

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 21st @ 7:00pm February 26th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

March 6th @ 5:00pm

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

April 7th-10th, 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 * Myron Hutchison * Andrew Madison * Ann Wise
Lewis Wise

Prayer Requests

- Erin Berry was baptized into Christ on last Sunday.

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Angelita Dillon * John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Bruce McDonald * Cindy Turney

Additional Announcements

- **Biblical Insights** are on the table in the lobby & in the resource rack.
- **Exton COC** Gospel Meeting April 15th-19th w/ Andy Diestelkamp.
- **Southwest COC** Gospel Meeting April 22nd-29th w/ Wendell Powell.
- **Annandale COC** Gospel Meeting April 29th-May 1st w/ Andy Cantrell.
- **Susquehanna COC** Gospel Meeting May 13th-15th w/ Various Speakers.

Contribution & Attendance Figures

February 13th \$3,016-Contribution 112-Attendance
February 6th \$4,439-Contribution 107-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 20, 2011

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

Teach Me To Do Thy Will Most Lovingly

The word “teach” means “cause to understand; to impart knowledge.” The “will of God” is “the design & desire of God for all of His creation.” The word “lovingly” is an adverb meaning, “affection & passion” used to describe the verb “do,” which means, “to perform & execute.” Therefore, the phrase “teach me to do thy will most lovingly” means “the giving of knowledge by God for the purposes of bringing about understanding regarding His design for us, so we in turn can execute & perform His desire for humanity in a manner which is both affectionate & passionate.”

God: The Teacher (Job 21:22)

As Christians, we must turn to God for both the knowledge of His will & how to fulfill it in a way which is most lovingly. God fearing individuals have always turned to God for this help (**Psalms 25:5, Psalms 143:10, Isaiah 2:3, Micah 4:2, & Isaiah 48:17**). God is not only any excellent teacher, but He is the perfect & most qualified teacher of His own will. What better person to educate us on the will of God than God Himself. Only God through His word is capable of causing us to understand His design & desire for our lives, in such a way we will be able to perform & execute it with passion & affection. We ought to be thankful His will is teachable.

In The Absence Of Faith We Cannot Do God's Will

In **Hebrews 11:6**, the Bible teaches us there is a way for us to please God. We please God by having something called faith. What is faith? Faith believes God is who He says He is. Faith believes God is a rewarder to those who seek Him diligently (**Hebrews 11:1**). Faith is an acronym meaning, “**F**orsaking **A**ll **I** Trust **H**im” (**Matthew 19:27**). Faith is calling those things which be not as those they were (**Romans 4:17**). How do we receive this faith? We receive faith by constantly hearing God's word (**Romans 10:17**). The Bible teaches faith comes by hearing. Notice the Bible does not teach faith comes by having heard. In order for us to do God's will, we must walk by faith & not by sight (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). God has given us a heart to believe with (**Romans 10:10**). It is crucial we keep our minds open & not closed to the will of God. God has given us a medium to believe through which is the word of God, serving as a lamp to our feet & a light to our path (**Psalms 119:105**). God has given us someone to believe on, who is Jesus Christ Himself (**Hebrews 12:2**). We will always have what we need to walk by faith when we keep in memory **Philippians 2:13**. When we fear God & keep His commandments, then we are doing the will of God most lovingly (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**).

Why Is Doing The Will Of God Important?

It is through doing the will of God, we become siblings of the Lord Himself. Jesus paid the cost to be our boss & being related to Him has its benefits

(**Mark 3:35**). It is through doing the will of God, we will receive the promise of much brighter days ahead (**Hebrews 10:36**). It is through doing the will of God, we will outlive worldly lust in this present world (**1 John 2:17**). It is through doing the will of God, the doctrine of Christ is made clearer (**John 7:17**). We need God to teach us to do His will most lovingly because, as Christians, we can be tempted & deceived to execute our own desires thinking it is according to the will of the Lord (**John 16:1-3**). It is through doing the will of God, our prayers will be heard by Him (**John 9:31 & 1 John 5:14-15**). It would be prudent on our part to submit to the will of Almighty God (**Deuteronomy 6:24-25**).

What Is The Will Of God?

The will of God desires salvation for us all & wants us all to know the truth (**1 Timothy 2:3-4**). The will of God desires we all come to repentance (**2 Peter 3:9**). For this reason, God is good to us in His effort to lead us to this point (**Romans 2:4**). The will of God desires we represent His Son Jesus Christ in the workplace, at school, at home, in the community, & whithersoever we go (**Ephesians 6:5-8**). The will of God desires us to abstain from fornication (**1 Thessalonians 4:3**). The will of God desires us to be a people of thanksgiving (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**). God gave us a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have we used one to say “thank you?” The will of God desires us to do well, for in doing so, we will silence the ignorant (**1 Peter 2:15-16**). The will of God desires us to no longer live our lives according to the flesh (**1 Peter 4:1-2**). There is nothing mystical, twistical, or incomprehensible about the will of God. Therefore, it is our responsibility to adhere to the words of the apostle Paul in **Romans 12:2**, & renew our minds, so we may prove what is that good, & acceptable, & perfect, will of God.

How Are We Able To Do The Will Of God Most Lovingly?

We are able to do the will of God most lovingly...

- By giving ourselves sacrificially to the Lord (**2 Corinthians 8:5**).
- By giving God the first thought of every day (**Psalms 5:3**).
- By giving God the first day of every week (**Revelation 1:10**).
- By giving God the first consideration in every decision (**2 Timothy 2:7**).

Hear The Conclusion Of The Whole Matter (Jeremiah 29:11)

Words have been defined; God has been described; phrases have been expounded upon; Scriptures have been quoted; points have been briefly explained; faith is absolutely essential; & questions have been answered. However, if we read this article with no more of an understanding regarding the will of God from the time we started & verified the Scriptures referenced, then let us at least get this one point: “**The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you (Ephesians 5:17).**”

- Antoine N. Holloway