

Elders:
Rufus Barfield * Dan Jackson * Donnie McDaniel

Deacons:
Paul Byas * Chris Gorham * Antoine Holloway
Rhett Moeller * 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:

Men's Leadership Class **Saturday Discipleship Class**
July 28th @ 9:00am June 30th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting **Women's Thursday Bible Study**
July 1st @ 5:00pm July 19th @ 7:00pm

2012 Vacation Bible School - Theme: All Aboard The Kingdom Express

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

2012 Summer Lectureship – Remaining Faithful & Enabled For The Ministry
August 1st-5th, 2012

2012 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Philip Mullins of Ashburn, Virginia

October 11th-14th, 2012

Prayer Requests (Health Problems & Sick Presently)

Beth Anderson * Thelma Findley * Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald *
Isaac Parker * Lewis & Anne Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

The Foreman Family * Michael Ostroff

Additional Announcements

- **Song Practice** Today @ 5:00pm – See **Rhett Moeller** For Details
- We have BOTH the May Edition of "Biblical Insights" & recent CDs available in the lower lobby. Please take, read, listen, & share.
- Men – Please check the lawn cutting list for your name & make sure the lawn is clean & cut prior to services on Sunday. See **Chris Gorham** if you have any question or are unable to perform this duty.

Contribution & Attendance Figures

June 10 th	\$3,559-Contribution	122-Attendance
June 3 rd	\$7,022-Contribution	141-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 17, 2012

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Updated This Week By Calvin Mitchell

**"A Going Church For A Coming Lord, Which Does
All The Lord Authorizes" – Romans 16:16**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW

Last year, our average attendance for VBS each night was **84**. Our highest attendance was **93**. I know we can do better this year. Let us invited neighbors, co-workers, family, & friends to this spiritually enriching event.

The Just Shall Live By Faith

In **Romans 1:16-17**, the Bible reads, "**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, & also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**" Paul the apostle makes a declaration that he is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Paul is not ashamed for several reasons: **1)** it is the power of God to salvation, **2)** it is salvation to Paul because he believes, **3)** the righteousness of God dwells within the gospel of Christ, **4)** the gospel of Christ reveals God's righteousness by means of faith, & **5)** Paul was just (right with God & lives as such). As Christians, being ashamed of the gospel is not an option, but if we are, then the Bible is clear regarding this.

If we are ashamed of the gospel, then we do not believe God invested His power to save man by it. In **Acts 20:24**, the Bible reads, "**But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, & the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.**" In addressing the Elders of the church of Christ in Ephesus, Paul talks about the trials he endured, the afflictions he suffered, & the threats he received. Nevertheless, none of these things deterred him from preaching the gospel message because man's salvation was more important than his own life. Sounds familiar? (**Romans 5:6-10** & **John 15:13**). If this message saved us, then why wouldn't we share this message with others? Living by faith demands we share.

If we are ashamed of the gospel, then we have believed in vain. In **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**, the Bible reads, "**Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, & wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.**" Believing destroys the love of sin, in which this new hatred of sin should cause to stop practicing iniquity. However, if we find ourselves ashamed of Christ's gospel after obedience to it, then could it be that we have fallen in love with sin again? Living by faith demands we keep on believing that sinful pleasures may remained destroyed in our lives.

If we are ashamed of the gospel, then we are ignorant of God's righteousness. In **Romans 10:3**, the Bible reads, "**For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, & going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**" What is righteousness? Righteousness is doing the right thing, the right way, for the right reasons. Through believing the gospel, we are put on the path of righteousness striving to obtain it by being placed into Christ through water baptism (**Romans 10:10** & **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**). Living by faith demands we diligently seek God & His will in an effort to avoid establishing our own standard of faithfulness.

The phrase "**The just shall live by faith**" used by the apostle was preached in **Habakkuk 2:4**. Habakkuk the prophet could not understand why God would use wicked Babylon to punish Judah. Even today, Christians are often puzzled about their sufferings from the world. Nevertheless, we are encouraged to continue sharing the gospel with those who would count it as foolish. We are admonished to continue believing the gospel, even though it may be convenient to believe something else. We are charged to allow God to speak to us through the gospel, so we are not deterred from the goal of glory. We are instructed to trust God to save us by the gospel. We are urged to live by the standard of righteousness He has revealed through the gospel, regardless of all the injustices taking place around us whether personal, social, or governmental.

- **Antoine N. Holloway**