

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 July 14th @ 9:00am
Elders/Deacons Meeting **Women's Thursday Bible Study**
July 8th @ 5:00pm 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 * Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald *
Isaac Parker * Lolita Smith * Lewis & Anne Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Bruce McDonald * Cordel Shaw * The Vargas Family

Additional Announcements

- **Song Practice** Today @ 5:00pm – See **Rhett Moeller** For Details
- **Kenny & Judy Anderson** has placed membership with the Wildercroft congregation. WELCOME!!!
- *We have BOTH the April, May, & June Edition of "Biblical Insights" & recent CDs available in the lower lobby. Please take, read, listen, & share.*
- **Annandale COC Gospel Meeting – October 5th-7th w/ Chuck Durham**

Contribution & Attendance Figures

June 24 th	\$4,527-Contribution	136-Attendance
June 17 th	\$3,706-Contribution	131-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 8, 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***

Calling Fishers Of Men

Scriptural Text: Matthew 4:17-22

Conversion is fully displayed when it leads converts to seek the conversion of others. We truly follow Christ when we become fishers of men. The great question is not so much what we are naturally, but rather what Jesus makes us by His grace. Whoever we may be of ourselves, we can, by following Jesus, be made useful in His kingdom. Our desire should be to be fishers of men; & the way to attain to this is to be thoroughly captured by the Master Himself. When Jesus draws us, we will draw men. So, how is this accomplished? This is accomplished in 3 ways: 1) Something must be done by us, 2) Something must be done by Him, & 3) We must have a figure instructing us.

"FOLLOW ME" Is The "SOMETHING" To Be Done By Us

We must be separated to Christ, that we may pursue Christ's object. We cannot follow Him unless we leave others (**Matthew 10:37-38**). We must abide with Him, that His design may be our design. We must belong to Christ, that we may catch the spirit of Christ; the closer our communion with Christ, the greater our power with souls. Near following means full fellowship. We must obey Christ, that we may learn Christ's method. We must teach what He taught, teach as He taught, & teach such as He taught. We must not discriminate as to who we evangelize. We must believe Christ, that we may believe true doctrine. Christ's own teaching catches men; let us repeat it. Faith in Jesus on our part is a great force to beget faith. We must copy the life of Jesus that we may win the blessing of Christ from God; for God blesses those who are like His Son.

"I WILL MAKE YOU" Is "SOMETHING" To Be Done By Christ

Our following Jesus secures our education for soul winning. By our following Jesus, He works conviction & conversion in men; He uses our example as a means to this end. By our discipleship the Lord makes us fit to be used. True soul-winners are not self-

made, but Christ-made. The making of fishers of men is a high form of creation. By our personal experience in following Jesus, He instructs us so we may become proficient in the holy art of soul-winning. By His Spirit, He qualifies us to reach men. He makes us true fishers by inclining men to enter the gospel net.

"FISHERS OF MEN" Is The Figure Instructing Us

The man who saves souls is like a fisher upon the sea. A fisher is dependable & trusting. He is diligent & persevering. He is intelligent & watchful. He is laborious & self-denying. He is daring, & is not afraid to venture upon a dangerous sea. He is successful. He is a fisher who at least catches something. As Christians, we are fishers of men. Let us get busy preparing our nets, mending our nets, casting aboard our nets, & drawing in the net, that we may separate the precious from the vile (**Jeremiah 15:19** & **Matthew 13:47-48**). By having such a spiritual work ethic, no man shall have just cause to accuse us with idleness. Again, we are fishers of men. We must fit ourselves for our employment. If some fish only bite by day, then we must fish by day. If some fish only bite by night, we must fish by night. A good fisherman only has 3 rules to live by: 1) Keep yourself out of sight, 2) Keep yourself farther out of sight, & 3) Keep yourself farther out of sight still. This is why Peter commands us to "**Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time**" (**1 Peter 5:6**).

The best training for a soul-saving Christian is precisely that which he would follow if his sole object were to develop the character of Christ. The better the man, the more powerful will his teaching become. As we grow like Jesus, we will teach like Jesus. The direct road to success in saving souls is to become like the Master. The imitation of Christ is the true art of evangelism.

- Antoine N. Holloway