

# Church of Christ

# Florence

December 2, 2018

## 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.

## Little Lies

by Rusty Miller

"Buy truth, and do not sell it" (Proverbs 23:23).

Of all the things God desires most, none has suffered more in recent times than honesty. The lie is no longer something to be scorned; in fact, "everybody lies" is the most common excuse heard when someone is actually caught in a lie.

As with all sin, man has even tried to rename lying. A recent book, *Creative Excuses for Every Occasion*, refers to "minor untruths," calling them "social lubricants." A "social lubricant" is a lie such as telling someone, "That's a beautiful dress," when actually, it may be hideous. It is still a lie.

Still, there seems to be agreement among most that there are "little lies" as opposed to "big lies." Apparently, a big lie is reason to call someone's integrity into question, but a little lie is not. It could be asked, how do you tell the difference?

A better question might be, does God differentiate?

Clearly, Old Testament teaching decries lying of any sort, beginning with the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:16). The Law of Moses also taught, "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another" (Leviticus 19:11). David sought God's help in ending wickedness: "Let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Sheol. Let lying lips be dumb, which speak arrogantly against the righteous with pride and contempt" (Psalm 31:17-18).

Solomon too, discussed the Lord's hatred of lying (Proverbs 6:16-19). And when writing of the lovingkindness of the Lord, Isaiah said, "For He said, 'Surely, they are My people, sons who will not deal falsely'" (Isaiah 63:8). Nahum, in his prophesy against Nineveh, had this accusation against its inhabitants: "Woe to the bloody city, completely full of lies and pillage" (Nahum 3:1).

What of the New Testament then? Jesus taught against lying, even identifying the source of all lies. "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies" (John 8:44).

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

Paul cautioned Christians to "Speak truth, each one of you with his neighbor" (Ephesians 4:25), and "Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices" (Colossians 3:9). And John, at the end of scripture, in Revelation, writes of the end of ". . . all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8), and says of the gates of heaven, "Outside are . . . everyone who loves and practices lying" (Revelation 22:15).

Surely, the Bible's view of lying is clear from just these few passages. There can be no excusing the liar or his practices.

One of the most common defenses of lying is of the lie which "doesn't hurt anyone." The idea is that, since no one is hurt (as in our beautiful dress example above), the lie cannot be considered that bad. This is what some would characterize as a little lie. Is that God's view?

One of the most famous examples of lying and the punishment of liars is of a lie which, seemingly, "didn't hurt anyone." In the fifth chapter of Acts, the early church is bringing the proceeds of land and houses sold, placing the money at the feet of the apostles. Ananias brought his money, leading others to believe he had brought all, when in fact he had kept back part. While Ananias might have been accused of selfishness, it is the lie of which Peter convicts him, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God" (Acts 5:3-4).

Ananias fell dead at Peter's words (v.5). Later, his wife Sapphira is convicted of the same lie, and she too, falls dead (vv. 7-10).

The lie of Ananias and Sapphira "hurt" no one. No one save God. We must understand that God hates lying (Proverbs 6:16), and that to Him, there are no little lies. When the wise writer advised, "Buy truth, and do not sell it," it was more than just a slogan. His advice is as needed today as it was then, for little lies and social lubricants will send liars to hell.



"A word fitly  
spoken is  
like apples  
of gold  
In settings  
of silver."

- Proverbs 25:11

*Let your conversation be always  
full of grace, seasoned with salt,  
so that you may know  
how to answer everyone.  
Colossians 4:6*

### Christmas List

The Christmas list for our families in need is located in the hall. Please sign your name by the child's name on the list. Please bring all gifts to the building December 16th UNWRAPPED. We will have a gift wrapping party on December 17th. Thank you for all you do!  
(The gifts listed on the tags are just suggestions and you don't have to get everything on the list)



### Kids Christmas Party!

When December 9th  
Starts @ 3:00

Fun, food, games, crafts, and a gift exchange  
Those wishing to participate in the gift exchange are asked to bring a gift gender specific between \$8.00-\$10.00.

### Adult Christmas Party!

December 15th  
Starts at 6:00

Please bring a finger food to share  
If you would like to play the gift exchange game bring a gender specific gift around \$15.00 dollars.

## 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:**

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Diapers
- Wipes

We would also like to collect diapers and wipes to give away at the clothing day next year.

We emptied the pantry at the clothing give away so we are starting over .

### **Benevolence**

We are helping several families each month. Please check the list in the hall for items that still may be needed.

Please see Kenny Strasser, Teddi Budy, or Lela Wilburn for more information.

Thank you for everything you do!  
Matthew 20:28

### **B+**

Please share with everyone you know—Caleb Robbins is in need of a kidney and is now receiving dialysis three times a week. He has B+ blood type. For more information please contact Marty Hudson 513-636-6794

Please keep Caleb and his family in your prayers

### **Ladies Bible Class**

All ladies are invited  
Studying in the book of Exodus  
Tuesday Evenings at 7:00

### *Lads Memory Verses*

<b>John 3:16</b>	<b>2 Timothy 3:16-17</b>
<b>Mark 12:29-31</b>	<b>Acts 16:31</b>
<b>Ephesians 2:8-9</b>	<b>James 2:19</b>
<b>Romans 3:10</b>	<b>James 2:26</b>
<b>Romans 3:23</b>	<b>Matthew 10:32-33</b>
<b>Romans 6:23</b>	<b>1 John 1:9</b>
<b>Hebrews 11:6</b>	<b>Romans 10:9-10</b>
<b>Romans 10:17</b>	

**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*

**Bruce House** is having oral surgery Monday

**Juanita**, Bob's sister in law, hip issues

**California fire victims**

**Budys**—Teddi and the girls are traveling

**Roy and June Pugh** are having some health issues

**Jerry Gorman** continued recovery from a stroke.

**Nancy Delauder** eye issues

#### **Ongoing prayer requests**

Issac	Caleb Robbins	Doug and Ella
Joe Carr	James Palmore	Carmack
Shirley Zerkle	Rosemary Warmack	

**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**

Lula Creech	Debbie Hellman	Nancy Lambert
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	Brooks Dobson
Tammy Palmer	Gwen Miller	Kaily Jones
December Vosquez	Chad Fischer	Mrs. Zeph
Mike Lowe	James Blair	Galen Stanley

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

Joyce Tingle	Della LeMasters
Eveline Lanham	Dessie Hacker
Bob Hamon	

*“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>December 2</b>	<b>December 9</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Bill Morgan	Randy Johnson
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Bruce Adams
Communion	Bruce Adams	Art Green
Serve	Wyatt Robbins	Wyatt Robbins
Serve	Tom Grindstaff	Tom Grindstaff
Serve	Justin Grindstaff	Justin Grindstaff
Serve	Dan Brown	Dan Brown
Serve	Elvis Byrd	Elvis Byrd
Serve	Larry Insko	Larry Insko
Scripture Reading	Randy Johnson	Mark Walker
<i>Proverbs 25:11</i>		
<i>Colossians 4:6</i>		
<i>Sermon</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
<i>Pleasing God with Our Tongue</i>		
Closing Prayer	Mark Walker	Robert Budy

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Robert Budy	Art Green
Song Leader	Robert Budy	Bruce Adams
Communion	Jesse Black	Art Green
Invitation	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Mark Walker	Dave Moster

## Wednesday

	<b>December 5</b>	<b>December 12</b>
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Robert Budy
Invitation	Bruce House	Bruce House
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Closing Prayer	Dave Moster	Wyatt Robbins

## Communion Prep

December The Brown's

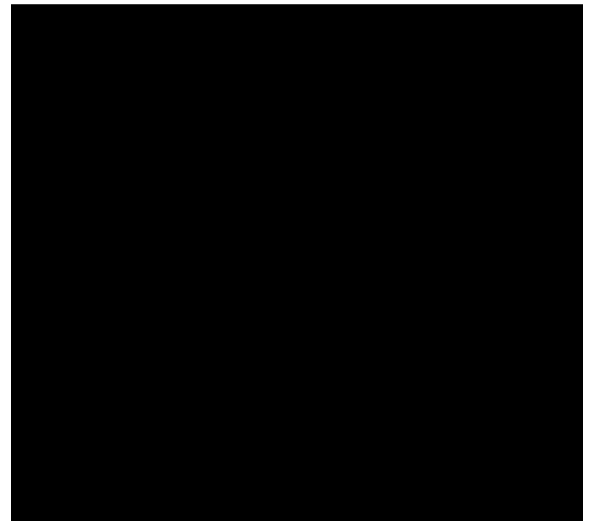
## Greeters

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



## Mark Your Calendar

December 8	Shelter Meal
December 9	Kids Christmas Party
December 15	Adult Christmas Party
December 23	Singing Night



## 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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