

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**

May 9th @ 7:00pm

June 4th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

Women's Thursday Bible Study

June 5th @ 5:00pm

May 19th @ 7:00pm

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** is recovering from neck surgery.
- **Brenda McCrea's** father was laid to rest this past Friday.

Additional Announcements

- **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.
- **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

Contribution & Attendance Figures

May 1st	\$6,636-Contribution	103-Attendance
April 24th	\$3,173-Contribution	87-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: May 8, 2011

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

Jesus: The Good Shepherd – The Comparison (Part 1)

Scriptural Text: John 10:1-18

The prophet Isaiah said in **Isaiah 53:6**, “**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; & the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**” In this parable & the response of Jesus found in **John 10:1-18**, Jesus compares us to sheep & compares Himself to the shepherd. As free moral agents, we are like sheep. Humanity is lost in sin & in need of guidance. Christ came into the world to teach men the way to heaven; by His teaching. Through His example, He will lead us.

The Comparison (John 10:1-6)

In **John 10:1**, the Bible reads, “**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief & a robber.**” Jesus compares the door to SALVATION. In **John 10:7**, Jesus said, “**Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.**” Christ uses the definite article “the” meaning “one.” He is the one & only door into the fold of God. This is used to illustrate the way to heaven. This is made abundantly clear throughout Scripture. Listen to your Bible! In **John 14:6**, Jesus said, “**I am the way, the truth, & the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**” Also, in **Acts 4:10-12**, the Bible reads, “**Be it known unto you all, & to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**” In order to receive salvation, we must come through Christ.

In **John 10:2**, the Bible reads, “**But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.**” Not only is Jesus the door of the sheep; He is also the SHEPHERD of the sheep. Jesus tells

us this in **John 10:11**, where the Bible reads, “**I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**” Christ makes real this parable by comparing Himself to the shepherd.

In **John 10:3**, the Bible reads, “**To him the porter openeth; & the sheep hear his voice: & he calleth his own sheep by name, & leadeth them out.**” God is the porter who opens the door for Jesus. The sheep hears the voice of Jesus, who is the shepherd. Just like the sheep knows the shepherd’s voice, we are to know the voice of Jesus. The shepherd is one who leads sheep; thus, making the shepherd a SAVIOR to the sheep. Jesus is our Savior. The door to God’s salvation is open by the authority of Christ to those who accept His leading.

In **John 10:4-5**, the Bible reads, “**And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, & the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.**” The devil, false apostles, false prophets, false teachers, ministers of unrighteousness, & deceitful workers are identified as STRANGERS (**Matthew 7:15, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, & 2 Peter 2:1**). True followers of Christ will not fall prey to the tricks & the traps of Satan. Unfortunately, many sheep do. This is why much attention needs to be given in constantly hearing the voice of Jesus by reading His word. This way, we will be able to try the spirits to distinguish between the voice of the Shepherd versus the voice of Strangers (**1 John 4:1**). This explains why sinners do not follow Christ. They do not know His voice.

In **John 10:6**, the Bible reads, “**This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.**” What is a parable? A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Therefore, Jesus is teaching a lesson, which is SPIRITUAL. Just like the people in this text did not understand the words of Jesus then, worldly people do not understand them today.

-*Antoine N. Holloway*