

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

TBA

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

2013 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Larry Wright of Savannah, Georgia

October 10th-13th, 2013

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)

Rufus & Emma Jean Barfield * Antoine Holloway * The Myrick Family

Additional Announcements

- Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, October 31st @ 7:30pm
- 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 14 th	\$3,127-Contribution	152-Attendance
October 7 th	\$4,958-Contribution	131-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 21, 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***

Our Fall Gospel Meeting With Shawn Jeffries

On last week, October 11th-14th, we were blessed to have Shawn Jeffries of Leesburg, Florida come up & preach a series of lessons from God's book, the Bible. Before I go into a recap of the lessons he presented, I want to take a moment & speak about our attendance.

Since 2009, we have set a goal to be the church we can read about in the Bible, not just in name only, but in work. The work of the church is to worship God & save souls. Saving souls involves evangelism. Hence, if we strive to be the evangelistic church we have examples of in the first century, then we should multiply in number because God is adding to His church. This sentiment did not sound like a pipe dream when our attendance for our 2010 Spring Gospel Meeting was greater than our 2009 Spring Gospel Meeting. Of course, 2011 was greater than 2010 & 2012 was greater than 2011. We continued this trend for our Fall Gospel Meetings as well. In each case, our Fall attendance was greater than our Spring attendance in the same year & our Spring attendance was greater than our Fall attendance the previous year. In each meeting we have exceeded the previous meeting marks. Any faithful Christian should be encouraged by such trends. However, this trend was broken during this gospel meeting.

During our 2012 Spring Gospel Meeting, our average attendance was **128**, with **172** being our highest attendance for one service. Unfortunately, we did not come close to these numbers. Just to be fair in regards to comparison to last year's Fall Gospel Meeting, our average attendance was **111**, with **140** being our highest attendance. We were a little closer to these numbers. On Thursday, we had **93** in attendance. On Friday, we had **87** in attendance. On Saturday, we had **94** in attendance. On Sunday, we had **107** in the first service, **152** in the second service, & **102** in the third service. This brought us to an average of **106**/service, which is **5** less than last year, but we did exceed last year's highest attendance by **12**.

Why the drop in attendance? Well, the blame lies primarily on the Evangelist here. As your preacher, I should have done more to encourage the saints of this congregation in the weeks leading up to the meeting to assure we were clear on the importance of outreach & provoking one another unto love & good works. By a look at the numbers, clearly, I failed in this objective.

2012 was a unique year for us here @ Wildercroft. We embarked upon journeys we did not think was possible almost 4 years ago. We are supporting 11 preachers. This was impossible 4 years ago. We have a parking problem at the building (not enough spaces). This was impossible 4 years ago. We were able to put a new roof on the church building & completely renovate our bathrooms to meet the needs of all the members & visitors who attend. This was impossible 4 years ago. Also, for the first time since our 2009 Spring Gospel Meeting, we had a baptism during the meeting. God is good & He is still on the throne. We are doing a good work, but we must not grow weary in well doing. Trust me when I tell you that I am not mad, but I am truly happy to work with such a good group of Christians. I know our potential & the talent we have in this congregation. Therefore, let us never settle for less.

Shawn Jeffries did a masterful job in preparing & presenting lessons this past week. He preached from the theme: God's Champions – Lessons We Can Learn From Great Bible Characters. His points were simple, easy to follow, & we must adhere to them because this is God's will for our lives.

Lessons From A Rebel Prophet (Jonah 2:6 & Matthew 12:38-41)

1. Rebellion carries a high price
2. Men call on God when in trouble
3. Preaching truth saves souls
4. God's mercy is offered to all people
5. Jesus is greater than Jonah

Overcoming The Assaults Of Satan (Revelation 12:11)

We overcome Satan by:

1. The blood of the Lamb
2. The word of Testimony
3. Not loving our own life

We must remember:

1. Satan will test us
2. Satan is limited in power
3. Sometimes, we fail the test

What do we do when we fail Jesus?

1. We must not give up
2. We must repent of our sins
3. We must strengthen others

Forgiveness & Faith (Genesis 37:18-28 & Genesis 37:36)

1. Joseph got hurt by his brothers
2. Joseph took the lead to work things out
3. Joseph showed kindness to his brothers
4. Joseph kept the right perspective

Can We Be Sure About Jesus? (Mark 4:36-41 & John 7:37-44)

Shawn Jeffries made a lot of points regarding this. Therefore, we just need to know that Jesus made some claims AND He backed up each one. The apostles are a testimony that Jesus is who He said He was because "good men don't die for a lie."

What Do I Do To Be Happy? (Galatians 5:22-23)

1. Live by the Standards of God
2. Store up Spiritual Treasures
3. Be Committed
4. Serve Others (Don't wear a bid, wear an apron!)

How To Develop Stedfast Faith (Numbers 14:34-35)

1. Caleb trust God
2. Caleb stood with God
3. Caleb finished with God
4. Caleb believed the Promise of God

- **Antoine N. Holloway**