

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 * Isaac Parker * Lewis & Anne Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Angelita Dillon * Bruce McDonald

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Ruth Branson

Additional Announcements

- **POTLUCK TODAY @ FAIRWOOD PARK. DIRECTIONS ARE IN THE FOYER.**

- 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
- Kent-Sussex COC Gospel Meeting – October 19th-21st w/ Mark Raulerson
- Southern Maryland COC Gospel Meeting – October 26th-28th w/ Dale Smelser
- Dulles COC Gospel Meeting – November 2nd-4th w/ Sewell Hall

Contribution & Attendance Figures

October 7 th	\$4,958-Contribution	131-Attendance
September 30 th	\$5,089-Contribution	140-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 14, 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***

Can We Understand The Bible?



Did you know that over 100 million Bibles are sold around the world annually? That sounds pretty good right? Of the millions of Americans that probably own Bibles, a recent survey revealed that only 45 percent of them actually read them once each day. One of the reasons people who own Bibles do not read them is because they feel like they can't understand it. Many people do not bother to read and study the Bible because they feel like it is a book that is impossible to understand. One man said "Whenever I want to go to sleep, I read a few pages out of the Bible because I cannot understand a word of it." "When I do that, I fall asleep instantly."

Why would God give men a book that they could not understand? Would He be a just and loving God if He revealed to us the words of eternal life but we could not understand them? Of course not! Here is the truth about the matter: God's word is understandable. God's complete will (something that in past times was a mystery) has been fully revealed to all mankind.

*"That by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight my insight into the mystery of Christ; which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit." - **Ephesians 3:3-5***

Clearly after studying the above passages men can understand God's word. In fact, God has made the gospel simple enough so all men can understand it. Here are some examples that demonstrate the simplicity of God's word.

We can understand the truth about Jesus. Understanding the identity of Jesus is a very simple thing. The Bible teaches us that He is deity (**Colossians 2:9**), Savior (**Romans 5:8**), the Son of God (**John 3:16**), mediator between God and man (**1 Timothy 2:5**), King (**Colossians 1:13**), creator (**Colossians 1:16**), and the only way to heaven (**John 14:6**).

We can understand the truth about salvation. Understanding what a man must do to be saved is also very simple to understand. Some have made this a difficult concept only because they pervert the scriptures (**2 Peter 3:16**). For a man to be saved he must hear the gospel (**Romans 10:17**), believe it (**Mark 16:16**), repent of his sins (**Acts 2:38**), confess Christ (**Romans 10:9-10**), be baptized (**Mark 16:16**), and live a faithful Christian life (**Revelation 2:10**).

We can understand the truth about heaven. Understanding the truth about heaven is also very simple to understand. Heaven is a real place. It is a real place because God the Father is there (**Matthew 10:33; Colossians 4:1**), Jesus is there (**Colossians 3:1**), and the saved will go there (**Matthew 7:21; Philippians 3:20**).

The concepts mentioned above are easy to grasp. This does not mean that the Bible does not contain some things that difficult to understand, but God has made the things pertaining to salvation easy to grasp for us all. God's will for mankind is no mystery today. It has been fully revealed. Otherwise, Paul would not have said "you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ." Men can understand and obey it. When people say that they cannot understand the Bible, it's probably because they are not seeking to do so. God made men with the capacity to learn. When men apply themselves and sincerely seek after the truth, God will make a way for them to know it and knowing the truth will set them free from their sins (**John 8:31-32**).

- **Shawn Jeffries**