

From the Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

Four Types of Worship

As we continue a series on "The Difference Between Coming to Church and Coming to Worship", it is important to understand that the New Testament highlights four different types of worship. The kind of worship rendered to God matters to God. Even when you read of the first instance of worship in Genesis 4:1-8 concerning Cain and Abel, we find that God does not accept all worship. What are the categories? There is vain worship, will worship, ignorant worship, and true worship. Every person that worships God falls into one of these categories.

Jesus mentions vain worship in Matthew 15:9. Vain worship literally means that the worship is empty of divine significance. The Pharisees in the days of Jesus would often make their worship vain by conforming it to the doctrines of men. Whenever you exchange the word of God for the traditions of men, otherwise known as the doctrines of men, the worship becomes vain. The question becomes, "is your worship vain?" Do you worship in a way that is not in harmony with the New Testament revelation?

There is also ignorant worship which the Apostle Paul highlights to the audience at Mars Hill in Acts 17:22. Ignorant worship is when you do not know who you are worshipping, or not knowing the way you ought to worship. There are many people in the world who do not know who to worship, nor do they know how to worship. It is absolutely essential to know that only God is to be worshipped. It is equally important to understand how to worship the only true God.

Furthermore, there is will worship. Will worship is when one worships according to what they desire, while ignoring what God desires. Worship is never according to the desires of the worshipper. Worship is always according to the desires of the one worshipped. God sets the pattern of how He is to be worshipped. The concept of will worship is found in Colossians 2:23, which Paul emphatically condemns.

Last, but not least, there is true worship. This is the worship that Jesus demands in John 4:24 looking forward to the Christian Dispensation. The word "true" in the Greek text translates "reality". Therefore worship is according to the reality that Jesus would reveal through his apostles. As a matter of fact, Jesus uses the term "true" in contrast to the Old Testament worship which was a system of shadows that prefigured something to come (Col. 2:17, Heb. 10:1). True worship is the reality of the Old Testament shadows, which is revealed in the New Testament. Therefore, the worship God desires is that which is in harmony with New Testament revelation. In which category do you fit this Lord's Day?

S T A R T S N E X T S U N D A Y

Growing in Christ Empowerment Conference & Seminar | NOVEMBER 15-19



Jamel Hamilton



Carole Hamilton

West End's Growing in Christ Empowerment Conference & Seminar starts next Sunday through Wednesday. Jamel Hamilton from the Mountain View CoC in Dallas, TX is the guest speaker. A Gospel Concert will be held on Nov. 15 with the Gospel Messengers, The Golden Voices, Men of Praise from the Camp Creek CoC, and New Image from Nashville, TN. Nightly seminar for women at 6:30 p.m. – "How to Survive in a Crisis" with Carole Hamilton; for men at 6:30 p.m. - "When I became a Man I put away Childish Things" with Jamel Hamilton. Conference speaker, Jamel Hamilton, follows at 7:30 p.m. Invite everyone you know to West End for this spiritually uplifting event!

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## WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

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**Song Leaders Practice Is TODAY** – There will be Song Leaders practice TODAY at 4:30 p.m. See Tommy Grogan or Spencer Iverson with any questions.

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.

**First Sunday Family Forum Bible Study** – Each first Sunday, beginning in December, West End's leadership will hold a 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.

**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 should make plans to attend regularly. Orpheus Heyward conducts the class.

**Sorry, No Change** – As you cheerfully give as you prosper this Lord's Day, please be prepared with the exact amount you have determined to contribute. Our ushers are unable to "make change" during the collection or afterwards. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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

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## YOUTH AND SINGLES

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Next Sunday's scheduled **youth chorus practice** is cancelled due the Growing in Christ Conference

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## AREA EVENTS

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**Ministers' Institute Conference** – Ft. Lauderdale – Registration is underway for the 33rd Annual Ministers' Institute Conference set for January 17-22, 2009, and is sponsored by W.F. Washington and the Golden Heights CoFC in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Visit [www.MinistersInstituteConference.com](http://www.MinistersInstituteConference.com) for details and to register.



## Gospel Revival Concert This Saturday @ 7 p.m.

FEATURING

Gospel Messengers, The Golden Voices, Men of Praise from the Camp Creek CoC, and New Image from Nashville, TN

***Bring a friend!***

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## Exciting New Yearbook Style Pictorial Directory in Progress

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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!

## 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.

### Order Your Ephren Taylor Financial Seminar DVD Set Today

Order your DVD copy of Ephren Taylor's Financial Seminar held at West End this past summer. It is a two-disc set with both the morning (youth) session and the afternoon (adult) session. It contains great tips for the entire family including valuable information on investing, saving, and starting a business. The cost for the set is only \$10. Pick up an order form in the foyer or place your order online at [www.thewestender.com/taylordvd.htm](http://www.thewestender.com/taylordvd.htm)

### Baptism

- 11/2 – **Myers A. Hines**  
(Mableton)
- 11/2 – **Herbert L. Singleton**  
(Atlanta)
- 11/2 – **William Cobb**  
(Union City)

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Address and contact information for all new members and new converts are available through your Zones and Zone Leaders.

### Quiet and 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.

### 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.

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

**Robin Knox** is at home recovering from surgery. 1613 Wynthorpe Ct., Riverdale, GA 30294. 678-479-9525. **Sandra Davis**, daughter of Kate Hendrix, is at home resting from a chronic illness. **Ossie Porter** (mother of Bill Moore) - A.G. Rhodes Homes, 350 Boulevard, SE., A Wing, Room 102, Atl., GA 30312. **John White** – 359 Westlake Ave. Apt. 311, Atl., GA 30311. 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 Morrow** – 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. **Anrenea Johnson**.