

Elders:

Rufus Barfield * Donnie McDaniel

Deacons:Paul Byas * Chris Gorham * Antoine Holloway
Michael Myrick * Sheldon Smith**Evangelist:**

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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 25th @ 7:00pm**Saturday Discipleship Class**August 27th @ 9:00am**Elders/Deacons Meeting**August 7th @ 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 * Isaac Parker * Ann Wise * Lewis Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * John Okonkwo

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Ruth Branson * Dillon Family * Holloway Family * Lovett Family

Prayer Requests

- Faithful Gospel Preacher, **James Finney**, passed away last Monday. Keep the Finney family in your prayers.
- Tyrone Williams** will be working in the Philippines starting July 29th for the next two months.

Additional Announcements

- Michael Douglas** has decided to place membership with the disciples here this past Wednesday. Welcome to Wildercroft (Acts 9:26).

Contribution & Attendance Figures

July 10 th	\$3,239-Contribution	114-Attendance
July 3 rd	\$5,776-Contribution	91-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 17, 2011

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"A Going Church For A Coming Lord" – Romans 16:16

The Good Samaritan

Scriptural Text: Luke 10:25-37

As Christians, we must be willing to help those in need. Even though the Bible makes it clear that we are not saved by good works, salvation will produce the good works we do. Listen to your Bible! In **Ephesians 2:8-10**, the Bible reads, **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”**

At times, we get so busy with self & pleasure that we have no time to help others. Unfortunately, too many of us are interested in getting, but not giving; failing to realize God has called us to be an asset, conduit, credit, & river, not a liability, cul-de-sac, debit, & reservoir (**Acts 20:35**). If we want to enjoy the Christian life, then we must learn to give (**Luke 6:38**). We must learn to share (**Philippians 1:3-7**). We must learn to help (**2 Corinthians 1:8-11**).

The Set Up (Luke 10:25-29)

When it comes to doing the will of God, we must have a **desire** (**Luke 10:25**). A lawyer came to Christ, tempting Him regarding the way to inherit eternal life. All individuals are not like this man. There are many sincere people who are seeking the truth. It is our responsibility to tell it.

What I love about Jesus is when asked this question regarding eternal life, which was designed to trap Him, He asked, **“What is written in the law? How readest thou?”** The lawyer answered correctly & Jesus gave the following **demand** (**Luke 10:26-27**), **“Thou hast answered right: this do, & thou shalt live.”** Note the demand made by Jesus:

- Love God with all thy heart – This involves our emotions.
- Love God with all thy soul – This involves our spiritual being.
- Love God with all thy strength – This involves our physical being.
- Love God with all thy mind – This involves our intellect.

To live, which is eternal life is our desired **destiny** (**Luke 10:28**). By keeping the command to love God with our entire being, we are really fulfilling the will of God (**Ephesians 6:5-8**) & will inherit eternal life.

The Story (Luke 10:30-35)

Jesus begins this story with a **problem** (**Luke 10:30**). A traveler was robbed, wounded, & left along the roadside to die, alone & in need of help.

Some **people** came by & noticed the Jewish man left half dead (**Luke 10:31-35**). Notice the people who came by:

- **A Jewish Priest**. He represents the religious world. A person can be pious, but not a member of the church. He offered no help.
- **A Levite**. He represents members of the church. A person can be a member of the church, but not a Christian because they fail to pledge their allegiance to Christ by living as a Christian ought. He also passed without helping. Those who know God will get involved & help those in need.
- **A Samaritan**. He represents the Christian. Though the Samaritans & Jews were enemies, this Samaritan helped this Jewish man, who was in need (**Romans 12:19-21**).

Jesus concludes this story by describing the **pity** of the Samaritan toward the Jewish man. The despised Samaritan had pity for the Jewish man who had been ignored by his religious leaders. The Samaritan displayed divine love, for he had compassion on him. He displayed practical love, for he bound up his wounds. The Samaritan displayed kind love, for he took him to an inn & gave him shelter. He displayed unselfish love, for he paid for his care.

The Simplicity (Luke 10:36-37)

We see the **application** of this story in **Luke 10:36**. When the question is asked, “Who is our neighbor?” then the response should be the wounded ones. The whole world is wounded. There are sinners who are wounded with sin & need to repent. There are saints who are wounded with the familiar & need to be restored. There are souls who are spiritually sick with sin &/or sadness & need rest. Therefore, it is our responsibility as Christians to help them by any scriptural means necessary.

So, how are we to help? The **answer** is found in **Luke 10:37**. Jesus said, **“Go & do thou likewise.”** Don’t just talk about love – show it (**1 John 3:17**)!

Are we like the Good Samaritan? Do we give of our time, talent, & treasure to help those in need? God wants more than words – He wants action. Therefore, let us:

- Be Considerate. We must think of others, their needs, & their problems.
- Be Consecrated. When we give ourselves to God, we will be helpful.
- Be Compassionate. We must put ourselves in the place of others.
- Be Christ-like. We must have His love & compassion.

- **Antoine N. Holloway**