

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

February 23rd @ 9:00am

Saturday Evangelism Class

February 2nd @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting

February 17th @ 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)

Beverli Alford * Virginia Fowler * JoAnn Harrison * Keith Hawkins * Andrew Madison * Bruce McDonald * Janet Ostroff * Earl Sellers * Suhay Vargas * Lewis Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Bruce McDonald * Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Emma Jean Barfield * The Jackson Family

Additional Announcements

- WELCOME **Marcus Christopher** – Was baptized into Christ on January 19th.
- Song Practice Today @ 5:00pm.
- Prayer Meeting – This Wednesday @ 7:30pm
- Exton COC Gospel Meeting – March 8th-10th w/ Kevan O'banion

Contribution & Attendance Figures

January 20 th	\$4,538-Contribution	143-Attendance
January 13 th	\$4,263-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: January 27, 2013

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

Needy No More



Philippians 4:19 – "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Benevolence is a work of the Lord's church. The word "benevolence" means "eagerly with a whole heart; an act of generosity." In **1 Corinthians 16:1-3**, the Bible teaches that the collection is "God-authorized" for the saints by the saints. The apostle Paul commanded churches to send relief to the church in Jerusalem. We have a divine example of the Jerusalem church caring for its needy (**Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:34-35, & Acts 6:1-8**). The church in Antioch sent to the brethren in Judea (**Acts 11:27-30**). Churches in Macedonia, Achaia, & Galatia sent to the church in Jerusalem to supply their need (**Romans 15:25-27 & 1 Corinthians 16:1-3**). There is authority for many churches sending to one church & one church sending to many churches.

What Is A Needy Saint?

Before we can define a needy saint, we must first identify who is a saint & what does it mean to be "needy." A saint is one who is holy & set apart. In **Romans 1:7**, God called us to be saints. The word "saints," "brethren," "disciples," & "Christians" are all used interchangeably. A saint is a member of the Lord's church. The church is authorized to provide financial benevolence to Christians only. In **Acts 2:44-45**, the church provided benevolence to all who believe. In **Acts 6:1**, the church provided benevolence to the disciples. In **Acts 11:29**, the church provided benevolence in order to relieve the brethren. In **Romans 15:26**, the church provided benevolence to the saints. In **1 Timothy 5:16**, the church can provided benevolence to believing widows. However, just because an individual is a Christian does not mean they can receive financial benevolence from the Lord's treasury. The Christian must be qualified & the qualification is the Christian must be needy. What does it mean to be needy? A needy saint is a poor saint. A needy saint is a destitute saint & if one is destitute, then they are utterly lacking & devoid of resources &/or the means of subsistence.

What & Who Is A Resource?

A "resource" is "something or someone that can be used for support or help." We are a resource. Our friends are resources. Our families are

resources. Our brethren are resource. The church is a resource. God is our resource.

How Do We Access Our Resources?

We access ourselves by **prioritizing**. We access our family & friends by **preparation**. We access our brethren & the church by our **presence**. We access our God by **putting Him first**.

If we think we are in need, then let us first prioritize ourselves by examining who we are (**2 Corinthians 13:5**). Why are we coming up short this month? Have we stopped giving to God in an effort to break even financially? Do we have expenses we really do not need? If our OUTPUT is more than our INPUT, then our UPKEEP will be the reason for our DOWNFALL! We must make changes to assure we have more money at the end of the month rather than more month at the end of the money.

If we think we are in need, then let us first prepare our family & friends by being friendly (**Proverbs 18:24**). Do we have friends? If not, then why not? If we want friends, then we must start being friendly. Friends prepare one another for good works by doing good things throughout the friendship without being told. If we have been friendly with our family & friends, then our family & friends will go out of their way to help us with whatever they can.

If we think we are in need, then let us access our brethren & the church by our presence (**Hebrews 10:24-25**). Are we faithful in our attendance? Do the brethren know who we are? Are we Christians who are a blessing to others or are we a burden to others? As Christians, we understand **Acts 20:35** is still in the Bible & we look forward to the opportunity to be a blessing to all men, especially those of the household of faith (**Galatians 6:10**). However, it is hard to be a blessing to someone who will take what God has blessed us with & smoke it up, snort it up, shoot it up, drink it up, & gamble it away. The brethren, nor is the church, in the business of supporting bad habits. The benevolent work of the church is residual; meaning the Christian going to the Lord's treasury should be a last resort.

What do we do if our resources are unavailable? If this is the case, then we need to do what we should have always been doing & that is to talk to Heaven (**Matthew 6:33**). Seeking God's kingdom first & His righteousness is our responsibility always. "All These Things" is God's responsibility. If we do our part & stop doing His part, then we will be needy no more.

- **Antoine N. Holloway**