

# Church of Christ

# Florence

April 2, 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.

## “These Six Things the LORD Hates”

by Tanner Campbell

"These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16-19).

There are six things that the LORD hates. “Hates” is defined as loathsome, repulsive, an enemy, a foe. Thus these six things are repulsive to God, for they are the enemy of all that is good and godly.

But wait, there aren’t just six, there is a seventh added along with the word “abomination.” Therefore the text lists seven things that the LORD not only hates but finds them abominable. “Abomination” means a disgusting thing, an abhorrence. It seems that “hate” and “abomination” can be used interchangeably.

So why are they both used in the text and why is the seventh thing not listed at first with the other six things? The wise writer is using a certain mode of speaking that seems to be customary (as it is also found in Proverbs 30:18, 21, 29; Job 5:19; Ecclesiastes 11:2; Amos 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 13; 2:1, 4, 6). This mode of speaking is possibly used in order to arouse one’s full attention to what the writer is saying.

Does it work? I can’t speak for you but the statement definitely has my attention.

The first thing that demands our attention is that these seven things are not the only abominations to God. Other scriptures mention that the LORD hates one’s justification of bad choices (Proverbs 17:15), dishonest salesmen (Proverbs 11:1), the worship of the wicked (Proverbs 15:8), the prayers of the wicked (Proverbs 28:9), evil thoughts (Proverbs 15:26), idolatry (Jeremiah 32:34), and divorce (Malachi 2:16). All in all, we can say with all scriptural proof that all sin is hated by God (Psalm 45:7; Proverbs 15:9). So then why are there only “six plus- one” things mentioned in the text under discussion?

Before we seek an answer for that question, we should remember that the doctrine of sin in the Scriptures is well defined, and we should cautiously make sure we don’t reach any conclusions about Proverbs 6:16 that would be in disharmony with the Bible’s teaching on sin. For in James 2:10 we read a perfect summary: “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

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One cannot point to Proverbs 6:16 and say that there are only seven things really important to God that we shouldn't do, and all other sins may go unpunished, or at least we will receive leniency. This is false doctrine. For James clearly points out that if one stumbles in one point (i.e. falls into one sin, it doesn't matter which one), then they are guilty of breaking the law of God. James' point is that there is no partiality with God and His commandments. Therefore, Proverbs 6:16 is not teaching that God shows Partiality to some who commit so called "lesser sins," but can not at all bear with someone who has committed one of the seven listed abominations. So again, let's let our views be in harmony with the word of God.

The truth behind Proverbs 6:16-19 is actually found right in the very context that it is often taken out of. For this text is not the start of a new subject, but the middle of one. The context begins in verse 12, saying: "A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord. Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy" (Proverbs 6:12-15).

The description of the particular wicked man, given in verses 12-15, is in exact agreement with verses 16-19 which actually lists the seven things about verses 12-15 that God hates:

1. "A proud look" - "He winks with his eye" (v.13)
2. "A lying tongue" - "Walks with a perverse mouth" (v.12)
3. "Hands that shed innocent blood" - "Perversity is in his heart" (v.14)
4. "A heart that devises wicked plans" - "He devises evil continually" (v.14)
5. "Feet that are swift in running to evil" - "He shuffles his feet" (v.13)
6. "A false witness" - "He points with his fingers" (v.13)
7. "One who sows discord among brethren" - "He sows discord" (v.14)

Therefore, in light of the context, we understand that the seven things mentioned as abominations are not the only abominations of God, they are just the ones that particularly relate to the scenario of the "worthless man" in the context (count them for yourself: there are 7 things in verses 12-15 and the same 7 things in verses 16-19).

And why is he considered worthless (KJV: "naughty")? Because every choice he makes on this earth is an abomination to God. He is both wasting his earthly life and throwing away his eternal life just for the gratification he finds in these seven things:

1. "A proud look:" a lofty looker; so lofty that you'd think that he would have the best view of heaven, but rather, he has made his eyes lofty only to look down upon others and sit as judge against them.
2. "A lying tongue" and "a false witness:" What an unruly evil (James 3:6). He who has rejected God has no love for truth, nor respect for what is true. Therefore, he thinks nothing of lying. Even some "good" people find themselves lying, so we all must remember that such a thing is entirely detestable to God.
3. "Hands that shed innocent blood:" today this statement is often used in opposition to abortion, and rightly so, but let us not forget the many who are slain in robberies, school shootings, and the like. These murderers do not see the worth of precious life and are thus called "worthless" themselves (verse 12). However, one who can see the worth of life will bear much fruit in God's kingdom, and be worthy of eternal life.
4. "A heart that devises wicked plans:" we must be diligent to keep our hearts secure from evil, for from our hearts comes out every word we speak and every action we commit (Proverbs 4:23).
5. "Feet that are swift in running to evil:" One is truly vile when they do not even stop to contemplate the temptation before them, or make any kind of effort in attempting to not fall into temptation. One who is constantly running to commit their next sin will soon hit the wall of calamity, and there will be no remedy (verse 15).
6. "A false witness:" See II.
7. "One who sows discord among brethren:" The seventh abhorrence of God. Spreading and creating gossip or slander is a quick way to cause that blessed tie that binds to rot. If one can't treat their brethren with love, then they do not love the Lord.

For our application, we must remember that "the fear of the LORD is to hate evil" (Proverbs 8:13). Therefore, if we honor and revere the LORD, then we too will hate evil. For we will love the things God loves, and hate the things God hates.

## 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

### Lads to Leaders

Team A and B meet today

1:00-3:00

*“Rejoice!”*

“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:10

### **Stacie Grindstaff**

· Was baptized into Christ

Sunday, March 26, 2017

### Congratulations!

The Hardestys are expecting Baby #4!!!

### Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday Evenings

7:00-8:00

We will begin in Genesis

For more information

Please see Teddi Budy

**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*

JD Martin fell

Caleb Robbins

Astin Vick and daughter Emerson Emerson was born 2 months early

Norma Beckett, Megan Beckett's grandmother, heart issues

Robin Dunaway & Dave Harris Mission work

Malakai Martin

Barbra Thompson health issues

Rachel Dooley recovering from accident

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,

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

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

Libby McDonald Dennis Blundell Margie Koons

Randy Williams Desirae Wilson Janice Gallagher

Gary Burke Dwight Lowerg Kay Shinc

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>April 2</b>	<b>April 9</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Art Green	Jerry Gorman
Song Leader	Matthew Hallmark	Dale Franklin
Communion	Clint Green	Art Green
Serve	Dan Brown	Dan Brown
Serve	Kyle Strasser	Kyle Strasser
Serve	Bobby Lemay	Bobby Lemay
Serve	Wyatt Robbins	Wyatt Robbins
Serve	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Serve	Steve Thomas	Steve Thomas
Scripture Reading <i>Psalms 101:1-8</i>	Dave Moster	Jesse Black
Sermon <i>Abhor What Is Evil</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Randy Johnson	Bob Warmack

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Robert Budy	Mark Walker
Song Leader	Matthew Hallmark	Dale Franklin
Communion	Clint Green	Art Green
Invitation	Bruce House	Carl Power
Closing Prayer	Dan Brown	Tom Grindstaff

## Wednesday

	<b>April 5</b>	<b>April 12</b>
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Matthew Hallmark
Invitation	Kyle Strasser	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Wyatt Robbins	Dave Moster
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

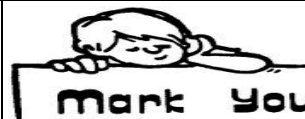
## Communion Prep

April	Nancy Prater
May	Gormans

## Greeters

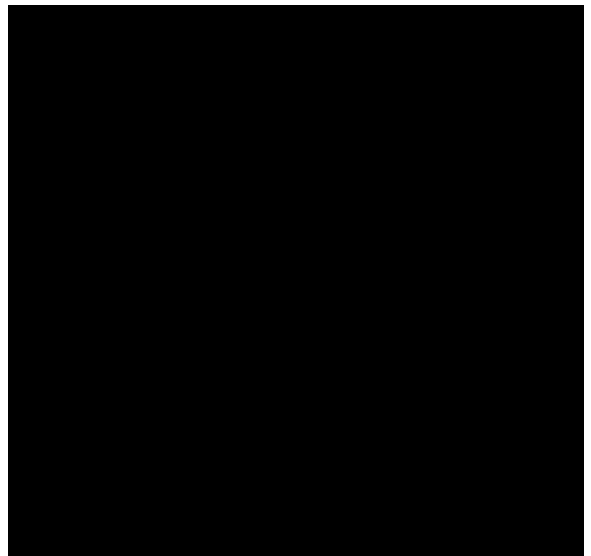
April	Blacks
May	Greeters Needed

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



## Mark Your Calendar

Apr	2	Lads to Leaders Team A and B
Apr	7	Bible Bowl Meeting
Apr	8	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Apr	9	Lads to Leaders Team A and B
Apr	14-16	Lads to Leaders Convention
Apr	17	<i>Relax, you've got a whole year until next Lads to Leaders Convention! :)</i>
Apr	23	Potluck Theme: Chicken
May	13	Shelter Meal
May	28	Potluck Theme: Summer Kick Off



## 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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