

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**June 6th @ 7:00pm**Saturday Discipleship Class**July 9th @ 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)**Virginia Fowler * Nancy Lingerfelt * Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald *
Ann Wise * Lewis Wise**Prayer Requests**

- **Scott Turney's** friend, Brian Dodd, has a grandson named Isaac, who has an extreme case of leukemia. He will have to undergo chemotherapy for the next 3 years.

Additional Announcements

- We have a new brother in Christ. His name is **Keith Hawkins**. He was baptized on Thursday, May 26th. Welcome to the body of Christ.

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Axel Persuad * Meredith Moeller

Contribution & Attendance Figures

May 29 th	\$3,917-Contribution	116-Attendance
May 22 nd	\$4,335-Contribution	115-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: June 5, 2011**Wildercroft
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A GOING CHURCH FOR A COMING LORD - ROMANS 16:16

God's Word Provides Hope

Romans 15:4 – For whatever was thus written in former days was written for our instruction, that by [our steadfast & patient] endurance & the encouragement [drawn] from the Scriptures we might hold fast to & cherish hope.

Hope is an amazing thing. If we cling to hope in the midst of trials, a difficult situation will become bearable because hope will enable us get through it. As Christians, hope is a necessary part of our lives. In life, we must cling to certain things so we can come out on the other side of difficulties unscathed by the world around us. In **Romans 8:24**, the Bible reads, **"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"** The realization of our hope cannot be seen yet, but the Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul in **Romans 15:4** explains to us where this hope is rooted & where to find this hope necessary for life.

In **Roman 15:4**, the Bible reads, **"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience & comfort of the scriptures might have hope."** The Word of God was written to give us hope in this life. The scriptures were written to encourage us & build us up in faith, love, & hope. The word "hope" means "to anticipate, usually with pleasure; expectation or confidence." As we can see, hope is essential in the life of the Christian. We can rest securely in our future because of the hope the scripture offers us with Jesus as our guarantor.

As Christians, we have:

- Hope of the resurrection of the dead (**Acts 23:6**)
- Hope of the promise (**Acts 26:6-7**)
- The hope of the glory of God (**Romans 5:2**)
- The hope of His calling (**Ephesians 1:18**)

- The hope of righteousness (**Galatians 5:5**)
- The hope of the Gospel (**Colossians 1:23**)
- The hope of salvation (**1 Thessalonians 5:8**)
- The hope of eternal life (**Titus 1:2 & Titus 3:7**)
- The blessed hope & appearing of the glory of our great God & Savior Jesus Christ (**Titus 2:13**)

The apostle Paul told the young preacher Timothy in **2 Timothy 3:14-17**, **"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned & hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, & is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."** This is why we cling to the word of God, which is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, & training in righteousness. It gives us the foundation for the hope we have in Christ Jesus. This foundation is a sure foundation based on Christ Jesus & the precious promises He has spoken to us. Therefore, let us hold steadfast to the Word & draw our encouragement from it. We will be blessed with a wonderful expectation of the things which are coming. Knowing these things is what gives us the hope of our future with Christ.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS IN 2 WEEKS

Last year, our average attendance for VBS each night was **74**. Our highest attendance was **79**. I know we can do better this year. Let us invited neighbors, co-workers, family, & friends to this spiritually enriching event.