

# Church of Christ

# Florence

December 30, 2018

## Elders

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## Deacons

*Jesse Black*  
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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.

## The Christian's Growth in the Lord

by Richard Thetford

Once an individual puts on Christ in baptism, they should be determined to please God in all aspects of their life. But before one can begin to grow, one must first possess an attitude that says; "I want to grow as a Christian in order to be pleasing to God." We are going to be discussing several areas in which a Christian is to grow in the Lord, but before one can grow, one must have a good attitude, wanting to do God's will in all things. We all must understand that it is not so much what a person knows or is able to do or possess, but rather the question is what kind of person am I. Perhaps all of us have witnessed only too often an ugly spirit or attitude that has brought great harm. A bad attitude can spoil almost any situation. On the other hand, a good attitude can enhance, or make right almost any adverse condition that may exist. Therefore, in order for a Christian to grow in the Lord, one must first have a good attitude, wanting to be a faithful child of God in ALL things.

### In What Are We to Grow?

The apostle Peter writes that Christians are to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..." (II Peter 3:18). Many Christians are not grounded in Christ mainly because they simply have not gained knowledge of our Lord. There is only one way in which we can gain knowledge and that is through study (Romans 10:17; II Timothy 2:15). If Christians would devote time to study and meditation of God's Word, then they will be able to grow so as to be pleasing to God. We are also instructed in II Thessalonians 1:3 and II Corinthians 10:15 to grow in faith. The more faith that we have the stronger our love and devotion to God is. A Christian must strive to grow in knowledge and faith.

### How Can We Grow?

Before we can grow in order to be pleasing to God, we must first put away worldliness. We must truly be transformed from our old ways to a life of service and devotion to Christ (Romans 12:1-2). Wickedness, guile, hypocrisies, envies, evil speakings, etc. must be done away with (I Peter 2:1). We cannot begin to grow while holding on to worldly appetites! We can only grow when we are determined (right attitude) to learn of God. We must "desire the pure milk of the word that you may grow thereby" (I Peter 2:2). The Christian that desires to please God wants to know everything they possibly can about what God expects of them (I Corinthians 3:2; Hebrews 5:13-14). It is through the knowledge of His Word

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

that we also learn to speak the truth concerning His Word. The apostle Paul writes; "but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ" (Ephesians 4:15-16). The more we know then the more confidence we gain in teaching others the truth of His Word.

#### Unto What Shall We Grow?

Every Christian should desire to grow in the Lord in order to obtain salvation. Although we will never be perfect, we can certainly strive to be perfect (Matthew 5:48). Eternal salvation will only be realized by those individuals that are devoted to serving and obeying God. The Christian knows that their body is a holy temple. Paul writes "in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit" (Ephesians 3:21-22). Therefore Christians know that they will treat their body in a way which is pleasing to God. The body (the temple), grows into subjection to God's will as the Christian with a good attitude understands that their body is the temple and that the body and the spirit is God's. "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19-20). In order to glorify God in our body we must grow to understand that we cannot do anything to our body that would be displeasing to God (Matthew 5:16).

#### Why Should We Grow?

We must possess an attitude of growth in the Lord because it is commanded (II Peter 3:18). Our growth in faith and love causes thanksgiving. Paul wrote: "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other" (II Thesalonians 1:3). When we grow in the Lord we become strong. The more we learn, the more we are able to receive the solid food of the gospel of Christ (I Corinthians 3:2). May we all possess an attitude that says "I want to be pleasing to God in all things." I want to encourage all of us to constantly examine ourselves to ensure that we are doing all things according to the will of God (II Corinthians 13:5). If so, then we are continuing to grow in the Lord.



## 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!

### **Bill Mitchell**

Aug 26, 1941-Dec 22, 2018

Visitation is Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:30pm

Memorial Service to follow from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

At Middendorf-Bullock Funeral Home in Hebron

Interment, with Military Honors

Friday, January 4, 2019

### **Potluck**

For January our Potluck will be on Sunday morning January 13th after our A.M. service. Nancy Delauder's son will be in town and will cook a chili supper for the congregation. We are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Our singing night will still be on the 4th Sunday evening.

### **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

**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*

**James Blair** is sick and is scheduled to begin cancer treatments January 2nd

**Coleman Blair** has a bad infection in his toe

**The Hubbard family**, a friend of the Browns, lost her stepmother last week and her grandmother is in the hospital

**June Pugh** is having some health issues

**Nancy Delauder** injured her knee

**Gorman's grandsons**, Jacob has strep and Joseph has croup

**Sandy Richards** family issues

**Mary Olsen** suffering from dizziness

### **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

Zoe Needham

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

Joyce Tingle	Della LeMasters
Eveline Lanham	Dessie Hacker
Bob Hamon	Rosemary Warmack

*“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 30</b>	<b>January 6</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	To
Opening Prayer	Clint Green	Be
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Announced
Communion	Randy Johnson	*
Serve	Wyatt Robbins	*
Serve	Tom Grindstaff	*
Serve	Justin Grindstaff	*
Serve	Dan Brown	*
Serve	Elvis Byrd	*
Serve	Larry Insko	*
Scripture Reading	Kyle Strasser	*
<i>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</i>		
Sermon	Bruce House	*
<i>The Christian's Growth in the Lord</i>		
Closing Prayer	Wyatt Robbins	*

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	To
Opening Prayer	Robert Budy	Be
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Announced
Communion	Randy Johnson	*
Invitation	Bruce House	*
Closing Prayer	Kyle Strasser	*

## Wednesday

	<b>January 2</b>	<b>January 9</b>
Song Leader	TBA	TBA
Invitation	Bruce House	Bruce House
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Closing Prayer	TBA	TBA

## Communion Prep

December The Brown's

## Greeters

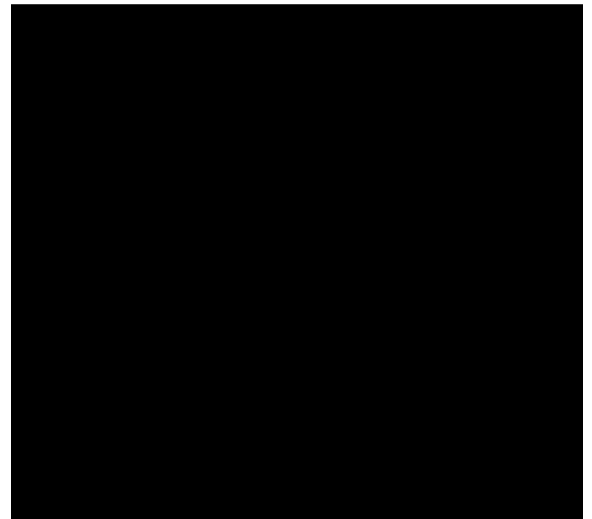
Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Ephesians 6:7



## Mark Your Calendar

### 2019

January 6	Lads Meeting 1:00 pm-3:00pm
January 12	Shelter Meal
January 13	Potluck
January 18	Mayfield and Emmons Wedding
January 20	Lads Meeting 1:00 pm-3:00pm
January 26	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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