

# Church of Christ

# Florence

February 26, 2017

## Elders

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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.

## Unanswered Prayers

by Lewis Willis

When I think of prayer, I think of it as the very essence of the Christian's relationship to God. It is our link of communication with him, as the New Testament is his link of communication with us. I, therefore, regard prayer as a sacred, individual right and privilege. Because of this view of mine, I have always been hesitant to say much about the Christian and his prayers. We must teach what the Bible teaches about prayer, leaving the application of that message to each Christian. I try to do that.

Jesus taught that men ought always to pray (Luke 18:1). Paul said that we should pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). James taught us to pray for one another (James 5:16). In the application of these instructions, there are certain things that we must keep in mind. We must prepare our minds to pray by setting aside worldly cares and concerns. We address the prayer to God who is our Father. We are not praying that our will might be done, but that God's will be done (1 John 5:14). We are to pray in faith that God will do as his word says he will do (James 1:6-7). Scriptural prayers are offered with humility, in the name of Christ, that is, by his authority and unto his glory (John 14:13; Colossians 3:17).

When Paul wrote to Timothy (1 Timothy 2:1), he told him that he should offer supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks for all men. "Supplications" are our requests regarding our needs. "Prayers" are any discourse with God, which would include petitions, praise and thanksgiving. "Intercessions" are our pleas to God on behalf of others. "Thanksgiving" obviously expresses our thanks for the multitude of blessings, both physical and spiritual, which we enjoy in this life. When we offer our prayers, we always want to remember to be thankful for the multitude of blessings God has bestowed upon us. Christians are saved by the grace of God, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and through compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the New Testament. Someone was concerned enough about us to tell us of the love of God and show us the things that we need to do to be saved. Certainly Christians are thankful for this blessing. But, we are also given great privileges, opportunities and comforts that are physical in their nature and it would be an act of utter ingratitude if we were not thankful for these physical blessings as well.

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

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Intercessions, our prayers for others, will include petitions unto God in behalf of many. We intercede for our brethren, our family, our enemies, our rulers, the sick, those who are lost and for elders, deacons and preachers (Philippians 1:9; Matthew 5:44; I Timothy 2:2; Romans 10:1; James 5:13; II Thessalonians 3:1-2). Many prayers are prayers of intercession. I believe in the power of prayer (James 5:16). I, therefore, would encourage and admonish all of God's people to be regular and fervent in prayer. For some reason, God appointed that we should tell him of our petitions for others, and express to him our gratitude. I could reason that, being God, he knows our petitions and our thanksgivings. But my "reasonings" do not constitute the rules governing prayer. Thus, we must simply do what he told us to do -- pray!

Something interesting happened the other day. I was listening to the radio and I heard a new song by a country singer. I have thought about a line or two in the song ever since. I doubt that it was his purpose to make it so, but it contained a powerful message. I was so impressed with it that I have planned this article for two weeks. The line said, "Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers." Think about that a moment.

Suppose a person prayed for wealth. If he got the wealth in answer to his prayer, would he be able to handle the changes it would work in his life? Have you noted some of the problems people have had who have won great lottery prizes? Some of them are in prison for writing "hot checks." Great temptation would come to the wealthy. Could you keep your faith intact in the face of these temptations? "Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers!"

Or, consider the prayers that we offer for people who are very old or sick. We often pray that they would enjoy greater length of life. But, old age and sickness can be a great burden, not just for those who suffer these things, but for their loved ones as well. Suppose a family member is suffering from cancer. He grows weaker daily, and his pain is immense. Not wanting to give up our loved one, we pray that he might live awhile longer. If the prayer is answered, he has more days of weakness and pain. "Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers!"

There are times when we think we know best. Based on that assumption, we petition the throne of God for the things we desire. However, we are aware that we certainly do not always know what is best. That God does know is the essence of our trust in him. When we offer our prayers according to his will, we are not only asking as the Bible teaches us to ask, but we are also asking that his will override ours in the provision of what is best. This is the simple process of, in our minds, granting to God his inherent supremacy in deciding what is best for all concerned. Most of us, if honest, will readily confess that his will is better than ours anyway. Our prayers will always reflect that truth. Continue to pray to God. Let him answer your prayers. But, be prepared when he does not answer as you ask.



## 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

## TESTING TODAY!

Bible Bowl and Pearls testing will take place  
Sunday, February 26th.

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## POTLUCK DINNER

**Please join us today  
Following the morning  
Worship Service  
For  
Food, Fun,  
and Fellowship**

## IN MEMORIAM

The flowers at the pulpit and baptistery were purchased through donations made in memory of Marie Gibson.

### 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.

Psalms 119: 93-94

93. I will never forget Your precepts,  
For by them You have given me life.

94. I am Yours, save me;  
For I have sought Your precepts

**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*

**Malakai Martin**

**Barbra Thompson** health issues

**Rachel Dooley** recovering from accident

**Cheryl Whitt**, Karen Brown's sister in law, knee surgery

**Michele Black** recovering from an injury suffered in a fall

**Rachel Wilson**, Leah Robbins' ballet teacher, passing out

**Connie Campbell**, Sue Gorman's niece

**Candice and Raelynn**, friend of Cassi Lemay

**Eunice Chumbley**

**Alice Sowder**

**Roy & June Pugh**

**Alexis Aiken**, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,

**Nancy Noojin**, Karen Brown's cousin, health issues

**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**

Martin Family

Michelle Taylor's family

**Those with cancer and their families**

Libby McDonald    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

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

Sharon Lonard

Whaley Family

**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>February 26</b>	<b>March 5</b>
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	TBA	Art Green
Song Leader	Dale Franklin	Jesse Black
Communion	Carl Power	Bill Morgan
Serve	Dan Brown	Matthew Hallmark
Serve	Elvis Byrd	Bobby Lemay
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Serve	Steve Thomas	Daniel House
Serve	Wyatt Robbins	Jerry Gorman
Serve	Mark Walker	Elvis Byrd
Scripture Reading	Robert Budy	Nathan Bowling
<i>2 Corinthians 12: 7-10</i>		
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
<i>Unanswered Prayers</i>		
Closing Prayer	Bob Warmack	Robert Budy

## Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Jesse Black	Bob Warmack
Song Leader	Dale Franklin	Jesse Black
Communion	Carl Power	Bill Morgan
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Bobby Lemay	Dan Brown

## Wednesday

	<b>March 1</b>	<b>March 8</b>
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Bobby Lemay
Invitation	Bruce House	Robert Budy
Closing Prayer	Dave Moster	Dan Brown
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

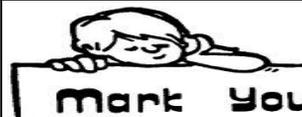
## Communion Prep

February	Blacks
March	Naiome House

## Greeters

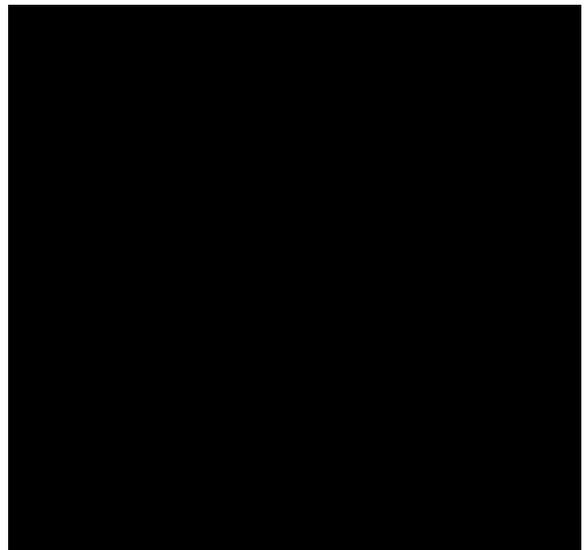
February	Nancy Prater
March	Greeters Needed

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



## Mark Your Calendar

Feb	26	Bible Bowl and Pearls Testing
Feb	26	Lads to Leaders Team B
Feb	26	Potluck
Feb	27	VBS Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm
Mar	4	Lads to Leaders Indv. Scrapbook
Mar	10	Bible Bowl Meeting
Mar	11	VBS Work Day
Mar	12	Lads to Leaders Team A
Mar	18	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Mar	26	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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