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:			
Sundav Bible St	Sunday Bible Study/9:30AM Sunday Morning Worship/10:30AM		
		Wednesday Bible Study/7:30PM	
Meetings:			
Men's Leadership Class Saturday Discipleship Class			
July 28 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:00		August 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am	
Elders/Deacon		Women's Thursday Bible Study	
August 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 5	:00pm	July 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm	
2012 Summer Lectureship – Remaining Faithful & Enabled For The Ministry			
August 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> , 2012			
2012 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Philip Mullins of Ashburn, Virginia			
October 11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> , 2012			
2013 Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Ethan Longhenry of Venice, California			
April 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> , 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			
Prayer Request (Traveling)			
The Moeller Family * Cordel Shaw * Tina Tatum			
Additional Announcements			
Eric Johnson, Khalil Mansaray, & Fuanyi Njefe were baptized into			
Christ on last week!!! Welcome our new brothers & sister.			
• Today is <b>Brittney Hunt's</b> last Sunday with us here @ Wildercroft. She			
is moving back to California.			
• 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 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> w/ Chuck Durham			
<u>Contribution &amp; Attendance Figures</u>			
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,707-Contribut		
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,527-Contribut	ion <b>136</b> -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)			
our Sins (Acts 5:19) Comess 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 15, 2012

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

# **Perpetually Positive In The Pulp Of Pollution**

#### Scriptural Text: Philippians 2:1-5

Below is the outline preached at the Southwest church of Christ in Severn, Maryland on July 1<sup>st</sup>, during their evening worship service. I hope this message encourages you, as the saints there said it encouraged them & was much needed.

Philippians is an epistle of joy and encouragement that inspires its readers to focus their thoughts and actions on pursuing Jesus Christ. When our joy is threatened by adverse circumstances, disunity, the quest for accomplishments, or anxiety, this letter is a powerful tool that can help us get our eyes back on Jesus. Only by pursuing Him first, will we discover the peace and contentment that comes from God. Therefore, because we are in Christ and our lives are bound up in His, we can have joy and contentment even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

So, how do we remain positive in this worn-torn world?

#### By Thinking Positive Thoughts - Philippians 4:8-9

Sometimes, we fail to discipline our thinking. We allow negative thoughts to dominate our minds. As Christians, we must take deliberate action, replacing negative thoughts with positive thoughts. Thus, keeping an optimistic outlook.

#### By Hearing Positive Sounds - Psalms 51:8

Many individuals tend to occupy their time listening to the filth, smut, and destruction coming across the airwaves, which in turn dwarfs and affects our dispositions. As Christians, we must train our ears to listen to the good and not the bad. We must hear from the Lord and heed to His Word.

#### By Seeing Positive Sights - Hebrews 12:1-2

Some members of the church have a bad habit of looking for the bad in both people and circumstances, seeing only things which are considered faults and negatives. In order for us to remain positive in every situation, we must always seek the good in others and always keep our eyes on the Christ who died for us.

#### By Speaking Positive Words - Psalms 105:1-2

More often than not, many have a tendency to talk mostly about evil and bad events of the time. In describing such things, some are harsh, unkind, and will even take the Lord's name in vain. As Christians, we should talk positively, seeking always to glorify God by extolling His goodness, grace, and love.

#### By Performing Positive Deeds - Colossians 3:23-25

When we look at the world today, the deeds of many people are quite evil. They are selfishly motivated, dishonest, and displeasing to God. We must be truthful in our dealings with God, our brethren, others, and ourselves. We must be ready to lift up those who are downtrodden. We must be prepared to evangelize the lost for Christ. We must be equipped to help those who are in need.

#### By Attending Positive Places - Psalms 122:1

Christians hurt their influence when they go to the wrong places in search of entertainment. Therefore, our objective as Christians is to not compromise our Lord, to attend worship faithfully, and to walk with God; for if we go with God, God will go with us.

- Antoine N. Holloway