

Making the Most of One String

The story is told of Italian violinist, Nicolo Paganini, that as he was playing an extremely difficult piece of music before a large audience, a string on his violin snapped yet he continued to play, improvising beautifully. Then without warning, two more strings broke, and he continued the composition playing with only one string. When he completed the composition, the audience gave him a standing ovation. When the applause eventually stopped, he nodded at the conductor to begin the encore. The violinist smiled at the audience and placing his instrument under his chin, he played again with that one string.

With the above thoughts in mind, Coach Lou Holtz once said, "the longer I live, the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it." Supporting his conviction with scripture, we can note the response of Paul and Silas as they sat in stocks in prison. Instead of bemoaning their lot, they made use of the one string they had left they prayed and sang praises to God (Acts 16:25). As a result of their godly influence, the jailer and his entire household were baptized into Christ (Acts 16:33).

Are we allowing life's adversities to discourage and immobilize us? With God's help, let's make the most of the one string we have left, and complete our spiritual composition (2 Timothy 4:7; Philippians 3:14; Hebrews 12:1). As long as we keep in tune with Christ, we can sing even when all is dark (Acts 16:19-25). -- copied

Teacher Appreciation Banquet December 5

West End's Education Ministry will celebrate our wonderful Bible Class Teachers with a special evening of appreciation. Please allow us the chance to honor you at our 2009 West End Teacher Appreciation Banquet, scheduled for Saturday, December 5 at the home of William and Gayron Johnson (5295 Serenity Lane, Atlanta, GA 30349) from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing all bible class teachers (and their spouses) who have taught preschool through adult classes within the last year. Please confirm your attendance via email to Sherri Long at sllong@bellsouth.net or via telephone to 678-462-4429 by Friday, November 20.

PRAYER LIST

If you have a desire for prayer, or know someone who does, please forward your request to dhmor30331@yahoo.com, or call Doris Morgan at 404-346-1372. You can also contact Esther Brown at 404-696-3941, Angela Dillard (midnite626@yahoo.com), Nettie Fanning at 404-696-9104, or Tonya Sykes at 678-469-9105 (tmsykes2003@yahoo.com). In order to avoid duplication, names that are currently listed on the Sick and Shut-In list will not be added to the Prayer List.

Keith King
Lazelle James
Lisa Peay
Delisia Hughes
The Tharpe Family
Shaavonda Clark

Schawanna Collier
Randolph McKinney
Gene & Kirk Folkes
The Hemmett Family
Betty Hayes
Annie McArthur

Tallulah Latham
Tinya Tabetando & Family
Opal Chase
George Odum
Olympia Billings
Octavis Royals

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

The **Annual Senior Citizen's Banquet** will be Saturday, December 12, from 1-4 p.m. in the Fellowship hall in the educational building. Volunteers are needed for setup, serving and clean up after the event. *Also needed are members interested in being a Senior Citizen Secret "Santa"*. See the sign up sheet in the foyer for attendees and all interested parties. Contact Verlence Hunter and Adam McGill if you have any questions.

The next **monthly men's breakfast** is November 21 at the City Cafe by Georgia Tech (525 10th Street, NW Atlanta, GA 30318). Let's bond with our brothers in Christ and visitors you bring with you. Contact Otis Smart for more information (404-423-8503).

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Pre-K to First Grade Youth Outing - Sign Extended - Date Changed! West End's Youth in Action (YIA) is hosting a Pre-K through First Grade outing to the Center for Puppetry Arts on a Saturday in mid-December to see The Shoemaker & the Elves. Show time is 11 a.m. and the cost is \$14 per person in advance. We will meet at the Center for Puppetry Arts at 10:30 a.m. After the show, the kids will attend a workshop to make their own puppets. Please bring a sack lunch. Please sign up in the foyer, pick up a flyer and see Tammy Leary (tammy.leary@yahoo.com) or Natasha Hartry (natashahartry@gmail.com) with any questions.

Youth Chorus Needs Altos – Those youth that sing Alto are needed for the youth chorus. If you are 12 years old or older, check with your parents, and then go see La Tanya Harris or Derronica Dukes.

Keep the Star Student Report Cards Coming – Parents are encouraged to turn in Star Student report cards and progress reports (photo copies only) to David Bishop. Students will be recognized in November at a date to be determined.

Math Tutoring - West End offers free math tutoring on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. You must first sign up your child in order to participate. Also offered will be assisting in preparing for the GHSGT for those in grades 10-12. Parents wishing to take advantage of this tutoring should contact David Bishop (dbishop@thewestender.com or 678-643-7306). Participants are required to have their textbooks, lessons, or study guides from their math classes in order to get tutored. Please communicate your participating beforehand – *don't show up this Wednesday without signing up.*

AREA EVENTS & INFO

Attend a **Gospel Meeting** today through Wednesday at the **Moreland Ave. CofC** (671 Moreland Ave., Atlanta, GA). Guest evangelist is Roosevelt Johnson from the Liberty City CofC in Savannah, GA. Today's schedule is morning worship at 10:30 a.m.; and congregational and group singing starting at 2 p.m. Weekday evening services begin at 7 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Evans Honored – On January 16-21, the Minister's Institute Conference (MIC) in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, will honor Dr. and Mrs. Jack Evans, Sr. This comes as their 42 years of unselfish service as President and First Lady of Southwestern Christian College and to the Church of Christ brotherhood. Dr. Evans will be presented with the Living Legend Award. The host minister will be W.F. Washington. For more details call 934-735-2907 or visit www.ministerinstituteconference.com.

Hush Little Baby

Visitors and members with infants and young children are asked to immediately take those ones that are talkative, crying, or otherwise irritated to the nursery located outside the auditorium. What may sound okay to you may be disturbing another's ability to worship properly. You may take them out at any time - even during times of congregational prayer if necessary. Thanks in advance for cooperating.

Ministry Budgets Due Today

As the elders prepare to allocate ministry and committee funds for the 2010 Budget, they request each committee prepare budget requests for their 2010 projects and events. All budget requests are due to the Finance Committee via email at accounting@thewestender.com by November 15. Sorry, no exceptions. Actual budget allocations for 2010 will be provided to each ministry. If you have questions or need assistance in preparing your requests, contact Shaneil Wilkins (803-322-3249), Willa Ball, April Howze, or Tammie Williams.

Order Mini-Revival Event on DVD

You can pre-order a copy of West End's Mini-Revival Weekend Event on DVD. The DVD includes the concert. Order online for \$25 at www.thewestender.com. The price covers our DVD production costs.

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Placed Membership

11/8 **Jamil Thomas** (Forest Park)

11/8 **Tim Brown** (Mableton)

HOUSEKEEPING

Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays and Anniversaries – The monthly birthday and anniversary list is located on West End's web site. Click the November Birthdays and Anniversaries link on the home page. Additionally, we have many new members. If you want your name listed, please send an email to dbishop@thewestender.com.

SICK & SHUT-IN

To be included or to have someone included or removed from this listing please contact Gayron Johnson at the church office.

Joyce Mapp – Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1500 S. Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30319; 404-252-2002. **Willie Mae Marrow** – 3060 Continental Colony Pkwy., Apt. 502, Atl., GA 30330. 404-344-9990. **Michelle Adams** is in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph Hospital. **Junette Tibbs**, UniHealth Post Acute Care – Brookhaven, 3535 Ashton Woods Dr., NE., Room 225, Atl., GA 30319; 770-451-0236. **Ossie Porter** (mother of Bill Moore) – A.G. Rhodes Homes, 350 Boulevard, SE., A Wing, Room 102, Atl., GA 30312. **Charlie Mae Gibbs** – 24 Paul St., Newnan, GA 30263. **Annie McArthur** is home recuperating. 751 Fairburn Rd., SW #2212, Atl., GA 30331. 404-699-2939. **John White** – Reliable Health & Rehabilitation, 3301 Lakewood Ave., Room 115, Atl., GA 30310; 404-406-7427. **Jessie Davis** – Buckhead Health & Rehabilitation, 54 Peachtree Park Dr., NE, Room 407, Atl., GA 30309. **Carrie Lawson** – 450 Fairburn Rd, SW, #14, Atl., GA 30331. 404-696-2548. **Annie Glaze** – A.G. Rhodes Home at Wesley Woods, Room 421, 1819 Clifton Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30329. **Barbara Edgerton** – 2469 Baywood Dr., S, Atl., GA 30315; 404-438-6659. **Elizabeth Perkins** – 2748 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy., Apt. 121, Atl., GA 30318. 404-792-9115. **Elnora Bethel** – 3700 Potomac Dr., East Point, GA 30344. **Daneka Vickers**, daughter of Mack and Sandra Freeman. **Anrenea Johnson**.