

**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**      **Saturday Evangelism Class**

December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00am      December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00am

**Elders/Deacons Meeting**      **Women's Thursday Bible Study**

December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm      TBA

**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

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

October 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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

Thelma Findley \* Anne Harrison \* 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)**

The Barfield Family \* Ruth Branson \* Sheldon Smith

**Additional Announcements**

- Song Practice Today @ 5:00pm
- **Phillip Mullins** (Evangelist, Dulles church of Christ) will finish his series on December 2<sup>nd</sup> & December 9<sup>th</sup> during our Sunday Evening services.

**Contribution & Attendance Figures**

November 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,274-Contribution	150-Attendance
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,083-Contribution	125-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: November 25, 2012**

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All The Lord Authorizes" – Romans 16:16**

# Thanksgiving In The Midst Of The Storm



**Acts 27:35 - And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat.**

We often face many storms in life. But even though we face many storms, we can still have a spirit of thanksgiving in our hearts in the midst of the storm. Let us use our text as an example of how we can always maintain a spirit of thanksgiving in our lives.

## *The Reality Of Life's Storms*

The storm was unexpected. In **Acts 27:13-14**, the Bible reads, **"And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete. But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon."** The storm was unmanageable. In **Acts 27:15**, the Bible reads, **"And when the ship was caught, & could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive."** The storm was unrelenting. In **Acts 27:20**, the Bible reads, **"And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, & no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away."** In life, we will be faced with situations which are unexpected, unmanageable, & unrelenting. We are not exempt from suffering, bad times, & pain, but with God on our side we can overcome every typhoon, tsunami, hurricane, & tropical storm. The storm may be bigger than us, but greater is He that is in us than any situation brought against us (**1 John 4:4**).

## *In The Midst Of The Storm, We Must Still Trust God*

The passengers were consumed with fear & lost all hope. In **Acts 27:20**, the Bible reads, **"And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, & no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away."** Nevertheless, in the midst of it all, Paul still had a relationship with the Father. In **Acts 27:23-24**, the Bible reads, **"For there stood by me this**

**night the angel of God, whose I am, & whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: &, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee."** Not only did Paul have a relationship with God, but he was confident in his faith. In **Acts 27:25**, the Bible reads, **"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."** At the first sign of trouble, people around us may be consumed with fear. At the arrival of the storm, our friends & family may lose all hope. However, if we just keep trusting in God, cast out fear, & hold on to the hope we have in Christ Jesus, then we know it is only a matter of time our Savior will stand up, say **"Peace, Be Still,"** & calm will take the place of every high wave & boisterous wind against us (**Mark 4:39**).

## *Regardless Of The Situation, We Must Have Thanksgiving In The Midst Of The Storm*

Like Paul, we must be thankful for the provision of food during the storm. In **Acts 27:35**, the Bible reads, **"And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, & gave thanks to God in presence of them all: & when he had broken it, he began to eat."** Like Paul, we must be thankful for the presence & the protection of the Father during the storm. In **Acts 27:23** & **Acts 27:34**, the Bible reads, **"For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, & whom I serve. Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you."** Like Paul, we must be thankful for the promise of a future beyond the storm. In **Acts 27:24**, the Bible reads, **"Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: &, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee."** Are we aware as to why we are to remain in the ship regardless? It is because the ship we are on is called "Salvation" & Jesus is the captain of it. Listen to your Bible! In **Hebrews 2:10**, the Bible reads, **"For it became him, for whom are all things, & by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."** Provisions, protection, & promises have been made by Him to assure our deliverance out of this storm & for this, we must be thankful!

- ***Antoine N. Holloway***