

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**May 23rd @ 7:00pm**Saturday Discipleship Class**June 4th @ 9:00am**Elders/Deacons Meeting**June 5th @ 5:00pm**Women's Thursday Bible Study**July 21st @ 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 * Mary Dinges * Virginia Fowler * Nancy Lingerfelt * Andrew
Madison * Bruce McDonald * Kalandra Williams * Ann Wise * Lewis Wise**Prayer Requests**

- The mother of **Rod Amonett** (Evangelist for the Annandale church of Christ) passed away last Monday.

Additional Announcements

- Antoine Holloway** will be preaching a gospel meeting & VBS, along with training for area churches in Barbados June 25th-July 2nd.
- The **Elders** would like to thank those who participated in the Teachers Training Seminar on yesterday morning.

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Angelita Dillon * John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Catherine Myrick

Contribution & Attendance Figures

May 15 th	\$3,495-Contribution	88-Attendance
May 8 th	\$3,193-Contribution	125-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 22, 2011**Wildercroft
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A GOING CHURCH FOR A COMING LORD - ROMANS 16:16

Jesus: The Good Shepherd – The Concern (Part 3)

Scriptural Text: John 10:1-18

The Concern (John 10:16-18)

The primary concern of the Shepherd is SOUL WINNING. In **John 10:16**, the Bible reads, **“And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”** The world needs Christ. As Christians, we should not be content with our own salvation only. We should feel compelled to reach the lost for Jesus (**Matthew 28:19-20**). If soul winning, evangelism, &/or witnessing is not our concern, then we are showing an unconcern in this area; thus, denying access to the fold to all those the Shepherd desires to lead, save, & protect.

According to **John 10:17**, another concern of the Shepherd is SURRENDER. **“Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.”** Christ gave His life willingly. He died for all people everywhere. Listen to your Bible! In **John 3:16**, the Bible reads, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** A few weeks ago, we learn how this verse identifies the greatest love, the greatest gift, the greatest faith, & the greatest life. Just like the Shepherd, are we willing to surrender all to God?

In **John 10:18**, the Bible identifies the final concern. This concern is SACRIFICE. **“No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”** When sheep refuse to follow the shepherd, they go astray. They face the possibility of being killed by other animals. As long as we remain in Christ, & He in us, no harm can come to us. If we stray from Him, we forfeit His protection & guidance. Let us follow our Shepherd closely.

-Antoine N. Holloway

Preach The Word Garden City

Sheldon Smith was kind enough to forward me a story of a local church who recently made the news for preaching truth. This church was the Garden City church of Christ in Savannah, Georgia, where Larry Wright serves as the Evangelist.

To those who do not know Larry, he is a life-long friend of the Smith family, eulogized Lloyd Nash, a friend & colleague of mine's, & is receiving financial support from the Wildercroft congregation to be able to do the work of an evangelist on a “full-time” basis (**2 Timothy 4:5 & Philippians 4:15-17**). Below is the article & tonight, I will show from the Bible the lessons we can learn from this modern New Testament church.

A sign outside a church in Garden City has one woman outraged. Dana Smith contacted News 3 saying she passed by the sign and was surprised by what it said.

The sign outside the Church of Christ says, “Homosexuals, drunks, adulterers shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.” The sign is citing 1st Corinthians.

Smith said she took offense to it immediately and felt it has a negative connotation. She thinks people living with these issues may not be welcome in the church.

“I want to say they show prejudice as far as I'm concerned. I'm not a religious fanatic, but I do believe we are all God's children and should all be welcome in the church and if I read that said and I was a homosexual, an adulterer, or an alcoholic, I wouldn't feel welcome there... It is in Bible, but it's not the whole passage. My firm belief is that everybody deserves to be in the kingdom of God and doesn't take exception,” said Smith.

Evangelist Larry Wright said their sign has never been a source of controversy before. “Some of our members here, what they do is they sign up on a sheet and they sign up for a month and they basically will pick out scriptures and put up on the board,” he said. Wright acknowledges the verse in I Corinthians is longer than they posted “Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God,” read Wright from the Bible. He said they're just trying to spread the word of god and didn't have enough room on the sign.

“Upset and mad, that's not the point of it,” he said. “We want them to look at what is there, that's God's message to them as to all of us.”

He also says he knows people will disagree and not accept it, but that he still must present it. But gay rights activists said the sign is like a slap in the face.

“We've been promoting this sense of tolerance and equality and unity within the Savannah community and then it's like, ‘Bam!’ One of our local churches is going to come right out spoken with it,” said Cody Patterson, executive director of Act Out Savannah.

Patterson said other translations don't include “homosexuals” in the verse, and he wishes they had posted the rest of it.”The church is supposed to be there to spread God's word to other people, but if you're going to ostracize people and shame them away from your church, then are you really spreading the message of God?”He hopes they'll take the sign down.

“They managed to offend people. So now the ball is in their court. Of course, they have the ability to change that sign,” said Patterson.

- Antoine N. Holloway