

Elders:

Rufus Barfield * Dan Jackson * Donnie McDaniel

Deacons:

Paul Byas * Chris Gorham * 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

February 23rd @ 9:00am

Saturday Evangelism Class

February 9th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

February 17th @ 5:00pm

Women's Thursday Bible Study

March 21st @ 7:00pm

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

April 18th-21st, 2013

2013 Vacation Bible School w/ David Graham of Cincinnati, Ohio

June 17th-21st, 2013

THEME: TBA

2013 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Larry Wright of Savannah, Georgia

October 10th-13th, 2013

Prayer Requests (Health Problems & Sick Presently)

Virginia Fowler * JoAnn Harrison * Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald *
Janet Ostroff * Earl Sellers * Lewis Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Bruce McDonald * Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Rufus & Emma Jean Barfield * The Jackson Family

Additional Announcements

- Yes, we know it's Super Bowl Sunday & the Ravens are playing, but Christians will still gather here tonight for worship @ 6pm. ☺
- WELCOME **Marcus Christopher** – Was baptized into Christ on January 19th.
- Song Practice Today @ 5:00pm.
- Exton COC Gospel Meeting – March 8th-10th w/ Kevan O'banion

Contribution & Attendance Figures

January 27 th	\$3,195-Contribution	128-Attendance
January 20 th	\$4,538-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: February 3, 2013

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

The Compassion Of The Christ



Matthew 9:36 – "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

What is compassion? Compassion is defined as "a feeling of deep sympathy & sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering." This is truly what Jesus felt. He healed the sick, cured diseases, cast out demons, & taught many, but this was more than a work for Him. He was moved with compassion. This attribute of our Savior is something we must strive to imitate in our lives.

Compassion Is Undaunted (1 Peter 3:8-9)

"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."

Undaunted is an adjective meaning, "undismayed; not discouraged; not forced to abandon purpose or effort." We see this in the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan became involved in helping the less fortunate. He did not run away or look the other way in ***Luke 10:25-37***. Compassion calls for the courage to come forward to help with the job that needs to be done. Compassion does not falter or give in to fear or failure.

Compassion Is Undefeated (1 Chronicles 16:34)

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."

Christ's compassion is unbeatable. It cannot be overcome. It will never lose a battle. Compassion, like faith, brings victory. It comes from God & never fails because He never fails. The Lord is full of compassion for "***His mercy endureth forever.***" Through prayer, concern, & effort, we can be filled with compassion also.

Compassion Is Undefiled (Mark 1:41)

"And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean."

Undefiled is an adjective meaning "free from stain or blemish." This is what our personal religion must be (***James 1:27***). Compassion is sorrow or pity excited by the distress or misfortunes of another. Compassion is sympathy. Jesus had true compassion. He was never selfish, never held resentments or ill-feelings toward others. We must have pure motives also. We must care for others & give to them without expecting anything in return.

Compassion Is Understanding (Mark 6:34)

"And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things."

Understanding comes by seeing through the eyes of the sick, suffering with the lonely & bereaved, & walking in the shoes of the less fortunate. Jesus understood. He experienced sorrow, loneliness, suffering, & death. We should be understanding too. When we empathize with others, we are enabled to love with compassion as Jesus did (***Matthew 14:14***).

- **Antoine N. Holloway**