

**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**      **Saturday Discipleship Class**  
February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm      February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

**Elders/Deacons Meeting**

February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

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

April 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 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 \* Myron Hutchison \* Andrew Madison \* Ann Wise  
Lewis Wise

**Prayer Requests**

- **Sarita Byas** is scheduled to have surgery on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Martha McDaniel** is still recovering from a fall she suffered 2 weeks ago.
- **Ruth Branson's** cousin, Eleanor Porter, passed away last week.

**Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)**

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

**Prayer Request (Traveling)**

The Barfield Family \* Bruce McDonald \* Antoine Holloway

**Additional Announcements**

- **Biblical Insights** are on the table in the lobby & in the resource rack.

**Contribution & Attendance Figures**

January 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,440-Contribution	100-Attendance
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	\$2,766-Contribution	97-Attendance

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

Hear The Gospel (Acts 15:7)\* Believe In Jesus (Acts 8:12) \* Repent Of Our Sins (Acts 3:19)\* Confess Christ To Be The Son Of God (Acts 8:37) \* Be Baptized In Water (Acts 22:16)\* Remain Faithful (Acts 2:42)

**TODAY'S DATE: February 6, 2011**

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

# You Can't Believe Everything You Hear

## Scriptural Text: 1 Kings 13:11-19

I remember the first time reading the Scriptural text & how it opened my eyes. Really? A prophet of God falling for this. Are you serious? Folks actually lie & have the brazen audacity to call themselves "religious." This passage of Scripture, for lack of a better phrase, "blew my mind!" Nevertheless, we are living in an age, where individuals, Christians included, are falling for this. We have family members who are teaching/believing lies. We have neighbors sacrificing their time, their talent, & their treasure in an effort to promote doctrines, dispositions, & "Diotrephes," which are foreign to Scripture. If we learn nothing else from this text, then let it be known, *"You can't believe everything you hear."* There are two points we much keep in mind as we engage in the art of hearing.

### **We Cannot Hear Wrong & Believe Right**

In **Acts 13:47-48**, the Gentiles heard the truth of the gospel, they believed what they heard, & baptism was the inevitable result. In **Acts 18:8**, Crispus & his household heard the truth of the gospel, they believed what they heard, & baptism was the inevitable result. There are many in the church who says they may have heard the wrong message & believed the wrong message, but their baptism was right with God. If we hear the wrong thing, then we will believe the wrong thing. If we believe the wrong thing, then our baptism was not right. We cannot be taught wrong & baptized right. The prophet heard the wrong message & believed the wrong message. Although he was obedient to the wrong message, God still said he was disobedient (**1 Kings 13:21-22**) because he did not obey the right message. We cannot be taught wrong & baptized right, no more than we can hear wrong & believe right.

### **We Must Be Careful Of WHAT We Hear & HOW We Hear It**

These are the warnings from the Savior Himself in **Mark 4:24 & Luke 8:18**. Everybody who says they are preaching the gospel is not preaching the gospel. Just like the prophet in the text, there are many who are not preaching the truth, but rather they are being fed,

led, & bled by the devil to preach lies. In **Jeremiah 23:21-22**, the Bible reads, **"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, & had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, & from the evil of their doings."** Why do they do this? It is because people do not want to hear what they need, but rather people want to hear what makes them feel good in their sin. In **Isaiah 30:9-10**, the Bible reads, **"That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; & to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits"** (**1 Timothy 4:1-3 & 2 Timothy 4:2-4**). This was happening then & unfortunately, it is happening more so today.

As Christians, it is our responsibility to get the word out to humanity that they cannot believe everything they hear. We must understand Jesus has already spoken. The Lord has already laid down the law. Christ has already given us the standard for entrance into His kingdom & what He said, the law which He has laid down, & the standard He has given is obedience to His infallible word! Jesus said, **"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, & believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, & receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, & what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak"** (**John 12:46-50**). If God said it, then it is in the Book. If God did not say it, then it will not be in the Book. If a preacher, prophet, priest, or king comes around saying God spoke to them & therefore we need to be doing this or that, then God let be true & every man a liar (**Romans 3:4**) because we are going to be judged by the words of God in the Bible & not by the holy imagination of men. Since we know we cannot believe everything we hear, then let us expressly speak the truth & take heed what & how we hear.

- **Antoine N. Holloway**