

# Church of Christ

# Florence

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## Elders

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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.

## Repentance - Turning It Around

There's an old story about a man from the city who was driving out in the country one day. The signs on the road weren't very good, and he got lost. Eventually he stopped at a farmhouse to ask directions. "Can you tell me how far it is to the town of Mill Pond?" he asked the old farmer when he came to the door. "Well," said the farmer, "the way you're headed it's about 24,996 miles. But if you turn around, it's about four." That story reminds me there are times in life when the only sensible thing to do is turn around! That is re especially true if the direction we are traveling takes us further and further away from God. That story minds me of a unique and interesting directional sign my wife and I saw a few months ago in a place called Skullbone, Tennessee (in West Tennessee in Gibson County). Now, if you don't know where Skullbone is, allow me to help you out. Its two miles from Goosefoot, Tennessee! Still lost? Let me try again. According to the sign we saw, Skullbone is 11,876 miles east of Sydney, Australia! Still need help? Skullbone is only 5,431 miles northwest of Cairo, Egypt, 1,958 miles east of Los Angeles, 108 miles northeast of Memphis, and 1,128 miles northwest of Miami! The sign marks the direction and distance not only to Goosefoot and Memphis, TN, but many other famous cities around the world! Now, how far is it to Memphis from Skullbone? The sign says it is 108 miles — if you travel west. But if my math is correct, it would be 24,892 to Memphis from Skullbone if if you traveled east! Let me say it again, there are times in life when the only reasonable and sensible thing to do is turn it around!



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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

That's why John the Baptist's words in Matthew 3:1-2 still resonate 2,000 years after he uttered them. Those verses tell us shortly before Jesus began His public ministry John "came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!' "Space won't allow a very deep study here, but when John said, "Repent," he was basically calling on his hearers to turn it around. The way they were going was serving only to take them further away from God. The long-awaited Messiah, King Jesus, was very near at the time of John's preaching. A short time later, in Matthew 4:17, Jesus goes public with His ministry, and we read: "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" According to James Meadows, "Repentance is a turning of the mind brought about by godly sorrow that produces a change in life" (East TN School of Preaching Lectures, 3/8/10). This call to "repent" and turn it around literally thunders off the pages of the Bible, Old Testament and New. It is a vital theme in the Gospel along with faith in Jesus and baptism for the forgiveness of sins. The word "repent" or some form of it is mentioned more than 50 times in the New Testament. As noted, John the Baptist preached it and Jesus preached it. The twelve apostles "preached that people should repent" when Jesus sent them out two by two (Mark 6:7, 12). Paul told intellectual and academic heavyweights of his day that God "now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). And Peter wrote that the Lord "is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). The Bible is clear — God wants you to turn it around! Heaven is within our reach, but only if we repent.

Dan Gulley  
Smithville church of Christ

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Proverbs 28:13-14

13. He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

14. Happy is the man who is always reverent, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

### *The Plan of Salvation*

#### **'What Must I do to be saved?'**

This is the question that every man and woman must answer in their lives if they hope to spend eternity with God in Heaven. The apostle Paul says, in [Phil 2:12](#), to those of the church in Philippi,

*"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."*

Thus, we understand that it is our own responsibility to answer the question, "What we must do to be saved?" No one else can answer that question for us, nor can we trust others with this, most important, decision. We must seek our answer from God and His Word.

#### **God's Plan of Salvation**

##### **GOD'S PART**

1. The great love of God for man ([John 3:16](#))
2. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior ([Luke 19:10](#))
3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide ([John 16:13](#))
4. Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation ([Romans 1:16](#))
5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ ([Romans 5:9](#))

##### **MAN'S PART**

1. Hear the Gospel. ([Romans 10:17](#), [John 8:32](#))
2. Believe the Gospel ([Hebrews 11:6](#), [John 20:31](#))
3. Repent of past sins ([Luke 13:3](#), [Acts 17:30](#))
4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ ([Romans 10:10](#), [Matthew 10:32](#))
5. Be Baptized ([Galatians 3:27](#), [Mark 16:16](#), [Acts 2:38](#))
6. Be faithful unto death ([Revelations 2:10](#))

**God has done His part; will you do yours?**

**If you have any questions about salvation, are interested in a Bible study, or would like more information about the Church of Christ please contact one of the Elders or the Minister.**

## 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



## *Senior Luncheon*

November 3rd  
10:30 am  
Fellowship Hall

The Annual Seniors Luncheon is almost here. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for anyone willing to bring dishes for this event.

For more information please see Sue Gorman.

### MEETING

Elders, Deacons, Coordinators, and Preacher

Will meet November 13th

At 4:00 p.m.

### 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.

This week's scriptures to memorize are:

Psalms 119: 59-60

59. I thought about my ways,

And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

60. I made haste, and did not delay

To keep Your commandments.

**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*

**Eunice Chumbly** knee replacement surgery  
**Jim Gilpan**, friend of Clint Green, heart attack  
**Russel House**, Bruce House's father, Parkinson's  
**June Pugh**  
**Oswaldo Bonaga**, friend of Vicky Robinson, cancer and heart problems  
**Alexis Aiken**, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,  
**Nancy Noojin**, Karen Brown's cousin, health issues  
**Bowen Becker**, Bob Becker's grandson, heart problems  
**Stacie Grindstaff**  
**Peggy Harber**, Bob Warmack's cousin, on life support  
**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 Experience**  
**Those who have lost loved ones**

### **Those with cancer and their families**

Oswaldo Bonaga	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
Shari Caton	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
Cale Thomas	Donna Farrar	

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

Clarence Major	Chuck Gambil
Eveline Lanham	Dessie Hacker
Joyce Tingle	

*"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer" 1 Peter 3:12*

Please check the prayer list and let me know of any updates.  
Thank you.-Nita

## Serving in AM Worship

	<b>October 30</b>	<b>November 2</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Mark Walker	JD Martin
Song Leader	Matthew Hallmark	Jesse Black
Communion	Clint Green	Randy Johnson
Serve	Bobby Lemay	Kyle Strasser
Serve	Tom Grindstaff	Jerry Gorman
Serve	Mark Walker	Steve Thomas
Serve	Daniel House	Matthew Hallmark
Serve	Wyatt Robbins	Daniel House
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Scripture Reading	Dave Moster	Bobby Lemay
<i>Proverbs 28: 13-14</i>		
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
<i>He Who Tries To Hide His Sins Shall Not Prosper</i>		
Closing Prayer	Randy Johnson	Mark Walker

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Opening Prayer	TBA	Matthew Hallmark
Song Leader	Matthew Walker	Jesse Black
Communion	Art Green	Randy Johnson
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	TBA	Kyle Strasser

## Wednesday

	<b>November 2</b>	<b>November 9</b>
Song Leader	Jerry Gorman	Matthew Hallmark
Invitation	Robert Budy	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Jesse Black	Dave Moster
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

## Communion Prep

October	Naiome House
November	Stacey Brown

## Greeters

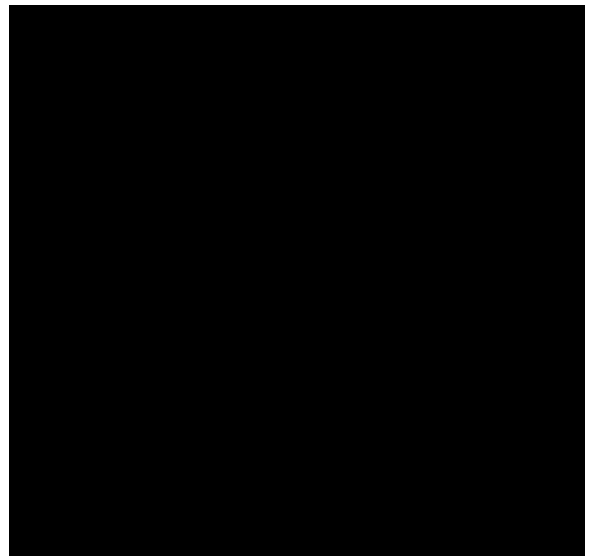
October	Cindy Presnell
November	Ruth Schindler

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



## Mark Your Calendar

Nov	3	Prime Timers' Luncheon
Nov	5	Lads to Leaders Individual Scrapbook
Nov	6	Men's Prayer Session
Nov	11	Bible Bowl Meeting
Nov	12	Shelter Meal
Nov	13	Elders, Deacons, Coordinators & Preacher Meeting
Nov	19	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Nov	20	Lads to Leaders Team A
Nov	27	Potluck <i>Theme Soup</i>
Nov	27	Lads to Leaders Team B



## 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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