9:11-12).

The death of any person we have known makes us face death as a reality. When we attend a funeral, death is not a theoretical proposition -- it is a reality! We are forced to contemplate the fact that we too will die just as the one whose memory we honor at a funeral. The admission of that reality brings with it several lessons.

First, we must see the brevity of life. The Psalmist said, "Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor" (Psalm 39:5).

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

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In the New Testament, James refers to the same thing noting, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). Therefore, our prayer should be that of Psalm 90:12 -- "So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Second, we are impressed with the frailty of life. When we see the body of one so alive a few days ago now lifeless within the casket, this lesson is impossible to ignore. David speaks of life's uncertainty by noting that "there is but a step between me and death" (1 Samuel 20:3). Solomon declared the same thing saying, "No one has power over the day of death" (Ecclesiastes 8:8).

Third, we are brought to contemplate what lies beyond this life. The Bible answers that point emphatically by stating, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Whether in youth or in later years, all of us must be prepared to meet God in judgment, "For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether it is good or whether it is evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

We have no guarantee on life. We hold no lease for so many years. If that young man could pass from this life unexpectedly in his youth, so you and I may too pass at any time. We must all learn this lesson often forgotten until driven into our hearts by the house of mourning.

Yes, it is good to go into the house of mourning. It is not enjoyable, but it is still good. The good comes from the fact that we are made better by facing the lessons learned by the occasion and changing our life for the better. Let us all seriously reflect upon our lives in view of our certain destiny to face God in judgment.



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

## 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

## 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.



## Lads to Leaders

Team A and Team B

Meet Today

1:00-3:00

## 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: 99-100

99. I have more understanding than all my teachers,

For Your testimonies are my meditation.

100. I understand more than the ancients,

Because I keep Your precepts.

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**

**Walker Family**

**Piercefield 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

Will Rogers

### **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 19</b>	<b>March 26</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Wyatt Robbins	Bob Warmack
Song Leader	Carl Power	Dale Franklin
Communion	Jesse Black	Randy Johnson
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	Dave Moster	Kyle Strasser
<i>Psalm 39: 4-5</i>		
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
<i>Are You Preparing For Eternity</i>		
Closing Prayer	Clint Green	Mark Walker

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Robert Budy	Jerry Gorman
Song Leader	Carl Power	Dale Franklin
Communion	Jesse Black	Randy Johnson
Invitation	Kyle Strasser	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Wyatt Robbins	Jesse Black

## Wednesday

	<b>March 22</b>	<b>March 29</b>
Song Leader	Jerry Gorman	Jesse Black
Invitation	Ken Strasser	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Art Green	Daniel House
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

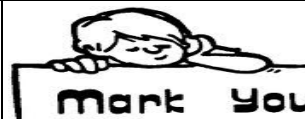
## Communion Prep

March	Naiome House
April	Prep Needed

## Greeters

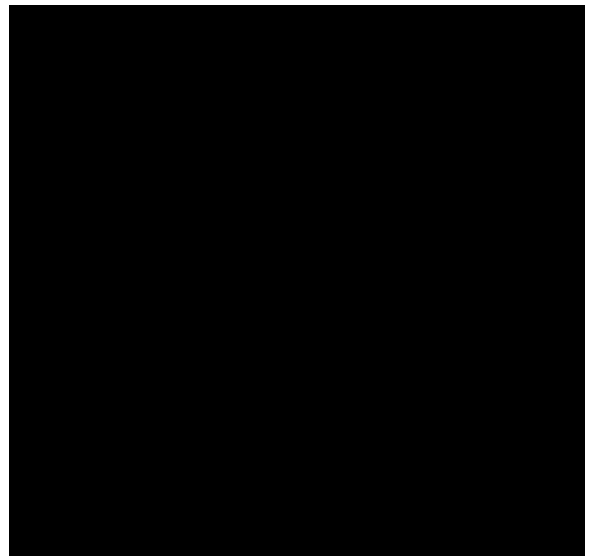
March	Greeters Needed
April	Greeters Needed

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



## Mark Your Calendar

Mar	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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