

From the Minister's Desk



The Attitude of the Worshipper

God has truly blessed us throughout this series of studies concerning worship. So many have already begun to change their mindsets and adjust their attitudes concerning their worship experience. Let us be reminded that worship is demanded by God, dictated by God, and desired by God. This being the case, we are to take worship extremely seriously realizing that we have come into his presence to offer spiritual sacrifices.

I want to remind each of you of the seven attitudes of the worshiper mentioned in Psalms 100 that were discussed last Sunday. The first attitude we must have is an attitude of celebration recognizing that the God we serve as King of our lives. Because he is king, we celebrate who he is. This is why the psalmist said "make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the lands". Remember, this language was used when honoring a King. The second attitude we must have is an attitude of jubilation. This simply means that we have to have an attitude of joy, which is motivated by the blessings received by God. This is clearly seen in the phrase "serve the Lord with gladness". This word "gladness" means joy on display. God causes inner joy which is manifested externally. Therefore worship should be a joyous experience. Another attitude that we should possess is an attitude of participation. This attitude of participation is seen in the phrase come before his presence with singing. This means that when we come to worship, none of us are spectators. We are all participants in every act of worship. Fourthly we must have an attitude that is the result of proper education. The psalmist said "know that the Lord he is God. It is he that made us, and not we ourselves".

The more you know about God, the more it motivates a proper attitude in worship. Furthermore, we should have an attitude of appreciation. This means we should be thankful for the blessings God has given us. The psalmist said, "Be thankful unto him". Have you ever tried to count your blessings? We must also have an attitude of confession, in which we acknowledge God in reference to his perfect character. This is referred to when the psalmist says "give thanks". Lastly, we should have an attitude of adoration. We adore God because he is good, merciful, and faithful. If every Christian has these attitudes when coming to worship, worship will always be an intimate and powerful experience that will change you with each and every encounter. Now I invite you to come and explore with me the day of worship.

Yes, there is a proper day in which Christians corporately worship God. That day is the first day of the week. This is the day that the Lord has made. In this sermon presentation, we will show the significance of Sunday. We do not worship the day, but we celebrate what happened on the day, which was the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore Christians do not worship on the Sabbath, but on the day that Jesus rose from the dead.

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.

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| Keith King | Anthony Grogan | Randolph McKinney |
| Luther King | Shavonda Clark | Betty Hayes |
| Breauna Moore | Tiffany Grogan | Octavis Royals |
| Lurie Walthaw | Deatra Bowden | Tinya Tabetando & Family |
| Olympia Billings | Cheryl Todd & Family | George Odom |

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Youth Chorus Practice TODAY at 3 p.m. – Reminder that there is youth chorus practice TODAY from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Newcomers age 12 and over are welcome – especially males. See La Tanya Harris or Derronica Dukes if you wish to participate.

Youth Chorus Needs Altos – Those youth that sing Alto are needed for the youth chorus. If you are 12 years or older, check with your parents, and then go see La Tanya Harris or Derronica Dukes. There is practice today at 3 p.m.

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 on a date to be determined.

Pre-K to First Grade Youth Outing Update – Parents of Pre-K through First Grade are invited to participate in an outing to the Center for Puppetry Arts on Saturday, December 19 to see The Shoemaker & the Elves. Show time is 11:00 a.m. and the cost is \$14.00 per person. Please pay or make your commitment to attend today or by this Wednesday evening for an accurate headcount. 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 (natasha-hartry@gmail.com) with any questions. There is also a sign up list in the foyer.

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 GHS GT 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

The **Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies**, Marietta Campus, will begin Winter classes November 30 and December 1, 2009. You may pick up registration forms by contacting Lee Davis, Marietta Campus Director, at 770-971-9933.

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.

GA Agape Thanksgiving Appeal Today

Today is the annual Thanksgiving Appeal day for Georgia AGAPE. Every family is encouraged contribute during a special collection to support the work of this ministry to provide homes for children and to strengthen families. This year is one of the most challenging given the stressful economic conditions we are facing. Please assist and help AGAPE reach its goal of raise over \$320,000! If you are not able to donate today, you are encouraged to still participate by giving your contribution to one of the elders, the church office or by mailing it directly to AGAPE. Visit GeorgiaAgape.org.

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.

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.

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.

Senior Citizen's Banquet

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.

Baptisms

- 11/15 **Antoinette Davis** (Atlanta)
11/14 **Tripoli Freeman** (East Point)

Placed Membership

- 11/15 **Sandra Brodnax** (Marietta)

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Opal Chase Tallulah Latham – Golden Living Center; 4115 Glenwood Rd., Room 204; Decatur, GA; 404-284-6414. **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. **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. **Anreka Johnson**.

BEREAVEMENTS

Nathaniel and Juliette Hill mourn the recent passing of Nathaniel's sister, Marie Woodley. Send condolences to the Hill's to 2276 Leslie Brook Dr.; Decatur, GA 30035; 404-286-1038.

Esther Brown and **Mary McKinney** mourn the loss of their son and brother. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Randy Harper mourns the passing of his great uncle late last week. He traveled yesterday to south Georgia for the funeral. Please keep Randy and his family in your prayers