

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

November 7th @ 7:00pm

Elders/Deacons Meeting

November 6th @ 5:00pm

Saturday Discipleship Class

November 19th @ 9:00am

Women's Thursday Bible Study

March 15th @ 7:00pm

2012 Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Albert Dickson of

Cincinnati, Ohio

April 5th-8th, 2012

2012 Vacation Bible School – Theme: TBA

June 18th-22nd, 2012 – Speaker: Brandon Trout of Severn, Maryland

2012 Summer Lectureship – Remaining Faithful & Enabled

For The Ministry

August 1st-5th, 2012

Prayer Requests (Continuing Health Problems)

Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald * Isaac Parker * Ann Wise * Lewis Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * John Okonkwo * Angelita Dillon * Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Ruth Branson * The Dillon Family * The Lovett Family * The Okonkwo Family * The Turney Family

Prayer Requests

Additional Announcements

- Annandale COC Lectureship – Bob Owens, Melvin Curry, & Ed Harrell (November 10th-13th)

Contribution & Attendance Figures

October 23 rd	\$3,536-Contribution	125-Attendance
October 16 th	\$4,195-Contribution	132-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: *October 30, 2011*

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

The Desire To Lead

Matthew 15:14 – "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

When we read this passage of Scripture, what thoughts cross our mind? Do we limit this verse to those outside of Christ & to those who are wrong religiously? Or is this verse inclusive of leadership & the nature of people in general? I believe the latter & due to this, this verse frightens me.

In **Matthew 15:14**, we see the following: 1) There are leaders. 2) There are followers. 3) The followers need leaders because they are blind. 4) It is possible for leaders to be blind too. 5) If the leaders are blind & the followers are blind, then it is evident both will fall into the ditch.

Christians cannot avoid leadership. God expects His children to be led & fed by qualified shepherds (**Acts 20:28 & 1 Peter 5:2**). Unfortunately, the church has too many men unqualified to serve in this divine occupation because there is no desire to lead. For this reason, throughout the world, congregations have made four devastating mistakes. 1) We become content in having no leadership & therefore, we discourage any talks & processes to institute one. 2) We become dissatisfied with God's model of leadership & therefore, we create our own. 3) We become impatient in waiting for men to become qualified according to the Scriptures that we put men in the position against the divine counsel of the Holy Spirit. 4) We become desperate to preserve the leadership we have that we tolerate every promotion & every decision because after all, bad leadership is better than no leadership at all.

So, how do we eliminate these mistakes? How do we correct the problem of no leadership, unqualified leadership, bad

leadership, & weak leadership? We fix these issues by creating a desire to lead.

What is leadership? Leadership is one's capacity & ability to guide & direct with passion. A man's attitude toward leadership has to be one of desire. When it comes to desire, we have to want it. Do we want to lead? Are we being driven to lead each day? Do we possess the desire to lead? Are we building stronger levels of desire daily to do the things we need to do in order to lead effectively? Are we staying motivated by our strong desire to lead? Are we being transformed by our desire to lead? Desire is the fire that brings enthusiasm to a boil. It is an essential attitude behind any & all areas of leadership. When we have a desire to lead, it will transcend all obstacles opposed to us leading. Desire is the attitude we must have toward leadership, which not only addresses how we feel, but also what we do. Hence, he who desires, but acts not is simply unwilling to play the hand he's been dealt. Desire is displayed by an unstoppable action to never, never, never give up. David said in **Psalms 37:4**, "**Delight thyself also in the Lord: & he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**" Therefore, if we put God first in our lives & we desire to lead, then God will honor the request.

Leaders must be men of vision, for where there is no vision, the people perish (**Proverbs 29:18**). Starting with the article last week & a series of bulletin articles moving forward, leadership will be emphasized. In 2012, the Eldership & Deaconship will be strengthened. The classroom teaching will be more goal-oriented. Those leading in the worship service will do so with increased professionalism, precision, & spiritual awareness. Our youth will learn to know Jesus for themselves by worshiping God, studying God's word, interacting with other disciples, & evangelizing the lost. This is possible & it will happen, for falling into the ditch is not an option.

- **Antoine N. Holloway**