

How A Local Church Edifies

One of the greatest ways that a local church has the power to build up and strengthen itself is by assembling together to worship our Lord. There are two great reasons why we assemble together. The first is obvious and must be our primary focus: to worship God. We must come together in an effort that is not selfish, but to bring praise, honor, and devotion to our great Lord. But while we are accomplishing this purpose, our second reason why we are assembling together is also accomplished—that is the strengthening and building up of one another. We are being built up and strengthened when we sing songs together with words that our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. When we can sing songs about turning to our Savior, about our assurance of forgiveness of sins and a home with God.

We may wonder why we have Bible studies on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. We may wonder why there is an assembling together again on Sunday night, even though we have already been here on Sunday morning. One of the purposes is edification, that strengthening that each of us needs to hold fast to the Lord. This is the purpose of my lessons, so that we can be equipped and strengthened to be of service to the Lord. I believe this is the point Paul was making in 1 Corinthians 14:26 that all things were to be done for edification. What we do needs to concentrate not only on our great Lord, but needs to be done in such a way so that we are all strengthened and built up.

This places a heavy weight upon all of us who participate in the services. It is not just a matter of leading a song simply because that is what we do. It is praise to God and needs to be done in a way that we as singers are built up and the words that we are saying are building us up. When we pray, it is not just a matter of spending a minute or two saying some words because that is what God wants. This is our opportunity to pray for one another. When the talk is given for the Lord's supper, it is not just saying some words that we think God wants to hear. We are glorifying the work he has done and building each of us up to focus and dedicate ourselves as a reminder each week for what the Savior has done. A sermon is not a thirty minute time filler so that we can have an hour of services. It is not to be an entertainment program or a comedic act at the Improv. This is to be words of truth that will strengthen us so that we can be better servants. We must all place great time and effort into making sure that what we are doing is going to edify those who are participating. "Let all things be done for edification."

Which all the more shows why we need to be here as much as possible. This exhorting and edification can only take place when we are assembling together as Hebrews 10:25 tells us. When we would rather sleep in than make it to bible studies, when we would rather watch television than assemble together, then the work of edification in your life and in mine is being hindered. It is important for us to desire to take advantage of the opportunities to assemble together. -- copied

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.

Kate Hendrix	Martha Lukes	Tony Bennett	Chris Jackson
Mark Snell	Tara Stewart	Jeanna Johnson	Betty Hayes
Jimmie Larsual	Grady Walton, III	Robin Knox	
The Babby Family	David Ferguson	Cathleen Gary & Family	

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

Attend the Monthly Brother's Breakfast – This month's breakfast will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 29 at Atlanta's Southern Style Cooking Restaurant, 585 Joseph Lowery Blvd. SW, Atlanta, GA 30310 (behind Wachovia). Contacts: Alvin Simmons (678-698-5152) and Otis Smart (404-423-8503).

Zone 3 December Fellowship – All members of Zone 3 (Fulton County, north of the Airport) are invited to an afternoon of food and fellowship on Saturday, December 6 at 3 p.m. The potluck fellowship will be held at the home of Elwyn and Lori Mapps. Directions to their home and a sign-up sheet for potluck dishes are in the foyer. Contact Elwyn Mapps (404-892-0125) with questions.

If you need **tutoring in for Spanish**, please contact Elsa Earlington at 404-761-5995 or send an email to Elsa at speakinginatongue@yahoo.com.

The next **Marriage Enrichment/Dynamic Marriages course** will be held starting January 26, 2009 for eight weeks. See Robert and Stella Wilson to sign up or visit www.MarriagesMadeStronger.com.

The **2009 Marriage Retreat** will be held August 20-23 at the Winshape Conference Center on the campus of Berry College in Rome, GA. The cost is \$470 per couple and includes all meals and lodging. Payment plan is as follows: \$125 on February 1, then pay monthly. See Robert and Stella Wilson with any questions.

The **"Becoming One" marriage class** will be held for six weeks starting on February 5, 2009. This course is for all graduates of the Marriage Enrichment Class from any year. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes all materials. See Robert and Stella Wilson to sign up.

Fine-tune your Bible skills by attending West End's one-hour weekly seminar on **"How To Study the Bible"**. It is held EVERY TUESDAY from 7-8 p.m., and is specifically designed to improve your Bible knowledge through hands on, instructor-led, proven techniques. You will come away fully equipped to study and be a more effective bible teacher. Orpheus Heyward conducts the class.

Men of Valor – Every third Sunday at 4:30 p.m., West End conducts the "Men of Valor Men's Bible Study Class. All mature youth, teens, and men at West End should make plans to attend regularly. Orpheus Heyward conducts the class.

First Sunday Family Forum Bible Study – Each first Sunday, beginning Sunday, December 7 at 9:45 a.m., West End's leadership will hold Family Forum Bible Study in the main building auditorium. The purpose of this study is to gather as a collective church family in order to study and improve the dynamics within our own immediate families in the home, which will in turn improve those of the body of Christ.

Baptismal Certificates – If you were recently baptized and have not received your baptismal certificate, please see or contact Sony Heyward.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Youth Chorus Practice Reminder: The West End Youth Chorus will practice on Sunday, November 30 at 3 p.m. in preparation for the New Year's Eve Program. Chorus parents; please mark your calendars to have your child in attendance. See La Tanya Harris or David Bishop with any questions.

AREA EVENTS

The **Camp Creek CofC** will host a **Garden of Eden Ball**. The specific date is pending and the deadline is extended to November 23. The day following the event will have a fellowshiping activity with other singles in the Atlanta area. Direct questions to Timothy Brooks (678-571-5234) or Carina Ashurst (678-358-5322).

Exciting New Yearbook Style Pictorial Directory in Progress

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY – WALK-UPS ACCEPTED!

Schedule your appointment to be photographed for directory or walk over to the brick annex building to see if you or you and your family can walk up and take your directory photo today. Sign-up sheets and helpful attendants are in the foyer. Direct any questions to Cassandra Arnold, Johnnie Sawyer, and Gwen Williams. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Growing in Christ Empowerment Conference CDs

The following audio CDs are available to order from the Conference with Jamel Hamilton: Sun. – 8 a.m., and 10 45 a.m. sermons; Mon. – 7:30 p.m. sermon; Tues. – 7:30 p.m. sermon; Wed. – 7:30 p.m. sermon. Use the online ordering system in the foyer or use the envelope/mailbox system. If you order online, please drop your payment in the mailbox with only your name on it so it can be tracked properly.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY POTLUCK DINNER DEC. 13

All married couples and their children are invited to attend the Marriage Maintenance Ministry Holiday Potluck Dinner on December 13 at 2 p.m. at the home of Reggie and Yonita Rowell. Bring your best dish and be prepared to enjoy good wholesome fun! For more info an food suggestions, contact Otis Smart (404-423-8503), Rodney Sawyer (770-868-9023), or Reggie Rowell (770-605-8414).

Got Baptized or Placed Membership from Another Church of Christ?

All individuals and families placing membership with West End from another Church of Christ, or those that have been baptized here should attend our New Converts class with Orpheus Heyward or the our Orientation Class respectively. Those placing membership are strongly urged to attend the Orientation class led by members of West End's leadership. Contact elder, I. David Logan (404-755-1016) with any questions about the Orientation Class. Both classes are held in the red brick house located adjacent to the main building during regular Bible School class times. Those placing membership will be advised of the classes available for them and their families. Contact minister Orpheus Heyward (678-592-3397) or any elder or deacon with any questions.

Baptisms

11/11 **Lynda F. Conner**
Atlanta

11/12 **Shanees Jackson**
Decatur

11/12 **Audreanne Ragin**
Decatur

11/16 **Jermaine Clunis**
Fairburn

New Addresses

Linda Kind Glover
6610 Valley Hill Dr.
Mableton, GA 30126

Steve & Angela Dillard
3310 Rabun Dr., SW
Atlanta, GA 30311
404-699-0129

Quiet & Cleared Out Please

During West End's 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 6 p.m. worship services, all are expected to be in the auditorium. Please keep the foyer clear during worship services, and be courteous to the deacons that request you to move. Collection and Lord's Supper will not be served in the foyer. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Tallulah Latham was admitted to Crawford Long Hospital, Room 6113. **Sandra Davis**, daughter of Kate Hendrix, is in DeKalb Medical Center at Hillandale. **Ossie Porter** (mother of Bill Moore) – A.G. Rhodes Homes, 350 Boulevard, SE., A Wing, Room 102, Atl., GA 30312. **John White** – Reliable Health and Rehabilitation, 3301 Lakewood Ave., Room 115, Atl., GA 30310; 404-406-7427. **Corene Woods** – A.G. Rhodes Nursing Home, 350 Boulevard, SE, Garden Wing, Room 11, Atl., GA 30312. 404-688-6731. **Jessie Davis** – Buckhead Health & Rehabilitation, 54 Peachtree Park Dr., NE, Room 407, Atl., GA 30309. **Viola Tookes** – 396 Thaxton Dr., Atl., GA 30315. 404-627-9360. **Joyce Mapp** – 3371 Hyland Dr., Decatur, GA 30032. **Cressie 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. **Tallulah Latham** – 320 Fairburn Rd., Apt H-6, Atl., GA 30331. 404-505-1581. **Willie Mae Marrow** – 3060 Continental Colony Pkwy., Apt. 502, Atl., GA 30330. 404-344-9990. **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. **Annie McArthur** – 751 Fairburn Rd., SW #2212, Atl., GA, 30331. 404-699-2939. **Anreka Johnson**.