

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**July 11th @ 7:00pm**Saturday Discipleship Class**July 9th @ 9:00am**Elders/Deacons Meeting**July 3rd @ 5:00pm**Women's Thursday Bible Study**July 21st @ 7:00pm**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**2012 Vacation Bible School**June 18th-22nd, 2012**Prayer Requests (Continuing Health Problems)**

Virginia Fowler * Andrew Madison * Ann Wise * Lewis Wise

Prayer Requests

- **Monica Barbour's** mother has pneumonia & has for the last 3 weeks been in Holy Cross Hospital's CCU.
- **Virginia Fowler** has been hospitalized for some tests, but is now home.
- **Wilson Adams** collapsed during lunch on Wednesday while in Bowling Green teaching VBS. As of Friday, he was still in the hospital.

Additional Announcements

- Thank you for your prayers & interest regarding the work in Barbados. I have been invited back. A presentation of the trip is forthcoming.

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Paul & Sarita Byas * Dillon Family * Lovett Family * Myrick Family * Tyrone & Kalandra Williams

Contribution & Attendance Figures

June 26 th	\$3,525-Contribution	115-Attendance
June 19 th	\$4,837-Contribution	131-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: July 3, 2011**Wildercroft
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How To Give An Invitation

What Is An Invitation?

An invitation is a message designed to ask one to come somewhere, or to someone, or to do something. The invitation is not a lesson, but it is designed to get people to respond to the message.

What Or Who Is The Message?

Jesus is the message. Every lesson & sermon given prior to the invitation must be centered on Jesus Christ (**Acts 8:35**). Why Christ? It is because Christ gave the invitation, thus, making it scriptural. Christ is also the giver of salvation. All men must come to Him. Jesus says the following:

- **Matthew 11:28-30** – *“Come unto me, all ye that labour & are heavy laden, & I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, & learn of me; for I am meek & lowly in heart: & ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, & my burden is light.”*
- **Luke 5:32** – *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*
- **John 6:45** – *“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, & hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”*
- **John 14:6** – *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, & the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*
- **Revelation 3:20** – *“Behold, I stand at the door, & knock: if any man hear my voice, & open the door, I will come in to him, & will sup with him, & he with me.”*
- **Revelation 22:17** – *“And the Spirit & the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

The Invitation Is Very Important & Therefore, Must Be Taken Seriously

Why is this so? It is the most critical part of the service. Life & death depends upon our response to the invitation. Not only did

Jesus extend the invitation, but we have multiple Biblical examples of other urging men to turn from sin to God:

- **Isaiah 55:6-7** – *“Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, & the unrighteous man his thoughts: & let him return unto the Lord, & he will have mercy upon him; & to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”*
- **2 Corinthians 6:1-2** – *“We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, & in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”*
- **Hebrews 3:7-9** – *“Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, & saw my works forty years.”*

Here are a few points to remember when giving an invitation & what needs to be conveyed to those we are urging to respond.

1. **2 Corinthians 5:11** – **“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; & I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.”**
2. Yesterday is forever gone. Tomorrow may never come. Today is all we have.
3. We must live our lives as if Christ died yesterday, rose today, & is coming tomorrow. Will you be ready?

An invitation is not limited to what the preacher does after every sermon or what some of the brethren do after a Mid-Week Bible study. The invitation is something we must make a habit to extend when talking to anyone about the gospel. This is how we are to give an invitation.

--Antoine N. Holloway