

**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**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00am

**Saturday Evangelism Class**

September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

**Elders/Deacons Meeting**

September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

**Women's Thursday Bible Study**

September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**2012 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Phillip Mullins of Ashburn, Virginia**

October 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

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

June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

THEME: TBA

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

Thelma Findley \* JoAnn Harrison \* Andrew Madison \* Bruce McDonald \*  
Janet Ostroff \* Isaac Parker \* Lewis & Anne Wise

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

Anne Harrison \* Steven Chung \* Angelita Dillon \* Carlos Vargas

**Prayer Request (Traveling)**

The Gorham Family \* Terry McDaniel \* The Moeller Family \* Christen Perry

**Additional Announcements**

- Song Practice TODAY @ 5pm!!!
- Annandale COC Gospel Meeting – October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> w/ Chuck Durham
- Southwest COC Gospel Meeting – October 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> w/ Jesse Bartley

**Contribution & Attendance Figures**

September 9 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,601-Contribution	136-Attendance
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$4,703-Contribution	126-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: September 16, 2012**

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**Updated This Week By Calvin Mitchell**

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

## Reasoning & Explaining



More than ever we need to understand, appreciate, & imitate the approach of Paul from **Acts 17** in leading others to salvation in Christ.

In the Jewish synagogue of Thessalonica we are told that the apostle, "***reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining, & giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer & rise again from the dead...***" (**Acts 17:2-3**). In Athens, we see Paul reasoning in both the synagogue & the market place (**Acts 17:17**) & then at the Areopagus masterfully explaining to the pagan Greeks the nature of the one, true God by illustrating with things they understood & even quoting one of the their poets.

There is a place for declaration, even a confrontational rebuke. There is also a time for a decision to be made & actions to be taken. However, so much of our work in the gospel is to be about reasoning with people & explaining God's truth to them. We do not live in a culture that is biblically literate. Many have no comprehension of the true character of Jesus Christ. Some even doubt the existence of God. So, we have our work cut out for us. That work starts with explaining to people the elementary facts of the faith. We have to understand where they are & reason with them to move them to the gospel. This is exactly the

situation Paul was facing & how he dealt with it.

When you just tell someone their moral behavior is wrong or their religious practices are based upon false teaching, it paints them in a corner where they either fight or flee. Discussions that lead to studies where God can be known, His word understood, & the convincing truth of the gospel established will bring people out of their error & place them on the path of salvation.

Reasoning & explaining shows wisdom. It takes into account how people think. We have to be astute in understanding where people are, what spiritual knowledge they need, & what questions they have. Then we can serve them with the gospel.

Reasoning & explaining also shows love. If we care about people we should want to help them & what helps most people is teaching. Confrontation without explanation sends a message of judgment without love. As those who wear Christ's name & who follow the apostolic example, reasoning & explaining must be our hallmark.

- ***Phillip Mullins***