# TRUTH'S PILLAR & GROUND

## 1 TIMOTHY 3:15

**The Weekly Bulletin Of The Wildercroft Church Of Christ**

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Wildercroft CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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## MEETING TIMES

***Sunday***

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

***Wednesday***

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| Bible Study | 7:30pm |

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| Evangelism Class | November 30th @ 9:00am |
| Men's Leadership Class | November 23rd @ 9:00am |
| Women's Bible Study | March 20th @ 7:00pm |
| Elders/Deacons Meeting | November 24th @ 5:00pm |

## ELDERS

Rufus Barfield * Dan Jackson
Donnie McDaniel

## DEACONS

Rhett Moeller * Michael Myrick * Sheldon Smith

## EVANGELIST

Antoine Holloway

## MEMBERS

## BITTERNESS: SATAN'S POISON

**By Antoine Holloway**

In ***Romans 12:19***, the Bible reads, "***Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord***."

The following verse is taken from the English Standard Version of the Bible. However, I like the way this verse is rendered in The Message translation, "***Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. 'I'll do the judging,' says God. 'I'll take care of it."*** Bitterness is a spiritual sickness. It is a rapidly growing malignancy that can eat up our lives. Revenge is the raging fire that consumes the arsonist. It will consume our souls. It is dangerous to our emotional & mental health, which will ultimately destroy our very being, if we let it. So, let us not ignore this spiritual disease, but seek the cure, which can heal at the very root of this problem. We must turn to the Great Physician, who is Christ. He is the only one who can heal bitterness.

If we are caught up in intense feelings of anger, we know all too well the destructive power of these emotions. How can we get rid of these feelings deep within us? First, we must pray & ask God to cleanse our heart/mind (***Psalm 51:10***). Second, we must learn to catch ourselves whenever thoughts of bitterness or hatred begin to attack us. This requires vigilance (***1 Peter 5:8***). As Christians, we must be patient & understanding because life is too short to be vengeful or malicious. The challenge before us is this: We must learn to resist negative thoughts before they hijack our emotions (***Philippians 4:8*** & ***James 4:7***).

***Matthew 5:22*** teaches us that if we judge our brethren due to anger, which results in name calling & unreasonable criticism, then this is not "right judgment" (***John 7:24***), it is sin! Let us refrain from judging our neighbors. Instead, let us love them, while leaving their judgment to a far more capable authority: God Himself.

## *2014 SPRING GOSPEL MEETING*

***Kevin Clark (Birmingham, Alabama)***

April 11th-13th

## *2014 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL*

***Josh Creel (Tampa, Florida)***

June 16th-20th

## *2014 FALL GOSPEL MEETING*

***Joe Works (Fairlawn, New Jersey)***

October 23rd-26th

## *Health Problems & Sick Presently*

- **Anne Harrison** is in Crofton Care & Rehabilitation Center.
- **JoAnn Harrison**, **Myron Hutchison, Andrew Madison**, **Bruce McDonald**, **Janet Ostroff**, **Kalandra Williams**, **Earl Sellers**, & **Lewis Wise** are still in need of our prayers.

## *Unable To Attend Services*

Darrion Blake * Steven Chung * Virginia Fowler * Anne Harrison * Cody Hairston * Bruce McDonald * Christopher Nnaji, Sr * Shaunice Rogers * Carlos Vargas

## *Out Of Town This Sunday*

Chimere Ginyard * The Holloway Family * Axel Persuad

## *Additional Announcements*

- Welcome to our new sister in Christ, **Suzanne Lynn Davis**. She was baptized into Christ (**Galatians 3:27**) on November 3rd during Sunday Evening Worship. She listened to CDs given to her by & studied with Angela Lovett.
- Welcome our new sister in Christ, **Nancy Glowacki**. She was baptized into Christ (**Galatians 3:27**) on October 19th during our Fall Gospel Meeting with Larry Wright. She is a friend of & studied with Sheldon Smith.
- Here is the address for **Cody Hairston** who is attending school @ UCF. ***Cody Hairston * University of Central Florida * P.O. Box 16740 * Orlando, Florida 32816***
- **Maxine Long** has decided to join the disciples here @ Wildercroft (**Acts 9:26**). She is the mother of Damon Long. Welcome Maxine!
- **Beth Anderson** is back with us here @ Wildercroft after returning from California for a year. Welcome Back Beth!
- **Centreville COC** Gospel Meeting with **Jason Hardin** of Columbus, Ohio (March 28th-30th, 2014).
- **Dulles COC** Gospel Meeting with **Ken Weliever** of Kansas City, Missouri (May 16th-18th, 2014).

## *Contribution & Attendance Figures*

### *2013 Contribution Statistics*

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| 2013 Weekly Budget: | $4,500/Week |
| 2013 Actual Giving: | $**4,783**/Week |
| Last Week's Contribution: | $3,943 on 11/10/13 |
| 2013 Record Giving: | $8,239 on 8/4/13 |

### *2013 Attendance Statistics*

Last Sunday Bible Study: 81 Souls (5 Visitors)
Record: **114 on 3/24/13**
Average: 90 Souls/Week (14 Visitors)

Last Sunday AM Worship: 126 Souls (13 Visitors)
Record: **164 on 3/17/13**
Average: 132 Souls/Week (29 Visitors)

Last Sunday PM Worship: 93 Souls (10 Visitors)
Record: **118 on 4/21/13**
Average: 90 Souls/Week (10 Visitors)

Last Wednesday Bible Study: 77 Souls (4 Visitors)
Record: **114 on 6/19/13**
Average: 82 Souls/Week (8 Visitors)

Total Number Of Baptisms In 2013 = **13** Souls
Total Number Of New Members In 2013 = **24** Souls
Total Number Of Members = **151** 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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