

## CAN YOU HELP?

Northpoint has supported **Joshua Aidoo** in Ghana for 6 years. His evangelistic work is greatly hampered because of transportation difficulties—he has no vehicle. When he goes into new areas with the Gospel he takes a team of men with him. Having either to hire a driver with a van or rent a van is expensive and at times unreliable. He also needs this vehicle for use by his family (5 children). The vehicle (used) he needs will cost a minimum of \$16,000.00, to which Northpoint has contributed \$2,000.00 to get this fund started. The elders of the Bellview Church (which also supports Joshua) are handling these funds. We ask brethren to help us help this good man by sending your check to **Northpoint** or to:

**Bellview Church of Christ, 4850 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32526.**

[Thanks to the generosity of various ones, the fund now totals \$11,609.00. PS]

## THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

### Let us pray for...

- Rick Beauchamp**—on extended absence from family and us because of employment
- Jerry Douglas**—fighting bone and lymph cancer (Danny Douglas's twin brother)
- Alice Haddon**—fighting cancer (Sheri's friend)
- Terry Hightower**—in the loss of his wife, Vicki
- Judy Reid**—sister in NJ, planning to move here
- Brian Ritter**—fighting rare autoimmune disease (son of Rick Ritter, Gospel preacher)
- Jeff Simmons**—“our boy” in the US Navy (Saratoga Springs, New York)
- Don Smith**—faithful brother in Ohio prison, ordered to cease teaching fellow inmates
- Stephanie Tigner**—who has been restored to Christ (Kourtney's sister)
- Joshua Aidoo**—Gospel preacher in Ghana we support
- Samuel Bagsangi**—Gospel preacher in Philippines we support
- Danny Douglas**—Gospel preacher in US we support

### Records you helped make last week...

Bible Classes	14
Sunday AM Worship	16
Sunday PM Worship	16
Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship	10
Contribution	\$901.00
Contribution average (2017)	\$1,609.18

### Internet and YouTube Sermon broadcasts...

- Both sermons each Sunday are broadcast, beginning at approximately 10:45–10:50 a.m. and 1:12–1:15 p.m., via Internet through our Website, [www.northpointcoc.com](http://www.northpointcoc.com).
- Our **YouTube** channel at *Northpoint Church of Christ* has a growing collection of Northpoint sermons available for viewing.

Preacher, Editor, *The Lighthouse*

Phil Smith



# The Northpoint Lighthouse

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## Dub McClish retires from the Lighthouse

On January 1<sup>st</sup> Dub McClish requested to be relieved of publishing *The Northpoint Lighthouse*. I must admit that we at Northpoint were all taken by surprise but we understood that Dub's request was because of his desire to complete work on *The Scripturecache*.

Last Sunday the men of the Northpoint congregation asked me if I would be willing to continue publishing *The Lighthouse*. Although I am not a writer, I accepted on a trial basis. Dub's article last week pointed out that there are many bulletins which are filled with all manner of foolishness and in doing so they neglect the Word of God. During the time I am publishing, like Dub, I will insure the articles in this bulletin will be Bible based, scriptural and I hope edifying. Just as we are to speak as the oracles of God, so also must our writings be as the oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11).

We will miss Dub's excellent articles and the great lessons he has brought us in *The Lighthouse* but we are even more excited about the great material he is providing on his Website. You are encouraged to check it out at [www.thescripturecache.com](http://www.thescripturecache.com).

—Philip Smith  
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### Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 1:00 PM

### Wednesday

B.C./Worship 7:00 PM

# I Couldn't Be *In Worship*—Be— cause ...

You've heard the joke about the two men out fishing on Sunday morning? One tells the other, "I couldn't attend worship anyway because my wife is sick." This generally brings a smile because it is so ridiculous, but what about the actual excuses we do hear from week to week.

1. "I didn't feel well so I couldn't attend services." This might be a valid reason to stay home but the question we must ask ourselves is this, would we stay away from other activities such as our jobs or attending our favorite sporting event.
2. "We couldn't come because our relatives came to visit." Way to go, you just showed your relatives how little Jesus and His death on the cross means to you.
3. "We couldn't come to Wednesday night Bible class because our child had a basketball game." Yes sir, you're doing a fine job of teaching your child that the Kingdom of Heaven comes after recreation.
4. My wife has even heard; "If we're not fishing, camping, hunting or visiting relatives, we will be in services this coming Sunday." In other words, "We will be there if we don't have anything better to do."

How weak these excuses sound when compared with the sacrifice of Jesus. Have we forgotten why our Lord came to this earth? Have we forgotten His suffering and death?

The psalmist wrote, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Every child of God should be glad to come together with the saints to worship God. As a matter of fact we are commanded not to forsake the assembling of the saints (Heb. 10:25). Add to that the words of our Lord, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). While faithful attendance alone does not prove our love for Jesus, unfaithful attendance does prove our lack of love.

**So, what is your excuse?**

-Philip

Welcome to the Slippery Slopes of Sodom (alias: America, U.S.A.)

Jess Whitlock

The Supreme Court's definition of Marriage: "Any two (why only two? – jlw) people who love one another cohabiting together, and marrying someone of the same sex and having their 'marriage' deemed lawful on the same condition as marriage between a man and a woman..."

The Holy Bible's definition of Marriage: "*Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning, made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh*" (Matt. 19:4-5).

Five justices of the Supreme Court decided in 2015 they could ignore 6,000 plus years of acceptable definition of marriage; decided they could redefine the meaning of marriage based upon "political correctness" (or P.C. which stands for Perverse Court). They want to make this arbitrary ruling the law for Bible believers!

If you want to know God's view on the subjects of homosexuality and sodomy, then study Genesis 19:1-13; Romans 1:26-ff; et al. God overthrew Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim. Why? The cities of the plain were destroyed because of the abominations of this form of immorality (Deut. 29:23).

In Romans chapter one, God still condemns the misnomer of what is called "same sex" marriage, which is an impossibility within itself. As we have now entered into the year 2017 does anyone believe that God has changed His mind as a result of the five justices of the Supreme Court of the United States? Not by any stretch of the imagination! God's Word reads as it has always read. God clearly condemned this sinful way of living under the Patriarchal, Mosaic, and the Christian dispensations. One day all mankind, including every justice who ever sat on our Supreme Court will be called on to appear before **God's Supreme Court!** (see Rom. 2:3; 14:10; Heb. 6:2; 9:27; and Acts 17:30-31). Then what???

Will God continue to bless America? My question: "Why should He?" Let us answer with the apostles, "*We ought to obey God rather than men*" (Acts 5:29).