

From the Minister's Desk



Wesley R. Brown

The Empowerment of God

God empowers us to become laborers, and workers in His Vineyard. Paul identified himself as a laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. "To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily." (Col. 1:29) He realized that what he had accomplish was through the power of God working in him, and through him. He traveled far, and wide to proclaim the gospel of Christ. He loved the church, and did everything possible to make sure that she was protected from the wolves who sought to destroy her.

The Lord's laborers must live right. It is not enough to merely say, Lord, Lord; we must live like the Lord. He is our example for holy living. Some say that you can't live a holy life in this world. Then, why does the Bible teaches us to be holy as He is holy? (1 Pet. 1:16) God would never tell us to do something that we could not do, because He empowers us to perform. He is the strength of our lives. For as David said, "The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God! (Psa. 68:35)

Therefore, we must accept our responsibility to live right and bring others to Christ. Many are lost and don't know the way. Our duty to is to shine the gospel light in their direct, so that they might see the way to God. His word to us is, "Go find My sheep!" These are people who want to live right, walk right, talk right, and worship right. We must do all we can to seek help, and strength from God, as Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13)

A great reward is in store for those who labor to lead others to Christ. Follow sin and heaven will never be your home. Let God work in you as you use your strength, and power to serve Him. Listen to the Master, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Rev. 22:12) Remember, your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Cor. 15:58) He who empowered David to defeat Goliath can empower you to defeat evil. So let us strive for Heaven in 2007!

P R A Y E R L I S T

Gloria Drake	Flora Dansby	Lorie Moore	Sharon Brown
Jean Peters	Betty Hayes	Roslyn Anderson	DeWayne Gaines
Chris Reed	Latesha Hill	Milton Perry	Kelvin Hodge
Thomas & Opal Chase	Edith Hodge	Esther Brown	Jennifer & Torry Cambell
Barbara Edgerton	Doyle Fitzpatrick	Verlence Hunter	Obree Friday
Angela Alexander	The Little Family	Sandrika Walker	Corine Woods
Alicia Green	Mark Snell	The Douse Family	Daryll Alexander
George Odum	Anita Banks	Gwenda Ferrell	Steve & Corine Wilson
Michael Jenkins	Jerome & Vanessa	Phyllis Holmes & Family	Sarah Kellon & Family
Joseph Alexander	Hodge	Juanita B. Smith	The Bates Family
The Harden Family	Ruth Moneke	Marilyn Brooks	Charles & Charlotte Ham
Ruby & Chantale Murray	Larry Timberlake	Ozie Leaster & Family	Wanda Bates
Lira Peay	Anthony Grogan	Olympia Billings	William & Sharon Burke
Kesha Clinkscale	Dean & Adrea Morgan	James & Barbara	Randolph McKinney, Jr.
Bertha Lee	Doris Morgan	Whitfield	Monique Nixon

To have your name removed from the bulletin prayer list, please contact Doris Morgan 404-346-1372 or e-mail her at dhmor30331@yahoo.com.

There will be a **VERY IMPORTANT meeting for all Bible School Teachers** and those involved in the educational program on Saturday, January 27th. More details to follow in the next two weeks. Please make plans to attend.

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, 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.

The **Membership to Discipleship** group meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the brick annex. See J.P. Collier, David Logan, or Dorothy Reed for more information.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Monthly Youth Devotionals for 2007 begin in January – January's Youth Devotional will be held on Sunday, January 28 at 4 p.m. The theme is *Protecting West End's Youth From a Treacherous World*. God intended the family to play the primary role in protecting the spirituality of children. Plan now to attend this event on January 28. Special guest, Christopher King from Arlington Christian School, will be one of the speakers. Star students, Khaliya Ross, Savion Carswell, Anthony Carswell, Carmen Williams, Jordan Williams, Courtney Terrell, Kayla McKinney, Reginald McKinney, Briana Wilburn, and several others will also be recognized. See David Bishop to volunteer to help with various tasks in preparation for this event.

Turn in all **report cards** to David Bishop for the upcoming youth devotional on January 28. We are looking for Star Students (A's and B's) and Rising Stars starting in January 2007 for those showing improvement from previous "not-so-good" grades. Parents of youth through grade 12 should see David Bishop with copies of your child's report cards.

Mark Your Calendars for These Special Events

Friday, February 2

West End will be celebrating Wesley Brown's transition from full-time pulpit minister to Minister Emeritus. The celebration banquet will be held at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel in College Park, Georgia starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be made available very soon at \$25 per adult and \$15 per child. An exciting, memorable, and unique program is planned for everyone in attendance.

Sunday, February 4

Following the 10:45 worship service, West End will install Orpheus Heyward as the full-time pulpit minister. The guest evangelists for the day are Dr. W.F. Washington, Dr. Jack Evans, Dr. R.C. Wells, and Dr. Eugene Lawton.

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the 3rd Annual Give the Gift of the Word Campaign. 27 members of the Lord's church helped put the Word of God in 172 mailboxes all over America and beyond!

The **2007 Crusade for Christ** will be June 24-28, 2007 in Tampa, FL. The Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk (800-325-3535) and the Wyndham Harbor Island Hotel (800-996-3426) will be providing accommodations for the event. For additional information contact Daniel Harrison at 773-723-8579; John H. Dansby at 318-221-8120; or Harold J. Rodriguez at 813-541-6523.

West End's New Year's Eve Program



TONIGHT

Evening worship service begins at 9 p.m.
New Year's Eve Program will start at 10 p.m.

There will be no 6 p.m. services tonight.

New Phone Number
Kenneth & Constance Grogan
404-380-8425
and 404-246-7714

**Don't forget to pick up your
January events and birthday
calendar from the Greeter's
Table in the foyer.**

WEST END'S THEME FOR 2007:

*Bringing Everybody
Into the Same Body
by the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

EPHESIANS 3:6

Zones Ministry Update

Please pay special attention to Saturday, January 6 and Saturday, January 13 for the events regarding our Zones Ministry. Plan to be in attendance on both days. West End's Zone Ministry needs everyone's participation. Listen to updates and information from our ministers.

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Robert Fuzell – 10413 Southhampton Ct., Jonesboro, GA 30238, 678-479-7942. Bro. Fuzell requests weekly visits on Sunday afternoons to his home. Tallulah Latham – 320 Fairburn Rd., Apt H-6, Atl., GA 30331, 404-505-1581. Mareba Collier is on bed rest. Eugenia Farmer – 2889 Brookford Lane, Atl., GA 30331. 404-207-6238. 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. Annie Glaze. Anreneka Johnson – 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.

BEREAVEMENT

Victor Jones mourns the recent passing of his mother. Jennifer Jones was funeralized in Tallahassee, FL. 678-949-4999.