

From the Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

The Lord Desires an Evangelistic Church

Jesus the Christ upon His resurrection, instructs the disciples to go and teach all nations. The Gospel according to Mark says "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". The church cannot survive universally or congregationally if it ceases to perform evangelistic efforts. Evangelism is a vital ministry to the overall growth of the Lord's Church. It is essential that each member implement in their daily lives the practice of communicating the gospel. It is not only a privilege, but a direct command to the people of God. To ignore evangelism is to ignore the authority of Christ. Our going into all the world is directly linked to our faith in His authority, which was manifested upon His resurrection. This is why His statement, "go and teach all nations" is subsequent to His statement, "all authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

The New Testament church was a growing church because of its consistent efforts to preach the gospel. Consider these scriptures that provide insight to the evangelistic ethics of the first century church. May we duplicate their zeal and multiply in number. Let us not die. Let us multiply!

- Acts 2:47 – daily added
- Acts 5:41 – ceased not to teach the word
- Acts 6:7 – the number multiplied
- Acts 8:4 – went every where preaching the word

Ladies Bible Class Today @ 4:30 pm

and every third Sunday in the auditorium.

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.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

Ring in the New Year at West End

West End's New Year's Eve Program will be held on Thursday, December 31 starting at 8:45 p.m. An evening of fun, spiritual entertainment, awards, speakers, and song are in store for everyone! Pick up a flyer from the foyer for more information. Plan to ring in the New Year in West End Style!

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 that sing alto are especially needed. See La Tanya Harris or Derronica Dukes if you wish to participate join the group.

Drama Team Practice TODAY at 2:30 p.m. – Reminder that there is DRAMA TEAM practice TODAY from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Only those individuals that were at the last practice are required to attend. See Carmen Williams or David Bishop with any questions.

Math Tutoring Suspended Until January – West End's free math tutoring is suspended until January 2010. The program will resume on Wednesday, January 12, 2010. See David Bishop with any questions.

West End's Star Students Update – Congratulations to the following West End youth for attaining superior grades as shown on their progress reports/report cards: Brianna Smith, Tiana Smith, Jalen Smith, Lauren Langford, Erin Langford, Kayla Harris (a published author), Gabrielle Glover, Victoria Glover (Rising Star), John McCarthy, Chancellor Massey, Dezsjon Harrold, Tyria Horton, Gordon Glover, Nakeem Middleton, Destiny Kollock, Langston Hines, Deneshia Walton, Stasha Martin, Alkita Jackson, Jesse Roberts, Leslee Crawford, Charles Crawford, Elizabeth Kind, Taylor Thornton and Joy Mitchell. These students will be recognized at our New Year's Eve Program. Report cards received starting today, will be applicable for our January 2010 recognition. See David Bishop with any questions.

AREA EVENTS & INFO

The State of Georgia offers energy bill assistance during the winter months for eligible persons meeting specific income requirements. Call 1-800-869-1150 for more details.

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.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays and Anniversaries – The monthly birthday and anniversary list is located on West End's web site. Click the December 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.

January Friends & Family Day Date Change

Attention all West Enders, invite your friends and family to hear a message of New Beginnings for the New Year on Sunday, January 3 at our Friends and Family Day. This is an opportunity to share spiritual and physical food with those you love most. Refreshments will be served after the 10:45 a.m. service.

Baptisms

- 12/13 **Bernadette Powell** (Atlanta)
- 12/13 **Desean Powell** (Atlanta)
- 12/13 **Jessica Stimpfill** (Atlanta)
- 12/13 **Nakia Smith** (Atlanta)
- 12/13 **Kevin Daniels** (Decatur)

New Addresses

Columbus & Vera Norris
6971 Bonnes Blvd.
Austell, GA 30168
770-726-9144

Online Business Directory

www.thewestender.com

Visit the website today and support the businesses of West Enders listed there and have your business listed.

HOUSEKEEPING

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

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Lula T. Latham is in Crawford Long Hospital in ICU 3108; **Bonita Favors** will home for a prolonged time recovering from surgery; 2628 Downing Park Dr., SE; Conyers, GA 30094. **Opal Chase. Joyce Mapp** – Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1500 S. Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30319; 404-252-2002. **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. **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**.

BEREAVEMENTS

Nelson and Julia Brooker mourn the recent loss of Nelson's sister in Columbia, SC. The funeral was held Saturday in Columbia. Send condolences to the Brooker and Winborne families at 430 Valley Hill Rd., SW, Apt. 107, Riverdale, GA 30274; 770-210-5674.