

# Church of Christ

# Florence

December 9, 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.

## Can Man Be Saved Without Baptism?

Brother Lipscomb: Do the Scriptures say that no one can be saved without baptism, or is it only an inference? If an inference, are not all creeds founded on inferences? I have been reading your paper [The Gospel Advocate] some time, and I like it very well.

Inferences are of different degrees of certainty. A necessary inference is regarded but little, if any, short of a positive declaration or command. Whatever is necessary to the attainment of an end is necessarily inferred as embraced in the command. It is a necessary inference that he must do all these things requisite to obtain an end, because the thing commanded cannot be done without doing these necessary things. We, on the other hand, infer things on slight unnecessary grounds. Nothing save a necessary inference should be regarded as authoritative. While it is not said in the Scriptures no one can be saved without baptism, it is true that the only plan for saving sinners that God has revealed leads through baptism. And I do not know why the clause, 'that he has revealed,' should be thrown in, for I do not believe he has an unrevealed plan. The declaration of the Savior is: 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.' Here the road to salvation as marked by the Savior leads through baptism. The fact that lack of baptism is not repeated as a condition of damnation has no bearing, because baptism has been connected with faith and is the outgrowth of it; and in calling up faith in the last clause, all that has been connected with it must be understood.

The commission as given by Matthew is: 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.' 'Neither is there salvation in any other [name]: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.' (Acts 4:12.) This is a plain declaration that men can be saved only in the name of Christ. But men must enter into that name before they can be saved in it. This commission by Matthew says men must be taught, then baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They cannot be saved without coming into the name of Christ. They

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

are baptized into that name. Of the same force is the idea we are saved 'in Christ.' In him we find remission, salvation, redemption, and sanctification. It is in him these can alone be found. Then whatever is necessary to an entrance into Christ is necessary to the attainment of salvation, redemption, sanctification, and all blessings found in him. Paul says: 'So many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death.' (Rom. 6:3.) Again: 'Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.' (Gal. 3:26, 27.) We enter into Christ and enter his death by being baptized into him. We become children of God by faith in Christ, by being baptized into Christ, and so 'put on Christ.' Now, if baptism is essential to entrance into Christ, it is necessary to the enjoyment of all blessings found only in him. It is a necessary inference, then, that inasmuch as we enter Christ in baptism, baptism is a condition of the enjoyment of all blessings found in Christ. The Spirit said on the day of Pentecost: 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.' Now, the remission of sins is the same as salvation from sin, on which future salvation depends. Take it 'for remission of sins' or 'into the remission of sins,' as our Baptist friends now say it ought to be translated, and we have repentance and baptism as means of reaching remission of sins. All means or acts necessary to reach remission of sins are necessary conditions of obtaining and enjoying remission of sins. Hence, if an inference, it is a necessary inference and authoritative as a condition of the promised blessing. So, too, Ananias said to Saul: 'Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' This admonition grows out of the two facts that baptism is a condition on which God cleanses from sin and baptism is a washing. Then if baptism in this sense washes away sins, we cannot be cleansed from these sins without the washing. It is a necessary inference here that without the washing in which God cleanses we cannot be cleansed from sin.

Peter declares that Noah and his family 'were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us.' Baptism saves us from our sins in the same manner that water saved Noah and his family from the destruction of the sin-defiled world that is, water is the medium through which in baptism we pass from a state of sin and condemnation into a state of acceptance and favor with God. If this be so, we cannot reach that state of favor and salvation without baptism, any more than Noah and his family could reach the new world without passing to it by means of water. If it is an inference that no one of the antediluvians were saved without water, it is an inference that no one can be saved without baptism. If an inference at all, it is a necessary inference from so many and so different standpoints that it has all the force and assurance of a clear and distinct declaration. It only means that God has seen fit to pardon man's sins on condition that he believes in Christ, our Savior, and so embodies that faith as to be buried out of self into Christ, the Redeemer. Baptism is the act in which we deny ourselves, are buried out of ourselves, and enter into Christ.

This is God's order as plainly revealed as any truth of the Bible, and it is useless and sinful for man to try to set aside or avoid the plain commands of God.

*Questions Answered By Lipscomb and Sewell being a compilation of Queries and Answers by D. Lipscomb and E.G. Sewell, covering a period of forty years of their joint editorial labors in the Gospel Advocate, M.C. Kurfees, ed. (Nashville, TN: Gospel Advocate Co., 1963), pp. 38-40.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas List</b></p> <p>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)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kids Christmas Party!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TODAY!!! Starts @ 3:00</p> <p>Fun, food, games, crafts, and a gift exchange</p> <p>Those wishing to participate in the gift exchange are asked to bring a gift gender specific between \$8.00-\$10.00.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adult Christmas Party!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">December 15th Starts at 6:00</p> <p>Please bring a finger food to share</p> <p>If you would like to play the gift exchange game bring a gender specific gift around \$15.00 dollars. It always a lot of fun and great fellowship!</p>
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Today is the last day to take a name, from the Christmas Tree in the hall, to help a child in need this Christmas season.

## 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*

**John 3:16**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**Mark 12:29-31**

**Acts 16:31**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**James 2:19**

**Romans 3:10**

**James 2:26**

**Romans 3:23**

**Matthew 10:32-33**

**Romans 6:23**

**1 John 1:9**

**Hebrews 11:6**

**Romans 10:9-10**

**Romans 10:17**

**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*

**Wallace Murphy** Neck Surgery

**Laura Leach**, Teddi's cousin, had an aneurysm

**Nina Luster**, friend of the Greens and the Mayfields, stroke

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

**California fire victims**

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

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

**Nancy Delauder** eye surgery January 29

#### **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	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

Announcements	<b>December 9</b>	<b>December 16</b>
Opening Prayer	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Song Leader	Randy Johnson	Art Green
	Bruce Adams	Carl Power
Communion	Art Green	Jesse Black
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	Mark Walker	Dave Moster
<i>Job 14:1-2</i>		
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
<i>Jesus is Man's Only Cure for Man's Lost Condition</i>		
Closing Prayer	Robert Budy	Kyle Strasser

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Art Green	Bill Morgan
Song Leader	Bruce Adams	Carl Power
Communion	Art Green	Jesse Black
Invitation	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Dave Moster	Dan Brown

## Wednesday

	<b>December 12</b>	<b>December 19</b>
Song Leader	Robert Budy	Kyle Strasser
Invitation	Bruce House	Bruce House
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Closing Prayer	Wyatt Robbins	Robert Budy

## Communion Prep

December The Brown's

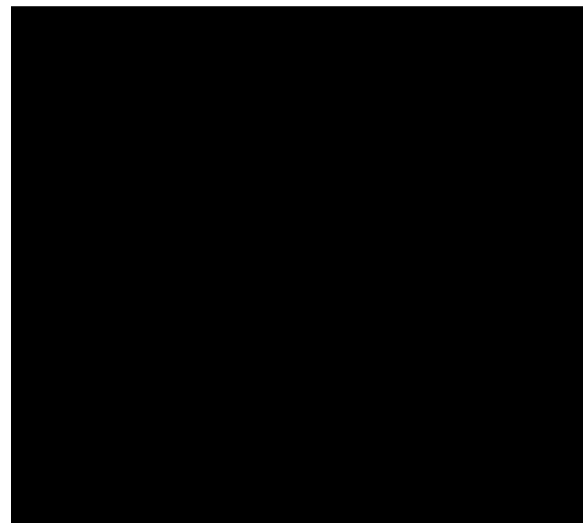
## Greeters

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



## Mark Your Calendar

December 9	Kids Christmas Party
December 15	Adult Christmas Party
December 23	Singing Night
January 12	Shelter Meal
January 18	Mayfield and Emmons wedding



## 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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