The Hilltop Church

A Going Church For A Coming Lord, Which Does All That The Lord Authorizes!

Sunday, August 11, 2013

Wildercroft CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MEETING TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30am
Worship AM	10:30am
Worship PM	6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:30pm

Evangelism Class	August 17th @ 9:00am
Men's Leadership Class	August 24th @ 9:00am
Women's Bible Study	August 15th @ 7:00pm
Elders/Deacons Meeting	August 18th @ 5:00pm

ELDERS

Rufus Barfield * Dan Jackson
Donnie McDaniel

DEACONS

Rhett Moeller * Michael Myrick * Sheldon Smith

EVANGELIST

Antoine Holloway

MEMBERS

MARRIAGE & DIVORCE

By Antoine Holloway

What Is God's Plan For Marriage? God's plan is one man for one woman for life (***Genesis 2:18-25***). There are no spare mates. The man & the woman must cleave to each other; thus, becoming one (***Genesis 2:24***). When a man & a woman come together & become one, then there is no expectation for these individuals to divorce. When two become one, then they become a number than cannot be divided (***Genesis 2:24***). God is the one who joins the man & woman in marriage (***Matthew 19:6***). If God does the joining, then God is the only one who can do the dividing.

Who Can Marry? 1) A person who has never been previously married. In ***Genesis 2***, Adam was single & had never been married before. Eve was single & had never been married before. Therefore, both were qualified to marry one another. 2) A person who was married, but the marriage ended because of the death of their spouse (***Romans 7:1-3***). 3) A person who was married, but the marriage ended because of the infidelity (adultery) committed by their spouse (***Matthew 19:9***). 4) A person who is divorced, but is reconciling with the person they are divorced from (***1 Corinthians 7:10-11***).

Does God Permit Divorce? God only permits divorce in the case of adultery (***Matthew 5:32*** & ***Matthew 19:9***). Why? It is because adultery is in direct violation of the marital covenant pertaining to one flesh in ***Genesis 2:24***. Whoever we engage in "relations" with, we are partaking in a benefit which belongs to another (***1 Corinthians 6:16***). God may permit divorce, but He does not command it. Remember, God hates divorce (***Malachi 2:16***).

Why Does God Forbid Divorce, Except In The Case Of Fornication? 1) God created one man for one woman. 2) Mates must cleave to each other. 3) A man & his wife are one flesh. 4) God has joined man & woman together in marriage. 5) Jesus answers this question in ***Matthew 19:3-12*** by stating "no" to divorce. 6) Divorce creates the temptation to remarry in ***Matthew 5:32***. 7) ***1 Corinthians 7:10-13*** forbids divorce. 8) The Bible is silent about other causes, expect fornication. 9) Passages on the husband-wife relationship forbid divorce (***Ephesians 5:25*** & ***Romans 7:1-4***).

What If My Divorce Is Unscriptural? Remain unmarried or be reconciled (***1 Corinthians 7:11***).

2013 FALL GOSPEL MEETING

Larry Wright (Savannah, Georgia)
October 17th-20th

2014 SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

Kevin Clark (Birmingham, Alabama)
April 11th-13th

2014 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Josh Creel (Orlando, Florida)
June 16th-20th

Health Problems & Sick Presently

- **Norene Klemm** is in Collington Episcopal Life Care.
- **Anne Harrison** is in Crofton Care & Rehabilitation Center.
- **JoAnn Harrison**, **Andrew Madison**, **Bruce McDonald**, **John Okonkwo**, **Janet Ostroff**, & **Kalandra Williams** are still in need of our prayers.

Unable To Attend Services

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

Out Of Town This Sunday

Erin Berry * Kimani Davis * The McCrea Family

Additional Announcements

- We have a new brother in Christ. **Frank Hadley** was baptized into Christ on Wednesday, August 7th (***Galatians 3:27***).
- **Annandale COC** Gospel Meeting (September 20th-22nd) w/ **Tommy Peeler** of Brandon, Florida.
- **Centreville COC** Gospel Meeting (October 11-13th) w/ **Robert Harkrider** of Orlando, Florida.

Contribution & Attendance Figures

2013 Contribution Statistics

2013 Weekly Budget: $4,500/Week
2013 Actual Giving: $**4,865**/Week
Last Week's Contribution: $8,239 on 8/4/13
2013 Record Giving: $8,239 on 8/4/13

2013 Attendance Statistics

Last Sunday Bible Study: 75 Souls (12 Visitors)
Record: **114 on 3/24/13**
Average: 92 Souls/Week (14 Visitors)

Last Sunday AM Worship: 126 Souls (35 Visitors)
Record: **164 on 3/17/13**
Average: 132 Souls/Week (30 Visitors)

Last Sunday PM Worship: 86 Souls (15 Visitors)
Record: **118 on 4/21/13**
Average: 91 Souls/Week (10 Visitors)

Last Wednesday Bible Study: 76 Souls (13 Visitors)
Record: **114 on 6/19/13**
Average: 83 Souls/Week (8 Visitors)

Total Number Of Baptisms In 2013 = **9** Souls
Total Number Of New Members In 2013 = **6** Souls
Total Number Of Members = **136** Souls

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 (Acts 8:37)
Be Baptized In Water (Acts 22:16)
Remain Faithful To God (Acts 2:42)

Want To Learn More? Let's Talk About It.
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