

# Church of Christ

# Florence

May 6th 2018

## Elders

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

## Deacons

Jesse Black  
Wyatt Robbins

## Minister

Bruce House  
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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  |

## Contact Information

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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.

## Run with Endurance

by Dennis Stackhouse

We have a wonderfully challenging statement given to us in [Hebrews 12:1](#): *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.* "How often do we think about this life as being a race? Probably not often enough. However, the Hebrews writer tells us that the race has been set before all of us. And it's not to be viewed as an isolated event; we have a *great cloud of witnesses surrounding us.* "We should also realize that this race is not a sprint that requires a quick burst of energy; it is rather to be understood as a marathon calling for endurance.

The writer also gives us some insight as to how we can successfully navigate this race. Notice that we are to *lay aside every encumbrance.* "These would be things that weigh us down, things that impede our progress. In addition, we must be watchful for the *sin which so easily entangles us.* "We live in a world of evil and must never underestimate that, nor the power of the evil one. It seems that identifying these encumbrances and sins would be basic to removing them from our lives, thus allowing us to endure until the race is completed.

The idea that a Christian is to endure in this physical life is certainly not peculiar to this one passage. For example, the apostle Paul wrote in [1 Corinthians 9:24](#): *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.* "When one becomes a Christian, he or she has entered the race that is designed to culminate in heaven. Certainly, we understand that this race of life does require endurance and that we need to be in it for the long haul, so to speak. In fact, Paul realized that he himself needed to exercise due diligence as we see in [1 Corinthians 9:27](#): *But I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.*"

Notice also the exhortation found in [Philippians 3:12-14](#): *Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* "What a tremendous attitude this is for every Christian to embrace. As long as there is the breath of life within us, we need to press on with endurance for that heavenly prize that awaits.

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

The end result of our endurance is beautifully summed up in the words of [2 Timothy 4:7-8](#): *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.* "If we faithfully endure in this life, fighting the good fight, finishing the course and keeping the faith, the reward will be far beyond anything we can possibly imagine.

## VBS

Everything is Awesome!

Building a relationship with God  
Kick off June 10th after PM service

Dates: June 11th, 12th, 13th

Time: 6:30-8:30

Adult Class

Bring your friends



We need lots of help with VBS! Sign up sheets are hanging in the hall please check them out and consider signing up for group leaders, helpers, classroom workers, skit actors and much more!



Ladies Tea!  
May 20th  
3:00 PM  
More info to  
come  
All Ladies  
are invited



Sign up sheet for our  
three families that we  
help in hanging up  
check it out!

**Thank You!**  
Everyone for the cards, letters, flowers, and gifts that were sent to me after my surgery. It was a much more involved surgery than I would have ever anticipated as was the recovery time. Your thoughts and prayers made the difference to me and helped so much with my healing. I have probably at last 4-6 weeks before I can go back to work so if you could continue to pray for me I would appreciate it.  
Thank you again for your kindness.  
Cathy Cann

May shelter meal  
sign up sheet is  
hanging up!  
Please sign up  
and  
volunteer to  
serve!

Shelter meal is  
this Saturday!  
May 12th

## Prayer List

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

## 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

We will be helping several families each month with several items. Check out the list hanging in the hall and see what might still need to be donated. Any questions talk to Kenny, Teddi or Lela. Thank you for everything you do!  
 Matthew 20:28

\*All Items are due at the end of the month\*

### Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Nights

7:00-8:00

We are studying Exodus

For more information

Please see Teddi Budy

Cancelled this week



## Prayer List

**Caleb Robbins** keep him and the family in your prayers .

**Lillie Flemings** Carolyn Thomas mother is very weak and sick she has lost 40 pounds in the last 6 weeks. Please keep Lillie and her family in your prayers while the doctors figure out what is going on.

**Logan Cooper** Alice Sowders grandson's colitis is back please keep him in your prayers.

**Margie Koon** Continue praying for her and her family. Heading to Nashville for Treatment.

**Brooks Dobson** 4 year old cousin of Carl Power was diagnosed with a brain tumor prayers for him and the family He will be having radiation for 8 weeks.

**Doug Campbell** had heart surgery everything went well. Please keep praying for his recovery.

**Cathy Cann** Keep praying for her continued healing.

**Michele Black** has a blockage in the left side of her heart, keep her and the family in your prayers while they figure out how to treat it.

### Those with cancer and their families

|                 |                |                  |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
|                 | Mark Black     | Margie Koons     |
| Randy Williams  | Desirae Wilson | Janice Gallagher |
| Jeanette Misner | Dwight Lowerg  | Kay Shinck       |
| Kristen Shaw    | Layla Adkins   | Jim McCarthy     |
| Donna Farrar    | Ayden Egan     | Donnice Palmer   |
| Lorraine Starr  | Peggy Davis    |                  |
| Tammy Palmer    | Gwen Miller    |                  |
| Ashley Pike     | Chad Fischer   | Mrs. Zeph        |
| Mike Lowe       | Debbie Hellman |                  |
| Brooke Justice  | Nancy Lambert  | Kaily Jones      |
| Will Rogers     | Gladys Beach   | December Vosquez |
| Lula Creech     |                |                  |

### Our shut-ins and those caring for them

Joyce Tingle  
 Eveline Lanham  
 Bob Hamon  
 Dessie Hacker

To ensure accuracy of announcements and prayer requests please fill out a gold or blue form and turn in to the office by Wednesday.

*"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>May 6th</b> | <b>May 13</b>  |
| Announcements                       | Bill Morgan    | Bill Morgan    |
| Opening Prayer                      | Randy Johnson  | Bob Warmack    |
| Song Leader                         | Jesse Black    | Carl Power     |
| Communion                           | Kenny Strasser | Bill Morgan    |
| Serve                               | Mark Walker    | Mark Walker    |
| Serve                               | Elvis Byrd     | Elvis Byrd     |
| Serve                               | Dave Moster    | Dave Moster    |
| Serve                               | Kyle Strasser  | Kyle Strasser  |
| Serve                               | Wyatt Robbins  | Wyatt Robbins  |
| Serve                               | Jerry Gorman   | Jerry Gorman   |
| Scripture Reading<br>Hebrews 12:1-3 | Wyatt Robbins  | Tom Grindstaff |
| <i>Sermon</i>                       | Bruce House    | Bruce House    |
| <i>"Running to Win"</i>             |                |                |
| Closing Prayer                      | Art Green      | Robert Budy    |

## Serving in PM Worship

|                |                |               |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Announcements  | Bill Morgan    | Bill Morgan   |
| Opening Prayer | Art Green      | Robert Budy   |
| Song Leader    | Jesse Black    | Carl Power    |
| Communion      | Kenny Strasser | Bill Morgan   |
| Invitation     | Bruce House    | Bruce House   |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Gorman   | Wyatt Robbins |

## Wednesday

|                |                |                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                | <b>May 9th</b> | <b>May 16th</b> |
| Song Leader    | Bobby Lemay    | Robert Budy     |
| Invitation     | Art Green      | Bruce House     |
| Announcements  | Art Green      | Art Green       |
| Closing Prayer | Wyatt Robbins  | Dave Moster     |

## Communion Prep

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| April | House |
| May   |       |

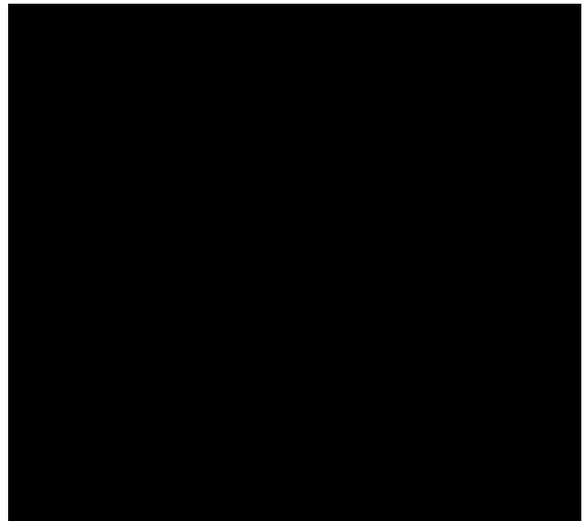
## Greeters

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



## Mark Your Calendar

|            |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|
| May 12     | Shelter Meal          |
| May 19     | VBS Work Day Canceled |
| May 27     | Pot Luck & Lads Day!  |
| June 9     | Shelter Meal          |
| June 10    | VBS Kick Off          |
| June 10-13 | VBS                   |



## Deacons

Jesse Black *Children's Education/  
Fellowships  
Building Maintenance*

Wyatt Robbins *Youth and as needed*

## Coordinators

Jerry Gorman *Prime Timers*

Dave Moster *Worship Service/  
Duty Roster*

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