

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 23rd @ 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 * Myron Hutchison * Norene 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
- **TEACHERS TRAINING SEMINAR SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011**
FROM 9AM-1PM.

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Angelita Dillon * John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Bruce McDonald * Tina Okonkwo * Rufus & Emma Jean Barfield * The
Smith Family

Contribution & Attendance Figures

April 10th \$3,239-Contribution 122-Attendance
April 3rd \$4,729-Contribution 104-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 17, 2011

Wildercroft
CHURCH OF CHRIST



**6330 Auburn Avenue
Riverdale, Maryland 20737**

(301) 474-7460

www.wildercroftcoc.org

Call BIBLE MOMENTS

(301) 345-1240

Updated Every Monday & Thursday

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

Gospel Meetings In The Area

- **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**.
- **Dulles COC** Gospel Meeting May 13th-15th w/ **Robert Harkrider**.
- **Gettysburg COC** Gospel Meeting May 19th-22nd w/ **Tommy Peeler**.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting With Jim Jonas

We were blessed to hear a series of lessons from our good brother from Centreville, Virginia Jim Jonas. This congregation is Northern Virginia is blessed with a strong Eldership, serving Deacons, & a group of saints committed to the work of Christ in their geographical location. If you nothing about this group of Christians just south of us, at least we know they are well fed.

Brother Jonas preached a series of lessons from the book of 1 Corinthians. Why **1 Corinthians**? Our Evangelist chose this series for brother Jonas because in looking at the diversity of Wildercroft, there are some similarities between the church at Corinth & Wildercroft. We are not to look at this negatively. Yes, Corinth had a bad reputation in the first century & it has a bad reputation in the 21st century. When someone says, "This congregation reminds me of the Corinthians," this is usually something we don't say, "Thank You" too. So, why **1 Corinthians**? First Corinthians was chosen because we have an abundance of first generation Christians who have come from many diver backgrounds socially, racially, religiously, academically, & economically.

Take a moment & look around. We have blacks, whites, Hispanics, & many other races at Wildercroft. We have a variety of social classes here. Some of us were raised in Christian homes, but the rest of us came from denominationalism, institutionalism, atheism, Judaism, & even the street. All of us came to Christ with sin only He could remove, but some had light baggage, while others had a lot of baggage. We have members whose educational accomplishments range from GED's to PhD's. Some of us have money at the end of the month; others have month at the end of the money.

So, knowing these differences exist, how do we become one in Christ? Jim Jonas over the 4-day event used God's book, the Bible, & showed us how.

We become one in Christ by recognizing Christ has many people in this city (Thursday). We live in a large metropolitan area. One of the drawing points from me two years ago to move here was not the size of the congregation or the financial package presented, but it was the potential of the area. We live in the DMV (DC, Maryland, & Virginia). We are strategically located in a place where we can reach out to souls in 3 major areas. Who else in this country has a harvest like this? We have the work of evangelism, which requires we work together & not against each other.

We become one in Christ by embracing the humility of the cross (Friday). Pride exaggerates us & minimizes God. Humility teaches us we were enemies of God & deserve death. Humility teaches us we cannot remedy our sinful condition by our own human wisdom. Humility teaches us we are completely dependent upon God & His word. If we see ourselves the way God sees us, then we will never attempt to look our noses at anyone, especially our brethren.

We become one in Christ by not coming together for the worse. First, we must come together. **Hebrews 10:23-25** is still in the Bible. Our attendance may have averaged 2 more individuals/night than last year, but it was deceiving; **70** on Thursday, **75** on Friday, **105** on Saturday, **79** on Sunday Bible Class, **122** on Sunday AM, & **91** on Sunday PM. We must correct this. Visitors are always welcomed, but Members are expected. Once we get the coming together right, then we must come together for the better. Why do we come to worship? Is it to serve God & encourage my brethren OR is it to do God a favor & serve as spectators during the worship?

We become one in Christ by working together as one body, carrying out a more excellent way, & keeping in memory the truth of the resurrection of the dead. We all may have different gifts & different responsibilities, but we work together as one body by the same Spirit to serve the one God by having the same mind. Our Elders must lead, feed, & intercede. Our Preacher must teach, train, & evangelize. Our Deacons must serve & leave no duty undone. As members, we must all remain faithful to Christ through our attendance, worship, study, fellowship, & evangelism. We accomplish through AGAPE LOVE. Our standard of love must be because God loves. When God stops loving, then we can stop loving. However, God's love is everlasting. God's love raised Jesus from the dead. Since Jesus is risen, His claims are true, it matters how we live in this world, we have no need to fear death, & whatever we go through in this life, we have a Savior who has promised us, IT WILL BE WORTH IT!

- **Antoine N. Holloway**