

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

October 27th @ 9:00am

Saturday Evangelism Class

November 3rd @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

October 28th @ 5:00pm

Women's Thursday Bible Study

October 18th @ 7:00pm

2012 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Shawn Jeffries of Leesburg, Virginia

October 11th-14th, 2012

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

Prayer Requests (Health Problems & Sick Presently)

Thelma Findley * JoAnn Harrison * Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald *
Janet Ostroff (Surgery-October 8th) * Isaac Parker * Lewis & Anne Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Angelita Dillon

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Theresa Antoine * Meredith Moeller * Christen Perry * Anne Wise

Additional Announcements

- Song Practice TODAY @ 5pm!!!
- **POTLUCK – OCTOBER 14TH @ FAIRWOOD PARK**
- Susquehanna COC Gospel Meeting – October 12th-14th w/ Various Speakers
- Exton COC Gospel Meeting – October 18th-21st w/ Various Speakers
- Southwest COC Gospel Meeting – October 19th-21st w/ Jesse Bartley
- Shippensburg COC Gospel Meeting – October 19th-21st w/ Vernon Judy
- Southern Maryland COC Gospel Meeting – October 26th-28th w/ Dale Smelser
- Dulles COC Gospel Meeting – November 2nd-4th w/ Sewell Hall

Contribution & Attendance Figures

September 30 th	\$5,089-Contribution	140-Attendance
September 23 rd	\$3,156-Contribution	127-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: October 7, 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

Understanding The Necessity Of Water Baptism – Part 2



1 Peter 3:20-21- "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Water Baptism Only???

Man's greatest need is salvation. Hence, it is crucial that we speak of it at every opportunity. So, when asked what one must do in order to be saved, we begin to teach that "Old Jerusalem" gospel, which saved 3,000 souls in **Acts 2**. First, we begin with Jesus, for He is the Savior of men from sin (**Matthew 1:21**). By dying on Calvary's cross, Jesus delivered us from the penalty of sin (**Ephesians 1:7**). By living a faithful life, Jesus delivers us from the power of sin (**Hebrews 2:14-15**). By dying in Christ, Jesus will deliver us from the presence of sin (**Revelation 21:1-8**). Yet, the all important question is "How?" How do we accept His gift of paying our penalty in full? What does it mean to be faithful? How does one die in Christ?

Accepting the gift requires that we stop serving sin, which means we obey the gospel. Listen to your Bible! In **Romans 6:16-18**, the Bible reads, "**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.**" Jesus teaches that we must hear His word (**John 6:45**). Jesus teaches that we must believe in Him (**John 3:16**). Jesus teaches that we

must repent of our sins (**Luke 13:3**). Jesus teaches that we must confess Him before men (**Matthew 10:32**). Jesus teaches that we must be baptized (**Mark 16:16**). It is impossible for Jesus to deliver us from the power of sin, IF we refuse to give up our ignorance of, love of, practice of, allegiance to, & status of sin. It is impossible for Jesus to deliver us from the presence of sin, IF we were never in Him.

This is Biblical & it makes sense, yet it is at this moment we are accused of teaching "work based" salvation because we teach water baptism to be essential to God's plan. Those who oppose are quick to falsely accuse us by suggesting that we believe in water baptism only. The consequences of believing in salvation by water baptism only nullify the other things required by the Savior in order for man to be saved. Christians reject the idea that man is saved by any one thing only, let alone water baptism. Christians believe the Bible & the Bible teaches no man is saved by one thing only. This is a lesson that those advocating "faith only" must learn. It is amazing that the only time we see the phrase "faith only" in Scripture, it teaches that we are NOT saved by "faith only" (**James 2:24**). To use the word "only" excludes others.

Those critical of water baptism must come to understand that to include water baptism does not exclude the church (**Acts 2:47**), the name (**Acts 4:12**), faith (**Ephesians 2:8**), the blood (**Romans 5:9**), hope (**Romans 8:24**), believing (**Mark 16:16**), the word (**James 1:21**) &/or confessing Christ (**Romans 10:9**). We are baptized into the church; His body (**1 Corinthians 12:13**). We are baptized by His name; His authority (**Matthew 28:19**). We meet the blood of Christ in the waters of baptism (**1 John 5:6-8**). We are born again by the water & the word (**John 3:5** & **1 Peter 1:23**). Confessing Christ precedes baptism (**Acts 8:35-39**). Water baptism is connected to all of these things. To exclude it, to suggest that it is non-essential, or to believe water baptism only is all we need is to reject what Jesus commanded & what was confirmed by His apostles throughout the Scriptures.

Next Week: [Defining Faith & How It Includes Water Baptism](#)

- **Antoine N. Holloway**