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UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS

The “grace only” advocates in the church boldly declare that man is saved 100% by the grace of God. They proclaim that man does not contribute one whit to his salvation. They would have their listeners to believe that when one teaches man to save himself from this untoward generation, he is teaching legalism.

One of the “proof-texts” for their position is Luke 17:10, “So likewise, ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.” The argument is that even though we do all the things commanded we are still “unprofitable.” Therefore, we had to have been saved 100% by the grace of God, and that nothing we did contributed to our being saved in the least.

In this verse, Jesus was not teaching about the necessity of our obedience. Jesus was teaching about one’s attitude toward his salvation. Salvation is never earned regardless of the amount of obedient acts performed. Even the most obedient is unworthy of the blessing he will reap. Salvation will ever be a free, undeserved, unmerited gift of a loving and kind God. This should be the attitude of all the faithful. We should bow our heads before God’s throne, and say, “We are unprofitable servants.”

This is a far cry from saying that nothing we do contributes to our salvation. Jesus himself said in Matt. 7:21, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” Didn’t Jesus know that we do not do anything to get into heaven? Did He contradict His words found in Luke 17:10? Certainly not! Man must “save himself” (Acts 2:40). Does this obedience earn him his salvation? No!

Man must contribute to his salvation everything God has told him to contribute. To say that man contributes nothing to his redemption is to say that God requires nothing of him. The ultimate end of such a doctrine would be universalism for the Bible teaches that God’s grace has appeared unto all men (Tit. 2:11).

There is a great difference between saying that we do not earn our salvation and saying that one does not contribute one whit to his salvation. The first statement harmonizes with Jesus’ words of Luke 17:10. We are unprofitable servants. The latter statement, however, is false doctrine. The teaching should be rejected, and those who teach it should be marked and avoided (Rom. 16:17-18).

Children’s Bible Hour

Children’s Bible Hour - Children’s Bible Hour for ages 2 through 6 is held during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Parents may sign in their children by reporting to Room 14 upstairs in the educational building. *Parents should leave the auditorium immediately following Lord’s Supper to pick up your children. Waiting until the end of service significantly delays the volunteers from being able to leave.* See Shona Nixon or Tina Clark with any questions.

P R A Y E R L I S T

Patricia A Turner
Carlene Maddox
Maxine Jones
Cynthia & Melvin Mitchell
Schyla & Tyrone Jackson

The Ross Family
Robin Knox
Betty Hayes
Ruby Moore & Family
Olympia Billings

Octavis Royals
Beulah King
Joyce Mapp

Prayer Ministry – 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 Johnnie Stephens at 404-243-1139, Esther Brown at 404-696-3941, Angela Dillard (midnite626@yahoo.com), or Nettie Fanning at 404-696-9104. 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.

Quiet and Cleared Out Please – During West End's 8:00 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.

The Membership to Discipleship group will not meet on December 25 and January 1, 2008. Weekly meetings will begin again on January 8, 2008.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

West End Singles (ages 19 and up) will have a meeting following the 10:45 service, on Sunday January 13 to discuss 2008 events and to recruit other coordinators. See Denise West, Jarrod Simmons, or Rodney Sawyer for more details.

It's Star Students Time – Turn in your report cards to David Bishop to be recognized as a West End Star Student or Rising Star. Star Students are those with all A's and B's on report cards or progress reports. Rising Stars are those that have shown an improvement in grades from a previous report card or progress report. Also, conduct, behavior, and work habits in all classes must be top-notch. So far we have five Star Students for December – Nia Bullock, a student at Hooper Alexander Elementary School; LaDarion Lewis, Campbell Middle School; T'ara Tripp, Stoneview Elementary School; Stephen Brown, East Fayette Elementary School; and Taja Smith, Stoneview Middle School. A brief presentation will be held during our New Year's Eve program. Congratulations to everyone.

Star Student Pictures – All December Star Student parents are requested to provide a photo to David Bishop or send one via email to dbishop@thewestender.com by this Wednesday.

Youth Nite with the Atlanta Hawks – All youth and parents interested in attending the Hawks vs. Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday, Feb. 8, 2008 should sign the list in the lower level of the educational building starting today. Tickets are \$10 each. See David Bishop with any questions.

AREA EVENTS

Make plans now to attend the **Annual Ministers' Institute Conference (MIC)** January 19-24, 2008 at the Coral Springs Marriott Hotel, Golf Club & Convention Center at 11775 Heron Bay Blvd. in Coral Springs, FL. This event is sponsored by the New Golden Heights CofC in Ft. Lauderdale, FL where W.F. Washington is the minister. Details, prices, and online registration is at www.MinistersInstituteConference.com.



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 Members/New Converts Orientation Class. The class is for two consecutive Sundays and Wednesdays (total of four class sessions) and led by members of West End's leadership. Contact elder, I. David Logan (404-755-1016) with any questions about the orientation class. The class is held in the red brick house located adjacent to the main building, and is held during regular Bible School class times. After taking the class, new converts will be directed to the New Converts Class; new members 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.

Baptism Certificates – If you were recently baptized here at West End and have not received a baptismal certificate, please see Gayron Johnson or call her at the church office. You can also contact Bro. David Logan

New Year's Eve at West End

Be prepared to bring in the New Year on Monday, December 31 at West End. A great program is being planned with a night of singing, gospel preaching, special presentations and more. Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us. Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us.

There is no better place to be to start of 2008 than the West End Church of Christ!

Baptisms

12/16 - **Markieta Jackson**
626 Waynes Ct.
Atlanta, GA 30354
404-524-5233 D.O.B. 8/6/91

12/16 - **Deanna Rhodes**
4672 **Brandi Bay**
Lithonia, GA 30038
770-322-7232 D.O.B. 8/1/73
DeannaRhodes@bellsouth.net

12/16 - **Michael Wright**
585 Parkway Dr., Room 417
Atlanta, GA 30308
404-607-1010 D.O.B. 8/1/73

12/16 - **Kslow C. Wright**
585 Parkway Dr., Room 417
Atlanta, GA 30308
404-607-1010 D.O.B. 2/23/94

Placed Membership

1/16 - Jeffrey Fletcher
713 Shuri Dr.
Beaufort, SC 29902
843-476-4635

New Address

Nelson & Julia Brooker
1804 Eastwood Village Dr.
Stockbridge, GA 30281
678-565-3921

Reminder to Parents and Adult Bible School Teachers

Parents with children in Bible classes should either be excused from class by the teacher and/or make efforts to leave class no later than 10 minutes before the end of class time to pick up your children in a timely manner.

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Leonard Walton has been released from Egleston Children's Hospital and is undergoing treatment at home. 1388 Westboro Dr., Atl., GA 30310. 404-756-0832. Please call before visiting and do not bring live flowers or fruit baskets. Charlette Hickson is in Crawford Long Hospital, Room 7119. Visitors are welcome. 404-686-7119. Corene Woods, Arbor Terrace Assisted Living Center at Cascade, 1001 Research Center Atlanta Dr., Atlanta, GA 30331, 404-696-0432. Carrie Henderson – 1258 Windsor Pkwy, Atl., GA 30319. 404-255-1210. The father of Robin Knox, Mr. James Knox, is in the Heartland Rehabilitation Center in Charleston, SC. Send encouragements and cards to Robin's address for proper forwarding and delivery to 643 Hynds Springs Dr., Jonesboro, GA 30238. William Johnson, Jr., son of William and Gayron Johnson. Cressie Lawson – 450 Fairburn Rd, SW, #14, Atlanta, GA 30331. 404-696-2548. The mother of Isacque Nixon is recovering at home from open heart surgery. Thomas Chase is in Crestview Nursing Home located at 2800 Springdale Rd., Atl., GA 30315, 404-616-8100. Visitors are welcomed. Lillie Tyler – 419 Crossing Dr, Lithia Springs, GA 30122, 770-732-8914. Annie Glaze – A.G. Rhodes Home at Wesley Woods, Room 421, 1819 Clifton Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30329. Barbara Edgerton is at home ill. 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 – 1392 Maynard Rd., NW, #31, Atl., GA 30331. 404-691-0268. 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. Anreneka Johnson.