

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
January 10th @ 7:00pm January 15th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

February 13th @ 5:00pm

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

April 7th-10, 2011

2011 Vacation Bible School

June 20th-24th, 2011

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

October 6th-9th, 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.

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Angelita Dillon * John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Additional Announcements

- Calvin Schlabach left for Columbia, South America on January 4th. He will be arriving back in 3 1/2 weeks. He is requesting our prayers.
- During Sunday Morning Worship, we will be having our annual congregational report (**Acts 14:27**). During this meeting, the budget will be presented & explained, the 2011 goals will be set forth, congregational statistics will be given, & the deacons will deliver group reports.

Contribution & Attendance Figures

January 2nd \$3,970-Contribution 108-Attendance
December 26th \$2,524-Contribution 90-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: January 9, 2011

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

Understanding Expediency

An expediency is heaven's aid to Biblical fulfillment. Expediency is the answer to the question: "How do we carry out a Biblical command in the absent of specific instructions from God?" In order for something to be expedient, then it must meet all 5 of these Biblical qualifications:

It Must Be Lawful First (1 Corinthians 10:23)

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

For something to be lawful, the Bible must provide a direct command/statement, apostolic/approved example, or necessary inference/implication. In order for an item to be expedient, it must aid in the fulfillment of what is lawful. If there is no law, then it cannot be practiced as being expedient.

It Cannot Add To Or Take Away From Established Authority (Proverbs 30:5-6)

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Whatever we practice as being expedient, it cannot add to, take away from, or replace established Biblical authority. If God tells us what to do & how to do it, then there is no room for expediency. We must understand there is a difference between an "aid" & an "addition." Aaron Erhardt in his book, "The Simple Truth" writes, "*It is important for us to understand the difference between aids & additions. Aids help in fulfilling the command, without changing the nature of the command.*"

Additions, on the other hand, change the very nature of the command."

It Cannot Be Expressly Stated In Scripture Already

This is necessarily inferred because if it is directly stated in Scripture, it is a command & cannot be an aid in fulfilling the command.

It Must Edify The Saints (1 Corinthians 14:26)

How is it then, brethren? When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

To edify means to build up. Whatever is used to aid in the fulfillment of a command must make the command easy to fulfill as the command itself. Listen to your Bible! In **1 John 5:3**, the Bible reads, "**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**" If God's commands are not burdensome, then the fulfillment of those commands cannot be burdensome either. If it is, then it cannot be practiced as being expedient. Anything deemed expedient must build up the Christian & not tear them down.

It Cannot Be Bound As Lawful (1 Corinthians 6:12)

All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

We cannot bind our expediency as lawful on other local congregations because our expediency may not be their expediency & vice versa.

-Antoine N. Holloway