

**Elders:**

Rufus Barfield \* Donnie McDaniel

**Deacons:**

Paul Byas \* Chris Gorham \* Antoine Holloway  
Michael Myrick \* Sheldon Smith

**Evangelist:**

Antoine Holloway

**Worship Times:**

Sunday Bible Study/9:30AM      Sunday Morning Worship/10:30AM  
Sunday Evening Worship/6:00PM      Wednesday Bible Study/7:30PM

**Meetings:**

Monday Sermon Recap      Discipleship Class  
December 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm      January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00pm

2011 Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Jim Jonas of Centreville, Virginia

April 7<sup>th</sup>-10, 2011

2011 Vacation Bible School

June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

2011 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Mark Russell of Valparaiso, Indiana

October 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Prayer Requests (Continuing Health Problems)

Rudale Blake \* Andrew Madison \* Ann Wise \* Lewis Wise

Prayer Requests

- David Ashabranner is relocating to Hawaii in January 2011.
- Mary Dinges' nephew passed away on last week.

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison \* Steven Chung \* Angelita Dillon \* John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

David Ashabranner \* Danura Coleman \* Leslie Flores \* Paul & Sarita Byas \*  
Randon McCrea

Additional Announcements

- Adult Class for 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter are: **Sunday Morning Upstairs** – The Book Of Romans; **Sunday Morning Downstairs** – A Study Of Authority (The Whole Year); **Wednesday Evening Upstairs** – Answering Religious Error; **Wednesday Evening Downstairs** – The Christian's Attitude (The First 3 Quarters Of The Year).

Contribution & Attendance Figures

December 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,715-Contribution	111-Attendance
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,660-Contribution	92-Attendance

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel \* Believe In Jesus \* Repent Of Our Sins \* Confess Christ To Be The Son Of God \* Be Baptized In Water \* Remain Faithful

**TODAY'S DATE: December 26, 2010**

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**A GOING CHURCH FOR A COMING LORD – ROMANS 16:16**

# Ready, Willing, & Able

***Romans 1:13-16 - Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles. I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.***

As Christians, we are faced with many challenges. Some of these challenges may seem great & others may seem small. In Paul's letter to the church of Christ in Rome, he made it abundantly clear in these 4 verses how he was ready, willing, & able to meet the challenges before him. We would be wise to draw encouragement from his courage.

When we look at the life of the apostle Paul, he had a spirit of readiness. He was ready with everything he had, for any service, at any place, at the point of his conversion to Christ (**Acts 9:18-20**). Even in his writings to the church of Christ in Philippi, he was ready to the end of his life (**Philippians 1:19-21**). So, why was Paul so ready, willing, & able? What are we to gain by being prepared always? What challenge must we be willing to face as a congregation of God's people in this geographical location?

## **Why Was The Apostle Paul Ready, Willing, & Able?**

Paul was prepared not because he was better trained or more gifted than other men, but because he was not ignorant of the cost of following Christ (**2 Timothy 4:6**). Paul was qualified to talk about salvation because he was a genuinely converted man (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). Paul was a sanctified man (**2 Timothy 2:21**). For this reason, he was meet for the Master's use & prepared for every good work. The apostle Paul was a Christian of strong convictions. He believed & taught all men are sinners who are lost & need to be saved (**Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23**). He believed & taught the gospel to be the remedy to saved men from sin

(**Romans 1:16**). He believed & taught it was his responsibility to ring this message out (**1 Corinthians 4:1-2**). Paul was a man of compassion, for he diligently made an effort to persuade men knowing the terror of the Lord (**2 Corinthians 5:10-11**). What would God be able to accomplish in the DMV (DC, Maryland, & Virginia), IF every Christian meeting @ 6330 Auburn Avenue shared in Paul's resolution?

## **What Are The Results Of Preparation?**

When Paul displayed his readiness, his willingness, & his ability, he stayed busy in kingdom work. God saw fit he was fruitful in the work he did (**Titus 3:14**). Paul knew his work was ordained by God. Paul recognized it was heaven's resources he was utilizing to do the work of the Lord. Just like a successful salesman must be sold on his product, an effective evangelist must be established in the efficacy of the epistles. These are the results of preparation.

## **What God Is Looking For?**

God is looking for Christians who are ready, willing, & able. God is looking for men to face the challenge of leadership & rise up to it by taking a stand for righteousness. God is looking for men & women to face the challenge of stewardship by living faithfully & being a blessing to others. As we walk into this New Year, let us keep the following in mind:

1. Let us not walk into 2011 like we walked into 2010. There must be at least 365 ways we have improved in the Lord since last year this time.
2. Let us not be ignorant of the cost of discipleship.
3. Let us become a people of conviction & not a people of opinion.
4. Let us **"be ready always to give an answer to every man that ask us a reason of the hope that is in us with meekness & fear"** (**1 Peter 3:15**).
5. Let us be every bit of "A Going Church For A Coming Lord" by showing compassion to all. "People will never care how much we know, until they know how much we care."

***-Antoine N. Holloway***