

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 Evening Worship/6:00PM

Sunday Morning Worship/10:30AM

Wednesday Bible Study/7:30PM

Meetings:**Men's Leadership Class**

March 23rd @ 9:00am

Saturday Evangelism Class

March 9th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

March 3rd @ 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)

Rudale Blake * 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)

The Moeller Family

Additional Announcements

- We have 4 NEW MEMBERS – Zach Elsner, Jason McCovin, David Palotti, & Theresa Palotti. WELCOME TO WILDERCROFT!!!

- ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY** – Saturday, March 30th.

- Exton COC Gospel Meeting – March 8th-10th w/ Kevan O'Banion

- Washington COC Gospel Meeting – March 10th-13th w/ Tommy Peeler

- Exton COC Bible Study – April 22nd-23rd w/ Various Speakers (Exodus)

- Annandale COC Gospel Meeting – April 28th-May 1st w/ Mark Moseley

- Centreville COC Gospel Meeting – May 10th-12th w/ Don Truex

Contribution & Attendance Figures

February 24 th	\$4,232-Contributions	128-Attendance
February 17 th	\$4,680-Contributions	119-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: March 3, 2013

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

Soul Detox



This phrase may sound strange to many of us. We do not see this word in Scripture, yet I believe once we define this term, we will come to the inescapable conclusion that such a process exist.

The term "detox" is short for "detoxification." Detoxification is defined as, "treatment designed to rid the body of poisonous substances, especially alcohol & drugs." This term is primarily used to address the cleansing of the body. Our physical bodies are not designed to handle the intake of drugs, alcohol, &/or anything poisonous. When such things enter our body, it is painful initially & we reject it. However, if we continue to defile ourselves with such things, then our body no longer rejects it, but accepts it. In addition, our body goes through changes in which we are broken down physically. Our body later becomes dependent on such things for function, while it is killing us at the same time. It is at this point, the person must go through this process & treatment of detoxification in order to save their lives. This process may or may not involve, nor is it limited to counseling, prescription medicine, doctors, clinics, & hospitals.

This is an extreme purpose for detoxification (Drug, alcohol, & poison). Some individuals simply desire a better quality of health, so they submit themselves to metabolic detox, diet-detox, & alternative detox, which include aqua detox. Now, I am no doctor & do not claim to know the validity of body detoxification through alternative methods. However, I am a Christian. I believe man is body, soul, & spirit (**1 Thessalonians 5:23**). I believe sin is the #1 killer of mankind (**Romans 6:23**). I believe that in order for man to live eternally, he must rid his soul of sin (**John 8:21**). Sin destroys our body. Sin shows a lack of appreciation of the spirit God has given us to live in this body. Sin damages our soul, thus, severing fellowship with God. This is serious (**Genesis 18:20**)!

If we gather nothing else from this article on today, then at least walk away with the understanding that sin is very toxic. It is extremely harmful & deadly. Through sin, we inherited death (**1**

Corinthians 15:56 & Hebrews 9:27). All we do must bring glory to God (**1 Corinthians 10:31**) & sin is definitely one thing that does not accomplish this purpose (**Romans 3:23**). The devising of folly is sin (**Proverbs 24:9**). Ignoring the law of God is sin (**Romans 7:7**). Violating our conscience is sin (**Romans 14:23**). Failing to do the right thing when we have the knowledge of what is right is sin (**James 4:17**). Denying Christ instead of confessing Him is sin (**1 John 5:16**). All wrongdoing is sin (**1 John 5:17**). Sin is reproachable (**Proverbs 14:34**). Sin is lawlessness (**1 John 3:4**). Sin is always crouching at the door waiting to pounce of us (**Genesis 4:7**).

Even with all of these Biblical definitions of sin, we must further understand that if these things are in us, then we are slaves to it (**John 8:34**). Just like the body when it takes in poison rejects it initially, but if we continue in this practice, then our body will accept it, be broken down by it, become dependent on it to function, & will ultimately be killed by it, the same is true with the soul & sin. We will initially reject it because sin is comfortable. However, the more we do it, the easier it becomes to engage in it. Our soul no longer rejects it, but desires it because it makes us feel good to participate. There comes a point in which we know it is wrong, but in order to function we persist in folly. Nevertheless, for us to live eternally with God, we must rid ourselves of our sin or we will die a second death (**Revelation 21:8**).

Hebrews 12:1 calls for us to detox our soul of all the sins that cling so closely to us. I don't know about you, but I sin & daily I go through this treatment/process of detoxification because I desire to live eternally with God. I have no intention of going to hell. I am determined not to cause pain to God, others, or myself. Brethren, detoxify with me as I undergo divine counseling by reading God's word, fulfill the prescription & apply them by being a doer of His word, place total faith & trust in the Great Physician Christ Jesus, & voluntarily admit myself to God's hospital, the church, where I am not ashamed to be helped by others who have been diagnosed with the same condition of sin as I. We are all patients under the physician's care. Let us help one another overcome our one & only true enemy, Satan himself & his virus called sin.

-**Antoine N. Holloway**