

**Elders:**

Rufus Barfield \* Dan Jackson \* Donnie McDaniel

**Deacons:**

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**

May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

**Saturday Evangelism Class**

May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

**Elders/Deacons Meeting**

June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

**Women's Thursday Bible Study**

May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**2013 Vacation Bible School w/ David Graham of Cincinnati, Ohio**  
June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**THEME: It's A Blue Ribbon Life – A Study Of The Fruit Of The Spirit**  
**2013 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Larry Wright of Savannah, Georgia**

October 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**2014 Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Kevin Clark of Birmingham, Alabama**

April 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Prayer Requests (Health Problems & Sick Presently)**

Rudale Blake \* JoAnn Harrison \* Andrew Madison \* Bruce McDonald \* Janet Ostroff

**Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)**

Darrion Blake \* Steven Chung \* Virginia Fowler \* Anne Harrison \* Bruce McDonald \* Earl Sellers \* Carlos Vargas \* Lewis Wise

**Prayer Request (Traveling)**

Scott Turney

**Additional Announcements**

- STATE OF THE CONGREGATION ADDRESS is TODAY.
- Angel Beltran & Pedro Miran will be giving a report of the work in Colombia this Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please attend to hear about the work being done by the preachers we support.
- Centreville COC Gospel Meeting – May 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> w/ Don Truex
- Dulles COC Gospel Meeting – May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> w/ Jason Hardin

**Contribution & Attendance Figures**

April 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,394-Contribution	148-Attendance
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	\$3,724-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: May 5, 2013**

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

# Wise Builders Versus Foolish Builders



In **Matthew 7:24-29**, Jesus emphasizes two things: 1) hearing & 2) doing. Men hear, but few obey His commands. Knowing what is right is one thing – doing is quite another. Many know the Bible, but few practice it. In this passage, Jesus uses two words – wise & foolish. The measure of success & failure before God is quite different than that of man.

## **The Wise Man (Matthew 7:24-25)**

***“Everyone then who hears these words of mine & does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, & the floods came, & the winds blew & beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”***

Notice the application here of hearing & doing the sayings of Christ. It is like building our homes on a solid, firm, & unmovable foundation. We are encouraged to keep Christ’s commands (**John 14:15**), understanding that our love for Him is judged by our obedience. We are further instructed to keep Christ’s words (**John 14:23-24**). By doing this, we display a love, which honors both Him & the Father.

**Matthew 7:24-25** gives us more than just a mere symbol, but it provides an outcome of stability. The winds & the storms came, but the house remained firm because it was established upon a rock. Through wisdom, we are kept by God’s power (**1 Peter 1:3-5**).

## **The Foolish Man (Matthew 7:26-27)**

***“And everyone who hears these words of mine & does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his***

***house on the sand. And the rain fell, & the floods came, & the winds blew & beat against that house, & it fell, & great was the fall of it.”***

When we disobey Jesus’ commands, we are like the man who built his house on the sand. We present ourselves as disrespectful before Him. This is nothing more than the sin of stubbornness that will lead to our destruction. **James 4:17** teaches that one who knows what is right & refuses to do so is sinning. Jesus is the right & only way (**John 14:6**). Refusing the right way is to choose our own way & this leads to death (**Proverbs 14:12**). Jesus confirms this when he talks about the destruction the storm does to the foolish man’s house; made possible by his instability.

## **The Wise Message (Matthew 7:28-29)**

***“And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, & not as their scribes.”***

Jesus was a teacher sent from God. The people were amazed at His doctrine. Nicodemus knew He was from God (**John 3:2**). By His words, we will be judged (**John 12:48**). What did this teacher sent from God teach? His authoritative doctrine found in **Matthew 5-7** & it met all the needs of humanity, both spiritual & material.

How are you building? Are you obeying the teachings of Christ? David not only heard God’s word, but he hid it in his heart (**Psalms 119:11**). Because of this, he was cleansed from sin (**Psalms 119:9**). Paul spoke of believing from the heart (**Romans 10:9-10**). When one believes from the heart, he will put his beliefs into practice (**John 3:36**). As we practice the teachings of Christ, we are building upon a strong foundation; one that will endure eternally (**1 John 2:17**).

**-Antoine N. Holloway**