

# 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.

## Hebrews 3:12 - "BEWARE.... DEPARTING FROM THE LIVING GOD"

Written by Roger D. Campbell

Hebrews 3:7-4:11 is a section of Scripture that points readers back to the Israelites wandering in the wilderness and the reality that so many of them failed to enter the land of promise due to their unbelief. This passage served as a reminder to first-century saints: if you want to please the Lord, then do not follow the path of the children of Israel. In the midst of these verses, we read this clear warning in Hebrews 3:12: "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God."

That is a clear message for God's people in any generation. Who in their right mind chooses to forsake the one and only living God? No one! Here is what gives this warning or exhortation its "punch" or power. First, there were God's stern words to Israel: "So I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest" (3:11). Second, there is the truth that "they could not enter in because of unbelief" (3:19). No, God was not bluffing when He warned Israel. Those were real people that made real decisions that really did prevent them from entering the land of Canaan. That was serious business for them, and it is a serious message for every Christian to contemplate. Do I have your attention yet? Let us go back to Hebrews 3:12 and look at some facts.

Fact: God's children can develop "an evil heart." When God's word says, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart . . .," then that means it is certainly possible for members of the Lord's church to have such a heart. The timeless message of Proverbs 4:23 is, "Keep your heart with all diligence. For out of it spring the issues of life." But, surely no follower of the Christ could have an evil mindset, right? Ananias, the liar, allowed Satan to fill his heart (Acts 5:3). What kind of heart does one have when the devil dominates it?! Christians are exhorted, "Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded" (James 4:8). It is not a pretty sight, but, yes, God's people can develop an evil heart that needs to be purified.

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*The Church you read about in the Bible*

Fact: It is possible for children of God to depart from Him. What is the whole point of Hebrews 3:12? Do not do it! Do what? Do not be guilty of "departing from the living God." We are aware that many denominational people affirm that a child of God could never sin in such a way that he would be lost eternally. That is an unbiblical teaching, known as "Perseverance of the Saints," "the Impossibility of Apostasy," or "Once Saved, Always Saved." Look again at what the Bible says. The warning is, do not let this happen to you – do not depart from the living God. If such were impossible, then the words of Hebrews 3:12 carry no weight at all. Do you recall the Old Testament principles found in 2 Chronicles 15:2? "The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you." Is it possible for God's people to forsake Him? Yes. And, what does He do when that happens? He forsakes the forsakers.

When Jesus walked the earth, on one occasion "many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more" (John 6:66). What do you call that? Departing from the living God. Some saints "wander from the truth" and have a soul that needs to be saved from death (James 5:19,20). What do you call that? Departing from the living God. Some people "have escaped the pollutions of the world," only to go back and "are again entangled in them and overcome," so "the latter end is worse for them than the beginning" (2 Peter 2:20). What do you call that? Departing from the living God.

Fact: When people depart from God, it is because of a heart problem – "an evil heart." It is not because of the environment, the government, one's own family, or even being treated badly by other members of the church. No, people depart from God because they personally have a heart problem. The Master said that "an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil" (Luke 6:45). Fix the heart, and the right speech and conduct will follow. Fact: A lack of faith is the bottom-line reason why people leave the Lord. Occasionally people leave the Lord hastily; more often, though, it is a longer process. Why do people leave the living God? In some cases, it may be a complex matter that we will never understand completely. However, in every instance, here is the bottom line: people depart from God because their faith is not strong enough. Look back at the words of our text: "an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." People may get caught up in immorality, they may be deceived by false teaching, or they may be pressured by family members. But, in the end, their choice to forsake God is a personal choice for which they alone are responsible, and it happens because of "unbelief." The Bible says so. Let us strive to maintain a strong faith that overcomes (1 John 5:4).

Fact: It (forsaking God) can happen to "any of you." If we are tempted to think to ourselves, "That could never happen to me," let us take heed lest we fall (1 Corinthians 10:12). --Roger D. Campbell

## *The Plan of Salvation*

### **'What Must I do to be saved?'**

This is the question that every man and woman must answer in their lives if they hope to spend eternity with God in Heaven. The apostle Paul says, in [Phil 2:12](#), to those of the church in Philippi,

*"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."*

Thus, we understand that it is our own responsibility to answer the question, "What we must do to be saved?" No one else can answer that question for us, nor can we trust others with this, most important, decision. We must seek our answer from God and His Word.

### **God's Plan of Salvation**

#### **GOD'S PART**

1. The great love of God for man ([John 3:16](#))
2. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior ([Luke 19:10](#))
3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide ([John 16:13](#))
4. Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation ([Romans 1:16](#))
5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ ([Romans 5:9](#))

#### **MAN'S PART**

1. Hear the Gospel. ([Romans 10:17](#), [John 8:32](#))
2. Believe the Gospel ([Hebrews 11:6](#), [John 20:31](#))
3. Repent of past sins ([Luke 13:3](#), [Acts 17:30](#))
4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ ([Romans 10:10](#), [Matthew 10:32](#))
5. Be Baptized ([Galatians 3:27](#), [Mark 16:16](#), [Acts 2:38](#))
6. Be faithful unto death ([Revelations 2:10](#))

**God has done His part; will you do yours?**

**If you have any questions about salvation, are interested in a Bible study, or would like more information about the Church of Christ please contact one of the Elders or the Minister.**

## 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

## From the Elders

We are updating the prayer list for the bulletin and our monthly Men's Prayer Session. If there is someone you would like placed on the list please fill out one of the request forms located in the foyer and give it to Robert Budy or Art Green.

## Senior Luncheon

November 3rd  
10:30 am  
Fellowship Hall

The Annual Seniors Luncheon is almost here. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for anyone willing to bring dishes for this event.

For more information please see Sue Gorman.

## Moving

Clarence Major has moved to Woodcrest Nursing Home.

## 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: 55-56

55. I remember Your name in the night, O Lord,

And I keep Your law.

56. This has become mine,

Because I kept 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*

Eunice Chumbly knee replacement surgery  
 Jim Gilpan, friend of Clint Green, heart attack  
 William Robbins, Wyatt Robbins father, procedure on heart  
**Caleb Robbins**  
 Russel House, Bruce House's father, Parkinson's  
**June Pugh**  
 Osvaldo 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  
**Bobby Dawson** Teddi Budy's nephew  
 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**

Osvaldo 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

## **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

	October 16	October 23
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Art Green	Jesse Black
Song Leader	Dale Franklin	Carl Power
Communion	Jesse Black	Robert Budy
Serve	Bobby Lemay	Bobby Lemay
Serve	Tom Grindstaff	Tom Grindstaff
Serve	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Serve	Daniel House	Daniel House
Serve	Wyatt Robbins	Wyatt Robbins
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Scripture Reading <i>Hebrews 3:12-14</i>	Carl Power	Randy Johnson
Sermon <i>Departing From The Living God</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Bob Warmack	Clint Green

## Sunday 10/16

Sunday Night      Invitation  
Bruce House

## Wednesday 10/19

Invitation      Bob Warmack  
Announcements      Art Green

## Communion

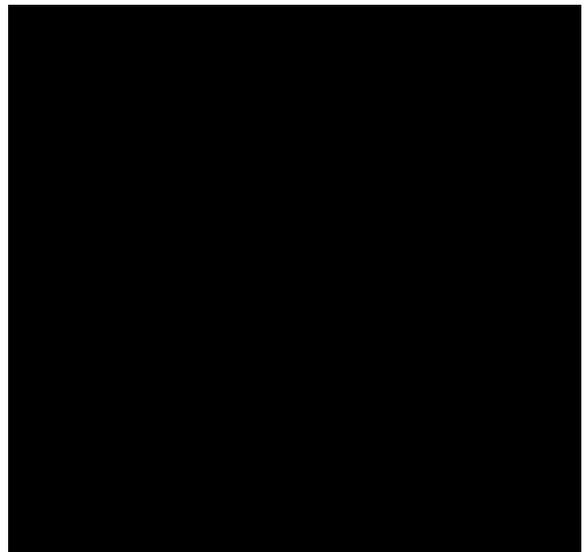
October      Naiome House  
November      Stacey Brown

## Greeters

October      Cindy Presnell  
November      Ruth Schindler



Oct	23	Potluck and Trunk or Treat Following PM Service
Oct	30	Lads to Leaders Team B
Nov	3	Prime Timers' Luncheon
Nov	5	Lads to Leaders Individual Scrapbook
Nov	6	Men's Prayer Session
Nov	11	Bible Bowl Meeting
Nov	12	Shelter Meal
Nov	13	Lads to Leaders Team A
Nov	19	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Nov	27	Potluck <i>Theme Soup</i>
Nov	27	Lads to Leaders Team B



## Deacons

Jesse Black      *Children's Education/  
Fellowships*  
Matthew Hallmark      *Building Maintenance*  
Wyatt Robbins      *Youth and as needed*

## Coordinators

Jerry Gorman      *Prime Timers*  
Dave Moster      *Worship Service/  
Duty Roster*

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