

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 28th @ 7:00pm March 5th @ 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 (Hospital) * Ann Wise
Lewis Wise

Prayer Requests

- Isaac Parker 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 * Ermyn Frederick

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 20th \$3,883-Contribution 97-Attendance
February 13th \$3,016-Contribution 112-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 27, 2011

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

Whose Image & Superscription Is This?

Mark 12:13-17 – *“But they sent some of the Pharisees & of the Herodians to Him for the purpose of entrapping Him in His speech. And they came up & said to Him, Teacher, we know that You are sincere in what you profess to be, that You cannot lie, & that You have no personal bias for anyone; for You are not influenced by partiality & have no regard for anyone’s external condition or position, but in [and on the basis of] truth You teach the way of God. Is it lawful (permissible & right) to give tribute (poll taxes) to Caesar or not? Should we pay [them] or should we not pay [them]? But knowing their hypocrisy, He asked them, Why do you put Me to the test? Bring Me a coin (a denarius), so I may see it. And they brought [Him one]. Then He asked them, Whose image (picture) is this? And whose superscription (title)? They said to Him, Caesar’s. Jesus said to them, Pay to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s & to God the things that are God’s. And they stood marveling & greatly amazed at Him.”*

In this text, we find Jesus being confronted by the Pharisees & Herodians again. The Pharisees represented ritualism, while the Herodians represented worldliness. For this reason, they have been dissatisfied with the teachings of Jesus, as well as the lifestyle of Jesus. The mere existence & presence of the Lord exposed their hypocrisy daily. So, the solution derived by the Pharisees & Herodians was simple. “Live right!” No, this was God’s solution for them, but they rejected this, just like they rejected the Father, the Son, & every messenger sent by them. Their solution was to intimidate Jesus with their much learning, but this did not work. When this failed, they tried to take him by force, but this did not work either. Therefore, they are attempting another way in **Mark 12:13-15**. Let us look at the example of Jesus & His response to the wayward to understand how we are to walk & talk as 21st century Christians.

Beware When People Say Everything To Your Liking (Mark 12:14)

Who among us would not like to be characterized as true, not prejudice, & a teacher of the true way of God? Every Christian claims to be this, for these are characteristics of being Christ-like. Unfortunately, many are not. The apostle Paul in **Galatians 2:4** talks about false brethren. James spends the first 12 verses in chapter 2 in the book the Holy Spirit inspired him to write (**James 2:1-12**) addressing the issue of prejudice in the church. The apostle Peter talks about false teachers who will come & turn people away from the true way of God (**2 Peter 2:1-3**). So, we study, pray, & worship in an effort to be all God has called us to be. It feels good when people give us accolades & compliments (**Proverbs 27:2**), but sometimes, the praises of men are nothing more than an attempt to get us to drop our guard, so the enemy can discredit God before a crooked generation (**Proverbs 29:5**). Let us learn from Jesus & remain focus on the task at hand, which is to seek & save the lost & not credit for what we ought to be doing (**Mark 12:15, Luke 19:10, & Luke 17:10**).

What Image & Superscription Do We Bear (Mark 12:16)?

When the penny was brought to Jesus, they answered the Lord’s question by saying it was Caesar’s image & superscription on the coin. So, this proved the coin belonged to Caesar. As free moral agents, who like this coin, will one day be brought before Jesus, what image & superscription will we bear? The image & superscription we must have is that of Christ. We were purchased of God, thus belonging to Him (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**).

As we continue to sojourn in this life, let us beware of flattery, prepare ourselves to be brought before the Lord, & bear the image of our Savior by living like we belong to Him in both word & deed (**Mark 9:41**).

- **Antoine N. Holloway**