

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
April 18th @ 7:00pm April 16th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

May 1st @ 5:00pm

2011 Vacation Bible School

June 20th-24th, 2011

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

October 6th-9th, 2011

2012 Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Albert Dickson of Cincinnati, Ohio

April 5th-8th, 2012

Prayer Requests (Continuing Health Problems)

Rudale Blake * Ayana Gorham * Myron Hutchison * Noreen Klemm *
Andrew Madison * Ann Wise * Lewis Wise

Prayer Requests

- **Kalandra Williams** will be having surgery April 20th.

Additional Announcements

- Next **Women's Bible Study** – Thursday, April 21st @ 7:00PM.
- **The State Of The Congregation Address** – May 1, 2011
- WELCOME to the **Staton Family** (Tireray, Jill, Thomas, Jacob, & Tyleen) & the **Moeller Family** (Rhett, Meredith, Thane, & Rhiannon). They placed membership here & will serve the Lord in this community.

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Angelita Dillon * John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Bruce McDonald * Tina Okonkwo

Contribution & Attendance Figures

April 3rd \$4,729-Contribution 104-Attendance
March 27th \$2,650-Contribution 83-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: April 10, 2011

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

Additional Announcements & Gospel Meetings

- **Exton COC** Gospel Meeting April 15th-19th w/ **Andy Diestelkamp**.
- **Southwest COC** Gospel Meeting April 22nd-24th w/ **Wendell Powell**.
- **Annandale COC** Gospel Meeting April 29th-May 1st w/ **Andy Cantrell**.
- **Centreville COC** Gospel Meeting April 29th-May 1st w/ **Philip Mullens**.
- **Susquehanna COC** Gospel Meeting May 13th-15th w/ **Various Speakers**.
- **Washington, NJ COC** Gospel Meeting May 13th-15th w/ **Frank Walton**.
- **East Orange COC** Gospel Meeting May 13th-15th w/ **Bill Echols**.
- **Gettysburg COC** Gospel Meeting May 19th-22nd w/ **Tommy Peeler**.
- **TEACHERS TRAINING SEMINAR SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011 FROM 9AM-1PM.**
- **POTLUCK TODAY @ BLADENSBURG WATERFRONT PARK IMMEDIATELY AFTER MORNING WORSHIP. DIRECTIONS ARE LOCATED IN THE LOBBY. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

God's Omnipresence

God's nature is so vastly superior to ours that it is difficult to rationally understand His varied qualities. One of those qualities is His omnipresence, the reality of God's conscious awareness of every person, every event, everywhere at every moment of time. Just try to wrap your mind around that one.

One of the greatest expressions of God's omnipresence is found in **Psalm 139:7-12**:

*Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there Your hand shall lead me,
and Your right hand shall hold me.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"
even the night shall be light about me;
indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
but the night shines as the day;
the darkness and the light are both alike to You.*

David here acknowledges the truth that God's presence cannot be escaped; nothing can be kept secret from God, even in the mind. David, of course, had more direct confirmation of God's awareness than is manifested to us today. God demonstrated an intimate knowledge of David as he tended his father's sheep, when he lived as a fugitive from Saul, in his assassination of Uriah, when he was deposed by Absalom — all through his life from beginning to end, including his development in the womb (**Psalm 139:13-16**).

We serve the same God 3,000 years later, and He remains aware of our every move as He was of David's.

The Bible distinguishes between the *person* of God and the "locality" of His person from His omnipresent awareness of all things earthly. (Language tends to fail us in speaking of such transcendent concepts.) In respect to the person of God, He is said to dwell in heaven, a different realm and dimension from this earthly sphere.

Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple differentiates between that earthly structure as a symbol of God's covenant presence among Israel and heaven as God's "dwelling place." (**1 Kings 8:27, 30, 32, 34, 36, 39, 43, 45**).

When the New Testament speaks of the "locality" of Jesus' person, it places Him in heaven, at the right hand of God (**Acts 1:9-11; Acts 7:55; Colossians 3:1**). It is from here that He reigns and rules, "**upholding all things by the word of His power**" (**Hebrews 1:3**). It is from heaven that He will be revealed at His return (**1 Thessalonians 4:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:7**).

When Jesus says to His apostles: "**I am with you always, even to the end of the age**" (**Matthew 28:20**) or "**where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them**" (**Matthew 18:20**), He is not speaking of the literal presence of His person. Rather, He is referring to His authority, approval and providential oversight.

How can God's personal essence be in one place (heaven) and yet His awareness be everywhere? This is so far beyond us because it is foreign to our nature. A very shallow analogy might be the president who lives in the White House but has a constant, current awareness of events in hotspots around the world through satellite and other high-tech communications.

For those who fear God and trust Him, this "omnipresence" is a blessing, for we can be assured that wherever we go, whatever befalls us, it does not escape His notice. All we need to know is that He knows.

-Jim Jonas

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