

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

December 5th @ 7:00pm

Elders/Deacons Meeting

January 8th @ 5:00pm

Saturday Discipleship Class

December 10th @ 9:00am

Women's Thursday Bible Study

March 15th @ 7:00pm

2012 Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Albert Dickson of Cincinnati, Ohio

April 12th-15th, 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 * Lewis & Ann Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * John Okonkwo * Angelita Dillon * Carlos Vargas * Ruth Branson * Bruce McDonald

Prayer Request (Traveling)

The Barfield Family * The Smith Family * The Gorham Family * The Turney Family

Prayer Requests



Additional Announcements



Contribution & Attendance Figures

November 20th \$3,599-Contribution 127-Attendance
November 13th \$2,284-Contribution 143-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: November 27, 2011

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

Leadership Through Edification

- **Romans 14:19** – *"So then let us pursue what makes for peace & for mutual upbuilding."*
- **1 Corinthians 10:23** – *"All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful, but not all things build up."*
- **1 Corinthians 14:12** – *"So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church."*
- **1 Corinthians 14:26** – *"What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up."*
- **2 Corinthians 12:19** – *"Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? It is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ, & all for your upbuilding, beloved."*
- **Ephesians 4:11-12** – *"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelist, the pastors & teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."*
- **Ephesians 4:29** – *"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:11** – *"Therefore encourage on another & build one another up, just as you are doing."*
- **1 Timothy 1:3-4** – *"As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths & genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith."*

At the very least, an Elder in the Lord's church is called upon to be an edifier to the saved. If he is not an edifier to the saved, then how can he effectively build up & uplift God's people? It is through edification Christians serve the brethren. This type of service is expected of all men, especially Elders & those desiring the office.

What Does It Mean To Be An Edifier To The Saved?

An edifier is an individual who builds up, encourages, strengthens, & unifies. As Christians, we are to build each other up & not tear each other down (**Hebrews 10:24**). We are to encourage one another & not discourage one another (**Colossians 3:21**). We are to strengthen each other & not weaken (**Acts 18:23**). Our goal is spiritual unity & not disunity (**Ephesians**

4:1-6). In order for a man to serve as an Elder scripturally, he must be an edifier to the saved. If a man is unable to encourage God's people to dwell in love with & towards one another, then he is unqualified to serve as an Elder.

Why Does An Elder Have To Be An Edifier To The Saved?

The very nature of his Biblical responsibilities demands it. An Elder has the responsibility to feed the flock (**Acts 20:28 & 1 Peter 5:2**). An Elder has the responsibility to lead the flock (**1 Timothy 5:17, Hebrews 13:7, & Hebrews 13:17**). An Elder has the responsibility to oversee the flock (**Acts 20:28**). An Elder has the responsibility to intercede for the flock (**1 Timothy 4:14 & James 5:14-16**). An Elder has the responsibility to be an example to the flock (**1 Peter 5:3**).

What Happens To The Church If An Elder Is Not An Edifier To The Saved?

If an Elder fails in the work of edification, then Christians will not follow after peace, but rather pursue confusion, chaos, & conflicts with one another (**Romans 14:19**). Christians will embrace a brand of false Christianity, which suggest it is scriptural to bind one's opinions & traditions on others (**1 Corinthians 10:23**). The church will try to grow based upon talents & abilities in the absence of edification. Therefore, we will begin to please God by way of performance & not faith (**1 Corinthians 14:12 & 1 Corinthians 14:26**). The church will begin to engage in unauthorized activities & works calling it edification (**2 Corinthians 12:19**). Christians will be purposely incomplete in their spiritual growth. The work of the church will be perverted & not carried out scripturally. They will fail to grow spiritual, numerically, & financially. The congregation will fail to unify, thus creating a false sense of unity (For as long as the "inferior" obey the "superiors," then everything is okay is the creed). Christians will become easily confused & deceived by the enemy. Members will begin to justify lying, gossiping, whispering, conspiring, & corrupt communication as godly traits. By default, they will begin to accept that gospel means "bad news" & not "good news" (**Ephesians 4:11-16 & Ephesians 4:29**). Interacting with other Christians would no longer be comfortable, but uncomfortable because the people we worship with will be as hopeless as we are (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**). Book, chapter, & verse preaching will be rejected & replaced with answerless questions, made up stories, & whose family is the most prominent in the body (**1 Timothy 1:3-4**).

This is why leadership is needed in edification. Do you have the desire to lead? If so, then start building up your brethren daily.

- **Antoine N. Holloway**