

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

January 26th @ 9:00am

Saturday Evangelism Class

January 5th @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

December 30th @ 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 * Bruce McDonald * Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

The Byas Family * The Holloway Family * Tina Tatum

Additional Announcements

- Song Practice Today @ 5:00pm
- 5th Sunday Song Service Tonight @ 6:00pm
- Congregational Report Meeting – January 20th @ 5pm

Contribution & Attendance Figures

December 23 rd	\$3,149-Contribution	115-Attendance
December 16 th	\$4,319-Contribution	124-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 30, 2012

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

How Do We Make God Our Priority?



Matthew 6:33 – "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, & his righteousness; & all these things shall be added unto you."

By Giving Him The First Thought Of Every Day (Psalms 5:3)

If we want to end our day right, then we have to begin it right. If we want to have a good day, then we have to give God the first thought of that day. Listen to your Bible! In **Psalms 63:1**, the Bible reads, **"O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry & thirsty land, where no water is."** Seeking God & having Him be the Head of our lives should give us emptiness when we do not give Him the first thought of every day. The Christian should look forward to another day with the King. The Christian should look forward to thanking God for another day. The Christian should wake up every morning with the confidence knowing God is the priority in their lives. So, if we truly understand this, then when the alarm clock goes off in the morning, instead of saying, "Good Lord, it's morning," we need to say, "Good Morning, Lord!"

By Giving Him The First Day Of The Week (Acts 20:7)

The first century Christians came together on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper & to hear the preached word of God. When we dedicate ourselves on this day to hear a word from the Lord & to remember the death His Son suffered on Calvary's cross, then we are definitely putting Him first. The Christian cannot think of anything better to do than to come together & worship God. Listen to your Bible! In **Hebrews 10:25**, the Bible reads, **"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: & so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."** When we come together to worship Him in Spirit & in truth; when we come together to study His holy & divine word; when we come together to encourage & edify one another, then we have made God our priority. The Christian has no problem giving God the first day of the week. Not because it is a command, but because of our love for Christ (**John 14:15**).

By Giving Him The First Fruits Of Our Increase (Proverbs 3:9)

The Bible teaches this is one of the ways we honor God. We honor Him with our substance & with the firstfruits of our increase. When we prosper, then God should be the first one who comes to mind. Oftentimes, when we get a raise, we begin to talk about the vacation we now can take, the bills we can now pay off, or the car we can now afford, but never include God in those plans, when He is the one who made our increase possible. When we get our paycheck, we pay the mortgage, the power company, the credit card people, the car note, all our utilities, & if anything is left over, then we give it to God. This is not how we are to honor God, nor is this putting God first. When it comes to our substance & our increase, then God has to come first. He must be the priority & we ought to be glad in making Him our priority (**2 Corinthians 9:7**).

By Giving Him The First Consideration In Every Decision (2 Corinthians 8:5)

Everything we do, we must do it according to the will of God & by His authority, for this reason, we have to give Him the first consideration (**Colossians 3:17**). When we have a decision to make, we ask ourselves one of 3 questions: a) What do I want to do? b) What do others want me to do? And c) What does God want me to do? May I suggest the first two questions are the wrong questions to ask because of **Jeremiah 10:23**, where the Bible reads, **"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."** How can I make the right decision, when it is not in me to direct my own step? How can you using your own knowledge assist me in making the right decision for me, when it is not in you to direct your own steps? When it comes to decision-making, we must ask the Architect of our lives, who is God, first. When it comes to life, we have to make a decision. If we do not give God the first consideration, then we will make a decision in which our God is not pleased. After the wrong decision has been made & we realized our mistake, then we begin to call on the Lord to get us out of this mess. However, if we had just taken the time to pray to God & read His word, then we would have come across **Matthew 6:33** & God would have set the criteria as to which decision to make. Involving everybody else, then coming to God last is not putting Him first. When it comes to all of our decision-making, we must put God first by giving Him the first consideration.

- ***Antoine N. Holloway***