

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

July 28th @ 9:00am

Saturday Discipleship Class

June 30th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

July 8th @ 5:00pm

Women's Thursday Bible Study

July 19th @ 7:00pm

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

2013 Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Ethan Longhenry of Venice, California

April 11th-14th, 2013

Prayer Requests (Health Problems & Sick Presently)

Beth Anderson * Thelma Findley * JoAnn Harrison * 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)

Bernard Antoine * Terry McDaniel * Cordel Shaw (June 27th-August 1st) *
The Vargas Family

Additional Announcements

- **Song Practice** Today @ 5:00pm – See **Rhett Moeller** For Details
- We have BOTH the April, May, & June Edition of "Biblical Insights" (August 2012 will be our last edition of the magazine) & 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 17 th	\$3,706-Contribution	131-Attendance
June 10 th	\$3,559-Contribution	122-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 24, 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

THIS YEAR'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Last year, our average attendance for VBS each night was **84**. Our highest attendance was **93**. This year our attendance each night was: Monday – 86, Tuesday – 93, Wednesday – 105, Thursday – 95, & Friday – 92. This gave us an average attendance of **94**, which was 10 more than last year. Our highest attendance was **105**, which was 12 more than last year's high. Thank you for all your hard work & let us make VBS next year even better. Also, in the closing remarks, I forgot to mention all the hard work that **Emma Jean Barfield** did in putting together the bulletin board for VBS. ;-)

Understanding Ministry

The word, "ministry," is found 22 times in the ESV New Testament. This word "ministry" is dominantly & generically defined as "service; work; that which is done by a minister &/or servant." Under this definition, then anything which is done as a service, a work, or done by one who serves &/or ministers is then classified & qualified as a "ministry." However, like the word "fellowship," God agrees with "said" definition, but limits & specifies its usage in Scripture. We must understand that ministry is not what we say it is or what we want it to be, for ministry is received from & of the Godhead (**Acts 20:24, 2 Corinthians 3:8, 2 Corinthians 4:1, & Colossians 4:17**). So, what is ministry?

Ministry Involves The Word Of God

In **Luke 3:23**, we read where Jesus began His ministry when He was about 30 years old. What did Jesus begin to do? He went out & began teaching the word of God in the synagogues (**Luke 4:14-15**). The apostles of Jesus understood ministry to be so. Listen to your Bible! In **Acts 6:4**, the Bible reads, "***But we will devote ourselves to prayer & to the ministry of the word.***" In **Romans 15:19**, the Bible reads, "***By the power of signs & wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem & all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ.***" This ministry is inclusive of

teaching the gospel, righteousness, & reconciliation (**2 Corinthians 3:9 & 2 Corinthians 5:18**).

Ministry Involves Edification

In **Ephesians 4:12**, the Bible reads, "***To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.***" The work of ministry is the building up the body of Christ. For this reason, God has put in place Evangelists, Pastors, & Teachers in His church (**Ephesians 4:11**). This ministry produces unity, maturity, spiritual strength, & completeness (**Ephesians 4:13**).

Ministry Involves Evangelism

Evangelism is the work of the Evangelist that must be fulfilled. Listen to your Bible! In **2 Timothy 4:5**, the Bible reads, "***As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.***" This is the same ministry the apostles were commissioned to do in **Acts 1:17, Acts 1:25, & Galatians 2:8**. They received their "marching orders" in **Matthew 28:19-20**, in which to fulfill this ministry requires that all Christians share in the same.

Ministry Involves Benevolence

The entire 9th chapter of **2 Corinthians** (specifically **2 Corinthians 9:1 & 2 Corinthians 9:12**) addresses benevolence to needy saints. It is the supplying of needs only to those who have the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, & the communion with the Holy Ghost (**2 Corinthians 13:14**).

Ministry Is The Work Of The Church

If we truly understand what God has revealed in His word regarding ministry, then we know that the "work of the church" is the same as Scriptural ministry. Therefore, if it is the work of the church i.e. evangelism, edification, & benevolence, then it is authorized ministry & we must do it. Nevertheless, if it is not the work of the church i.e. evangelism, edification, &/or benevolence, then it is unauthorized & we must not identify it as ministry.

- Antoine N. Holloway