

From the Minister's Desk



The Privilege and Benefit of Worship

Worship that is accepted by God is a privilege unique to the Christian (1 Peter 2:5). We are permitted to offer acceptable worship only by the grace of God.

Consider briefly the significance of worship. It is obedience to a divine command. It is a means of nourishing the spirit. It assists in achieving spiritual growth. It encourages others in their spiritual development. It shows the world where my priorities are. It is one means of expressing my love for God. It is an avenue God has provided by which I can praise His name. It is the offering of spiritual sacrifices. It is a way of showing thanksgiving to God for all He has done for us individually. It is a period of communion with God with the world shut out entirely. It is an experience that should make the heart of every Christian glad!

Will you join your fellow Christians this Lord's Day as they assemble to honor His name? Your Father will be looking for you.

January Friends & Family Day

Attention all West Enders, invite your friends and family to hear a message of New Beginnings for the New Year on Sunday, January 10 at our Friends & 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.

Upcoming West End Ladies Events

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
every third Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS BREAKFAST
on January 30 from 9-11 a.m.

LADIES PRAYER WARRIOR LUNCHEON
on February 6 from 12-2 p.m. The theme is "Prayer Changes Things"

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.

Jacoby Williams	Anthony Grogan & Family	Octavis Royals
Beulah King	Tiffany Grogan & Family	Olympia Billings
Ludie Walthan	Betty Hayes	Breauna Moore
Annie Glaze & Family	Randolph McKinney, Jr.	Esther Brown & Family

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

It's a Girl! Monique and Anthony Nixon are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Sydney Michelle, born this past Wednesday. Sydney weighed in at 3 lbs. 5 oz. At the time of this printing both mother and baby remain in the hospital, but are doing fine. Congratulations to the family.

Plans are now underway for **West End's New Year's Eve service**. 2009 has been a great year for West End and we will celebrate and welcome in the new year with song, prayer, fellowship and as usual, a few surprises. West End will be the place to be on new Year's Eve. More details to come.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Youth Chorus Practice TODAY from 3 to 5 p.m. Newcomers age 12 and over are welcome – especially males. See La Tanya Harris or Derronica Dukes if you wish to participate.

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, 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.

Math Tutoring - West End offers free math tutoring on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. You must first sign up your child in order to participate. Also offered will be assisting in preparing for the GHS GT for those in grades 10-12. Parents wishing to take advantage of this tutoring should contact David Bishop (dbishop@thewestender.com or 678-643-7306). Participants are required to have their textbooks, lessons, or study guides from their math classes in order to get tutored. Please communicate your participating beforehand – *don't show up this Wednesday without signing up.*

AREA EVENTS & INFO

2009 Giving of Thanks in Song – Vocalists from Atlanta area Churches of Christ will unite in song TONIGHT, giving thanks to our Lord and Savior during this season of thanksgiving at the CofC at Bouldercrest. Afternoon worship service at Bouldercrest will held this afternoon at 3:30 p.m., followed by the singing event. For more information contact Gerald McClain at 678 412-5745 or email gmcc118856@aol.com.

Cantamos Returns – After a 10 year break, the a cappella ensemble, Cantamos, returns with a concert at the Georgia Tech Robert Ferst Center for the Arts TONIGHT at 7 p.m. Directed by former West Ender Jesse Hooper, the ensemble also includes current West Enders **Michael Wells, Naria Bullock, Bakari Allen, Tanya Ware** and **Kenny Phillips**. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from the members named above or online at www.cantamosonline.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the door but will include a service fee.

On December 11-13, the Northside CofC in Jacksonville, FL will host their 35 Annual Singles Seminar. The theme is, "Are You Willing? God Is Able!" The guest speaker will be Anthony Brooks of Hillcrest CofC in Decatur, GA. A registration fee is required. Call 904-396-7770 for more details.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Evans Honored – On January 16-21, the Minister's Institute Conference (MIC) in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, will honor Dr. and Mrs. Jack Evans, Sr. This comes as their 42 years of unselfish service as President and First Lady of Southwestern Christian College and to the Church of Christ brotherhood. Dr. Evans will be presented with the Living Legend Award. The host minister will be W.F. Washington. For more details call 934-735-2907 or visit www.ministerinstituteconference.com.

Senior Citizens' Banquet

Featuring Guest Speaker Wesley R. Brown

The Annual Senior Citizen's Banquet will be Saturday, December 12, from 1-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall in the educational building. **Volunteers are needed** for setup, serving and clean up after the event. Also needed are members interested in being a Senior Citizen Secret Santa, please bring your gifts by Wednesday, December 9. A receptacle basket will be set up in the foyer. See the sign up sheet in the foyer for attendees and all interested parties. Contact Verlence Hunter at 404-903-7817 and Adam McGill if you have any questions.



Zone 6/7 Meeting

Zone 6/7's monthly meeting will be on December 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the home of Johnny and Peggy Ross 3264 Glenwood Rd., Decatur, 30032; 404-288-2790.

HOUSEKEEPING

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

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.

Baptisms

11/29 **Barry Maze** (Decatur)
11/29 **Theresa Epps** (Newnan)

New Address:

Sara Harris
1503 Temple Ave. #102
College Park, Ga. 30337
404-254-3166, Cell: 770-862-2235

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; **Willie Mae Marrow** is in Emory Hospital, Room E528; **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. **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. **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. **Anreneka Johnson**.

BEREAVEMENTS

Hattie Roberts mourns the death of her sister, Ms. Nazarene Dye.