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 Evening Worship/6:00PM
Sunday Evening Worship/6:00PM
Sunday Bible Study/7:30PM
Wednesday Bible Study/7:30PM

Meetings:

Men's Leadership Class

Saturday Evangelism Class

January 26th @ 9:00am

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Elders/Deacons Meeting

Women's Thursday Bible Study

February 17th @ 5:00pm 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)

Virginia Fowler * JoAnn Harrison * Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald * Janet Ostroff * Earl Sellers * Lewis Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Bruce McDonald * Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Emma Jean Barfield

Additional Announcements

- Congregational Report Meeting TODAY @ 5pm
- Song Practice is cancelled today because of the meeting. It will resume on January 27th @ 5:00pm.
- Exton COC Gospel Meeting March 8th-10th w/ Kevan O'banion

Contribution & Attendance Figures

January 13th \$4,263-Contribution 132-Attendance
January 6th \$6,189-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)



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

New Year, Same God – Part 2

Malachi 3:6 - For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, & today, & forever.

In last week's bulletin, we focused on all the good & positive things that happened in 2012. However, in order for us to thrive in our environment for 2013, we must recognize the "not so pleasant" to assure than history does not repeat itself.

Although we had 14 baptisms & 17 individual Christians place membership with us on last year, we did have some subtractions. There were a total of 18 individuals who started the year with us, but are no longer identified as members of this church.

There were members who moved away, out of state, & it is always sad to see good members move elsewhere, yet we rejoice in knowing that they will be a light to their new community & a blessing to a new congregation as they were when they were here.

We truly understand members passing on from this life resting in Paradise. However, no members died this year. Praise God!

We understand students leaving for college. However, we did not have any outgoing freshmen last year, but we are looking for one this year. Congratulations Cody!

We understand men leaving to serve the Lord as Evangelists with another group. I pray that many of our men would be willing to learn the work of preaching, desire this noble work, & make the sacrifices to serve the Lord in this capacity. However, there are

still many churches looking for preachers & none of the members leaving here are filling those spots.

I would be saddened to discover that the reason a person left was because we were unfriendly or inhospitable. Nevertheless, I know this is not the case with those who love God. We share Christ & we are a fragrance of life to the saved, but a fragrance of death to the perishing (*2 Corinthians 2:14-16*). So, what were the real reasons?

- We lost new converts to the world (*Luke 8:13*).
 - o The influence of denominationalism was overwhelming.
 - They missed their life in "Egypt"
- We lost seemingly mature members to the world (*Luke 8:14*).
 - Life was beating some of them down & instead of turning to God, they chose to turn away from Him; failing to realize that He is the only one who could help them.
 - Some chose careers & relationships over Christ & His church.
 - Some were "lukewarm" & made a decision to be "cold" instead of "hot" (*Revelation 3:15-16*).
- We lost members who chose error over truth (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

These numbers should bring tears to our eyes because they are our brethren. If there should be any "New Year" Resolution made this year, then it should be to pray & make an effort to restore our erring brethren (*James 5:16-20*). They must understand that the decision they have made was the wrong one, which will bear eternal consequences if they do not repent. I know many of these former members are family & friends, so we are not to count them as an enemy, but we must admonish them as brethren (*2 Thessalonians 3:15*). If they reach out to us, then let us be people of the Book & make their soul our priority, for we cannot have fellowship with them because they have no fellowship with God (*Ephesians 5:11*).

- Antoine N. Holloway