

Church of Christ

Florence

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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.

Obeying God

by Gene Taylor

Some people have the attitude, even some of our brethren, that strict obedience to the gospel and its commands is really not necessary. They feel that as long as a person generally does what is right that he does not have to strictly adhere to all the teachings of the "perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). Consequently, they brand those who would propose that kind of adherence as "legalists."

It is interesting to note, though, that God has always required strict obedience to all His commands. No matter what law from God man was under, he was always to know and diligently follow the will of God. Noah had to explicitly follow the specific instructions of God when he built the ark in order to save his family. Cain's sacrifice was not pleasing to God because he did not heed God's instructions when making his offering. Moses was not allowed to enter Canaan or to lead the children of Israel into it because he had failed on just one occasion to give God the proper honor before the people.

Nadab and Abihu

Consider the two priests, Nadab and Abihu, and what is said of them in Leviticus 10:1,2. God commanded them to use a specific fire when burning incense in the tabernacle. But they chose to use a different one. They might have said, as some would today, "So what. Fire's fire. It doesn't make a difference." It did make a difference -- a real one. God was displeased and they perished.

Uzzah

The example of the well-meaning Uzzah in 2 Sam. 6:1-7 shows that even though a person may be sincere in what he is doing, it is not enough. One must follow the instructions of God.

The incident with Uzzah takes place when the children of Israel were bringing the ark of God back from the Philistines who had captured it in battle. They had constructed a cart on which to transport it even though God had commanded that it be carried by certain of the Levites (Ex. 25:14-15; Num. 4:4-6). The law also stated that no one was to touch the ark lest they die (Num. 4:15).

While transporting the ark in this unauthorized manner, the oxen that pulled the cart stumbled. The ark was ready to fall. Uzzah, not wanting the ark of God to fall, reached out his hand and put it on the ark to steady it. God immediately struck him dead.

In trying to keep the ark from crashing to the ground, did he not mean to do well? Was he not trying to do a kind and good thing? As man might see it, yes, but in the eyes of God he was violating a direct command. God would not tolerate such a sin.

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The Church you read about in the Bible

The Pharisees

Some might say, "But didn't Jesus condemn the Pharisees for strict law-keeping? Didn't He tell them they need not be concerned with the details of the law?"

In Matthew 23, Jesus pronounced numerous woes upon the scribes and Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. In verse 23 He says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith: but these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone." Some have gone to this passage to show that it is only the weightier matters of Scripture that one should obey and not, what they consider, the incidentals.

Notice, though, exactly what Jesus said. He says they should have done both-those weightier and those possibly not so weighty. They were to have kept all the law. Does God require obedience to all His precepts? Jesus did in this passage. He still does today.

Conclusion

Matthew 7:21 ("Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven") and Hebrews 5:8,9 are but two of the many passages which teach the word of God must be obeyed. What portion of it can one fail to obey and still please God? None. Consider James 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all."

God has always demanded obedience. He requires it of us today. Such obedience does not negate His grace and mercy. If we fail to live up to His expectations, if we stumble or fall, we can go to Him, confess our sins and pray for forgiveness (1 John 1:9). He, through His love, mercy and grace, will forgive us. But His grace never gives us license to do as we please or to neglect to submit to something He has commanded of us (see Rom. 6:1-4). We must seek to do the will of the Lord in all things.



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

BENEVOLENCE

We are helping 16 families with meals for Thanksgiving this year!

There is a sign up sheet on the Benevolence board for needed items. As always if you wish to donate towards the purchase of them that would be great too.

Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped make the Senior Luncheon a wonderful time of friends, food, and fellowship.

MEETING

Elders, Deacons, Coordinators, and Preacher
November 13th meeting has been cancelled.
It has been rescheduled for December 4th.

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.

This week's scriptures to memorize are:

Psalms 119: 61-62

61. The cord of the wicked have bound me,

But I have not forgotten Your law.

62. At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You,

Because of Your righteous judgments.

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

Clarence Major has been moved to Florence St. Elizabeth

Eunice Chumbly

Jim Gilpan, friend of Clint Green, heart attack

June Pugh

Oswaldo Bonaga, friend of Vicky Robinson, cancer and heart problems

Alexis Aiken, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,

Nancy Noojin, Karen Brown's cousin, health issues

Bowen Becker, Bob Becker's grandson, heart problems

Stacie Grindstaff

Peggy Harber, Bob Warmack's cousin, on life support

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 Experience

Those who have lost loved ones

Those with cancer and their families

Oswaldo Bonaga	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
Shari Caton	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
Cale Thomas	Donna Farrar	

Our shut-ins and those caring for them

Clarence Major	Chuck Gambil
Eveline Lanham	Dessie Hacker
Joyce Tingle	

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer" 1 Peter 3:12

Please check the prayer list and let me know of any updates.
Thank you.-Nita

Serving in AM Worship

	November 6	November 13
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	JD Martin	Robert Budy
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Randy Johnson
Communion	Randy Johnson	Carl Power
Serve	Kyle Strasser	Kyle Strasser
Serve	Jerry Gorman	Jerry Gorman
Serve	Steve Thomas	Steve Thomas
Serve	Matthew Hallmark	Matthew Hallmark
Serve	Daniel House	Daniel House
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Scripture Reading <i>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</i>	Bobby Lemay	Wyatt Robbins
Sermon <i>Making Right Decisions</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Mark Walker	Matthew Hallmark

Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Opening Prayer	TBA	Art Green
Song Leader	Matthew Walker	Randy Johnson
Communion	Art Green	TBA
Sermon	Bruce House	Carl Power
Closing Prayer	TBA	Jesse Black

Wednesday

	November 9	November 16
Song Leader	Matthew Hallmark	Jesse Black
Invitation	Bruce House	Bob Warmack
Closing Prayer	Dave Moster	Matthew Hallmark
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

Communion Prep

November	Jesse & Michele Black
December	Dan Brown

Greeters

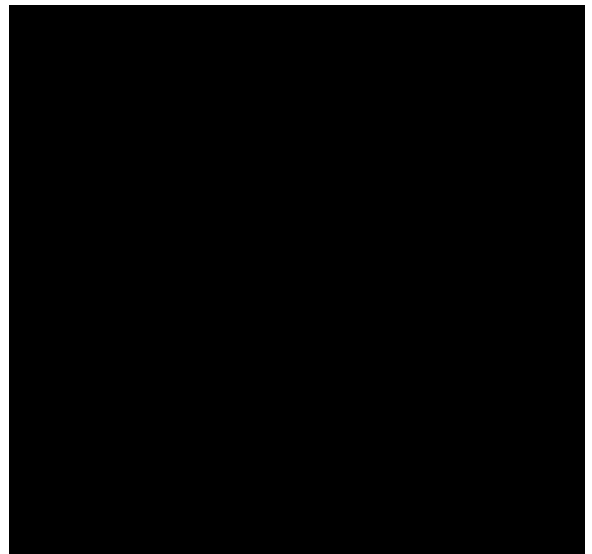
November	Ruth Schindler
December	Greeters Needed

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



Mark Your Calendar

Nov	11	Bible Bowl Meeting
Nov	12	Shelter Meal
Nov	19	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Nov	20	Lads to Leaders Team A
Nov	27	Potluck <i>Theme Soup</i>
Nov	27	Lads to Leaders Team B
Dec	4	Elders, Deacons, Coordinators & Preacher Meeting
Dec	4	Men's Prayer Session



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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