

Church of Christ

Florence

May 7, 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.

Two Young Men Baptized

by Mike Willis

I recently conducted a meeting in which two young men were baptized on Thursday night prior to the services beginning. It was the highlight of a good meeting. On Friday night when the meeting came to a close, as the father of the two young men came out I said, "This will be a meeting that you will never forget." He agreed and then began to thank me for my part in their baptism. I have long thought that most of those who are baptized in a meeting are baptized because of the work done beforehand by those who influence one's life. Therefore, I minimized the part that I had played and expressed my appreciation for the influence of the mother and dad in the conversion of their sons. He protested saying, "You don't understand what part you played." He then proceeded to relate the following story, which I have supplemented to make it more understandable.

He stated that he came to worship services on the Sunday morning the meeting started with the van loaded with camping gear to take his sons to a Boy Scout camp that afternoon. The father and sons were expecting to be away through Tuesday night. It just so happened that I preached a sermon on Sunday morning entitled "What It Takes To Survive." The gist of the lesson was to make some points about what it takes for a person to survive spiritually. The first point in the lesson is "Commitment." In this point, I develop the idea that one must love the Lord above everything else in the world. Jesus said that this is the greatest commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38). To emphasize this point even further, I quoted and commented on Luke 9:57-62 which reads as follows:

"And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

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The Church you read about in the Bible

In emphasizing this text, I point out that Jesus would not accept as a disciple one who put burying his father above his service to Christ, or one who placed telling his friends goodbye above his service to Christ. I emphasized that serving Christ demands a commitment that places loyalty to him above every other thing in the world. Then I made application of this: Commitment to Christ is going to take precedence over watching a TV show, attending school functions, participating in family events, etc. I was totally unaware of this brother's circumstances when I preached the sermon.

Without me or anyone else knowing it, this brother went into the preacher's office between Bible study and worship and called the Boy Scout leader to tell him that he and his sons would not be going on the outing that was scheduled to begin that Sunday afternoon. He related to me that he felt sorry for what his sons were missing all week.

On Sunday afternoon, the congregation conducted a men's training class to develop its younger boys. The two sons participated by leading a song and offering a short invitation — reading the Scriptures related to the plan of salvation. As I watched them speak and knew that these two boys had not yet obeyed the gospel, I thought, "You ought to obey what you just read." On Thursday night they did!

What do you think would have been the result if the father had chosen to take them to Boy Scout camp instead of making the choice to put the gospel meeting and service to Christ above the Boy Scout outing? Do you think we would have baptized them that week? What lesson do you think that this father taught his children about priorities that week?

And, by the way, the young boys related to their father later that week that they were glad that he made the decision to cancel their Boy Scout trip. The attitude these young men displayed tells me something about them. They did not resent their father, pout about his choice all week, or otherwise act rebelliously or disappointed. When I was visiting in their home they were involved in the conversations that were conducted. We expect to hear great things out of these two young men in the future.



7 Ways Churches Can Help Boone County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children)

1. **Become a Volunteer!** Volunteer to be trained to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate and advocate for children in court
2. **Schedule a Presentation:** invite the CASA program staff in to give a 10 minute presentation about volunteering to become a CASA
3. **National Blue Sunday:** A day when churches across the nation pray for neglected and abused children and their abusers
4. **Become an Ambassador:** There is a need in our community for more CASA volunteers. Attend an open house and learn more about the role of CASA volunteers, and help spread the word about CASA
5. **CASA Training:** Provide meeting space and refreshments for CASA trainings
6. **Fundraisers:** Participate in and/or assist with our fundraisers
7. **Board of Directors:** Consider serving on our board

If you are interested in helping in any of the ways listed above, please contact us at 859.586.1222 or cbohman@boonecountyky.org. You can also learn more about CASA at www.vecomeacasa.org.

Voices For Children



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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



All Ladies are cordially invited

Sunday, May 21st

3:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Evenings

7:00-8:00

We will begin in Genesis

For more information

Please see Teddi Budy

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

Christopher Bradford, Jesse & Michele's son in law, deployment to UAE

Ronnie Queen, Teddi Budy's brother in law, surgery to place stent

Kim Brannon, Stacey Brown's Aunt, lung disease, testing, and transplant

Nathan House mission in Guatemala

Malakai Martin

Barbra Thompson health issues

Rachel Dooley recovering from accident

Rachel Wilson, Leah Robbins' ballet teacher, passing out

Roy & June Pugh

Alexis Aiken, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,

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

Michelle Thorpe family

Those with cancer and their families

Libby McDonald	Dennis Blundell	Margie Koons
Randy Williams	Desirae Wilson	Janice Gallagher
Gary Burke	Dwight Lowerg	Kay Shinn
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	Mrs. Zeph	

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

	May 7	May 14
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Bob Warmack	Clint Green
Song Leader	Matthew Hallmark	Jesse Black
Communion	Carl Power	Art Green
Serve	Elvis Byrd	Elvis Byrd
Serve	Dan Brown	Dan Brown
Serve	Daniel House	Daniel House
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Serve	Jerry Gorman	Jerry Gorman
Serve	Wyatt Robbins	Wyatt Robbins
Scripture Reading <i>Luke 14: 15-24</i>	Clint Green	Kyle Strasser
Sermon <i>Making Excuses For Not Obeying The Gospel</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Art Green	Mark Walker

Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Jerry Gorman	Robert Budy
Song Leader	Matthew Hallmark	Jesse Black
Communion	Carl Power	Art Green
Invitation	Bruce House	Carl Power
Closing Prayer	Bobby Lemay	Dave Moster

Wednesday

	May 10	May 17
Song Leader	Jerry Gorman	Bobby Lemay
Invitation	Bruce House	Jerry Gorman
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Closing Prayer	Dan Brown	Dave Moster

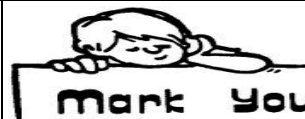
Communion Prep

May	Gormans
June	Shelly and Chad Nelson

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

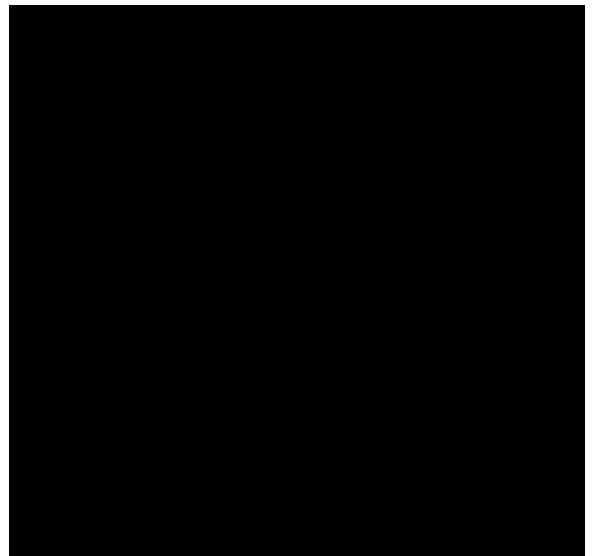
Greeters

May	Greeters Needed
June	Greeters Needed



Mark Your Calendar

May	7	Men's Prayer Session
May	13	Shelter Meal
May	20	VBS Workday
May	21	Ladies Tea
May	28	Potluck Theme: Summer Kick Off
Jun	11	VBS Kickoff
Jun	12-14	VBS <u>May The Faith Be With You</u>



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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