

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

December 22nd @ 9:00am

Saturday Evangelism Class

December 15th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

January 13th @ 5:00pm

Women's Thursday Bible Study

March 21st @ 7:00pm

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)

Judy Anderson * Thelma Findley * Virginia Fowler * JoAnn Harrison *
Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald * Janet Ostroff * Isaac Parker * Earl
Sellers * Lewis & Anne Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Angelita Dillon * Bruce McDonald *
Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Kenny & Judy Anderson * Paul & Sarita Byas

Additional Announcements

- Song Practice Today @ 5:00pm
- **Phillip Mullins** (Evangelist, Dulles church of Christ) will be our guest speaker next Sunday Evening for the final installment of the series.

Contribution & Attendance Figures

December 2 nd	\$5,998-Contribution	128-Attendance
November 25 th	\$4,069-Contribution	132-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: December 9, 2012

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

When Worship Is Wrong



Scriptural Text: Malachi 1:6-14

Worship Is Wrong When God Himself Has To Question What We Are Doing

Where is my honor? (**Malachi 1:6**) * Where is my fear? (**Malachi 1:6**) * If you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil (**Malachi 1:8**)

* Offer it now to your governor, will he be pleased with you or accept your person? (**Malachi 1:8**) * Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? (**Malachi 1:10**) * Should I accept this of your hand? (**Malachi 1:13**) – If God is asking these questions due to our worship to Him, then there is definitely something wrong with our praise.

Man Questioning God Does Not Make Our Worship To Him Right

Wherein have we polluted You? (**Malachi 1:7**) * Wherein have we despised Your name? (**Malachi 1:6**) – If God questions us, then this does not give us the right to question God. Instead of challenging God, man must challenge himself & diligently seek God's will in matters of worship.

Worship Is Wrong When God Makes Accusations Against The Worshipper

Priests have despised My name (**Malachi 1:6**) * Priests offer polluted bread upon My altar (**Malachi 1:7**) * Priests do not kindle fire on My altar for nothing (**Malachi 1:10**) * Priests have profaned My name (**Malachi 1:12**) * Priests have snuffed at My name (**Malachi 1:13**) * Priests have brought an offering that was torn, lame, & sick (**Malachi 1:13**) – Whether we agree with God on this subject of worship or not, one thing is always true: God cannot lie (**Titus 1:2**). Therefore, if He says we have violated His law or acting without authority, then we must repent & submit to the will of the Almighty or prepare to face the consequences for

disobedience.

Worship Is Wrong When We Criticize God's Way

The table of the Lord is contemptible (**Malachi 1:7**) * The table of the Lord is polluted & the fruit thereof, even His meat, is contemptible (**Malachi 1:12**) * What a weariness it is (**Malachi 1:13**) – God's way is always the best way. Unfortunately, we are living in an age where man is dissatisfied with God's way. When God is silent, man makes a habit of speaking & doing. Sounds familiar??? (**Jeremiah 23:21**). The world, & even some Christians, criticize "book, chapter, & verse" preaching, acappella music, simplistic worship, & the spiritual work of the church. However, this is God's way & if we want to make Heaven our home, then our way must become His way (**Proverbs 10:29**).

Worship Is Wrong When God Passes Judgment Not In Our Favor

I have no pleasure in you (**Malachi 1:10**) * I will not accept an offering by your hand (**Malachi 1:10**) * My name will be made great among the Gentiles (**Malachi 1:11**) * Cursed be the deceiver because I am a great King (**Malachi 1:14**) – Just because we worship God in a way we think is best, does not mean God has & will accept it. Anytime we do things our way, God will have no pleasure in it, He will not accept it, & we will be cursed instead of blessed because of our non-performance to His will (**Proverbs 14:12**).

This was a major issue in Malachi's day. So, God sent this messenger to preach to the people. The purpose was to prepare the Israelites for the coming of the Christ. As Christians, we learn from this prophet's message the very things we must get right with God now, so we can be prepared for the second coming of the Lord. The solution to making worship right was given in **Malachi 1:9** & it is very much relevant today..."Turning to God is the only hope humanity has."

- **Antoine N. Holloway**