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## Pre-Worship

Song  
 Visitor Salute  
 Announcements

## Order of Worship

Opening Prayer  
 Songs  
 Scripture Reading  
 Main Prayer  
 Song  
 Sermon  
 Invitation  
 Song  
 Collection  
 Communion  
 Song  
 Closing Prayer

*Note: Speakers may change without notice.*

8:00 a.m. **Paul's Prayer for God's People**  
 EPH. 1:15-23 O. Heyward

10:45 a.m. **Paul's Prayer for God's People**  
 EPH. 1:15-23 O. Heyward

6:00 p.m. **Paul's Plea for Unity**  
 EPH. 4:1-6 O. Heyward

### ■ Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Early morning worship  
 9:45 a.m. Bible classes for all ages  
 10:45 a.m. Mid-morning worship  
 6:00 p.m. Evening worship

### ■ Regular Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible class  
 7:30 p.m. Bible classes for all ages

## Online Ordering of Sermon CD's Available



Order audio sermon recordings using the computer terminal in the foyer.

Ordering is quick and easy.

Ask anyone to help you fill out the form if necessary.

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## From the Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

### The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints

**F**requently in the inspired text we read of a peculiar phrase called "the faith." Often times this phrase is misunderstood and misapplied by the religious community. When the Bible mentions "the faith," it is in reference to the Christian belief system. "The faith" is what is believed rather than the act of believing. When belief is used without the definite article, it is the act of believing. When the word faith has the definite article, it refers to the truth that is believed. The faith is a distinctive body of truth that must be obeyed, and governs the behavior of Christians in the house of God known also as the church. The scriptures provide some relevant information in regards to the faith.

The faith is to be obeyed (Acts 6:7). To obey "the faith" is synonymous with obeying the Gospel, the Christian belief system. Notice that the text does not say they were obedient to "faith," but it says obedient to "the faith." To obey "the faith" is to obey a specific body of truth. Furthermore, "the faith" can be preached (Gal. 1:23). If it is not preached, it cannot be obeyed. Paul after his conversion began to preach "the faith." In addition, one can depart from "the faith" (1 Tim 4:1). Those who abandon the Christian belief system in word or practice have departed from the faith. Moreover, Christians can continue in the faith (Acts 14:22). Those of us who are Christians must remain faithful to "the faith" by continuing in the apostle's doctrine (Acts 2:42). A comparative study of Acts 14:22 to Acts 2:42 will reveal that "the faith" and the "Apostles doctrine" are synonymous.

Finally, Christians are to contend for "the faith" (Jude 3). We must be willing as children of God to meet any and all challenges to the faith in hopes of exposing error. Let us be ever mindful of the importance of the faith. It is that body of truth, which governs the practices of all Christians. If it can not be found in "the faith," then it is not divinely authorized. May it be when the Lord descends from the bosom of Heaven that we can echo the words of the Apostle Paul while he was in the final stages of life, "I fought a good fight, I finished my course, I have kept the faith."

## Reminder to West End Ministry Leaders

The Minister's Vision Ministry is preparing a uniform template for all mission statements (and pertinent information). Please send your email addresses to Otis Smart at [smarts4christ@gmail.com](mailto:smarts4christ@gmail.com) by December 10. We will deliver the necessary form to you.

## P R A Y E R   L I S T

If you have a desire for prayer, or know someone who does, please forward your request to [dhmor30331@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:midnite626@yahoo.com)), Nettie Fanning at 404-696-9104, or Tonya Sykes at 678-469-9105 ([tmsykes2003@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

The Stinson Family  
The Grogan Family  
The Todd Family

Ms. Frankie Reed  
Eva Reed  
Audra Reed

Barbara Terrell  
Constance Grogan  
Betty Hayes

## WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

**First Sunday Family Forum Bible Study begins today** – Each first Sunday, beginning this morning, West End's leadership will hold 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.

**Zone 4/5 Meeting** - Zone 4/5 will meet on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the home of Johnny and Gwen Williams at 5680 Bearing Way in College Park. Bring food and a smile. Contact Dwayne McNeil (770-500-2074) or Harry Oliver (404-509-7001) for more details.

The next **Marriage Enrichment/Dynamic Marriages course** will be held starting January 26, 2009 for eight weeks. See Robert and Stella Wilson to sign up or visit [www.MarriagesMadeStronger.com](http://www.MarriagesMadeStronger.com).

The **2009 Marriage Retreat** will be held August 20-23 at the Winshape Conference Center on the campus of Berry College in Rome, GA. The cost is \$470 per couple and includes all meals and lodging. Payment plan is as follows: \$125 on February 1, then pay monthly. See Robert and Stella Wilson with any questions.

The "**Becoming One**" **marriage class** will be held for six weeks starting on February 5, 2009. This course is for all graduates of the Marriage Enrichment Class from any year. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes all materials. See Robert and Stella Wilson to sign up.

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. Orpheus Heyward conducts the class.

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

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

## YOUTH AND SINGLES

### Youth Winter Program This Saturday

Attend West End's Youth Winter Program this Saturday, December 13, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the auditorium. Youth speakers are **Demetrik McClain**, **Aundrey Flewellen**, and **Devan Law**. We will have spiritual spoken-word poetry from our youth (additional youth poets are requested). The Youth Chorus will perform one or two selections, and we will debut our West End Drama Team's first performance. The following Star Students will also be recognized: **Langston Hines**, **Brianna Smith**, **Jalen Smith**, and **Lauren Rausaw**. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the fellowship hall in the educational building. West Enders are needed to help with refreshments and clean up. See coordinators Natasha Hartry, Jabari Sykes, Brittany Houston, and Anitra Patrick to volunteer. Pick up a flyer in the foyer.

**Youth Registration Begins Today** – All West Enders with children are asked to stop at Youth Registration table in the foyer to register your child for upcoming youth activities. Registration continues through the end of the New Years Eve program on December 31.

**Youth Outing Rescheduled** – The youth outing to the 16 & Noble CofC has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 4 instead of Sunday, December 28. See David Bishop with any questions.

**Youth Chorus Practices** Increased youth chorus practices in preparation for the New Year's Eve Program – will include some Saturdays and consecutive Sunday afternoon practice sessions. Chorus members and parents are asked to listen for call-and-post phone messages with specific details.

## YOUTH AND SINGLES

Help raise funds for **Southwestern Christian College** by attending the play, *The Black Nativity*, at the True Colors Theatre Company. See Jeannette James (404-392-0017), Curtis Daniel, Lorraine Jackson, Viola Tookes, or Bernice Barnes to secure your \$30 tickets.

## MARRIAGE MINISTRY POTLUCK DINNER THIS SATURDAY

All married couples and their children are invited to attend the Marriage Maintenance Ministry Holiday Potluck Dinner on December 13 at 2 p.m. at the home of Reggie and Yonita Rowell. Bring your best dish and be prepared to enjoy good wholesome fun! For more info and food suggestions, contact Otis Smart (404-423-8503), Rodney Sawyer (770-868-9023), or Reggie Rowell (770-605-8414).

### 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.

#### Baptism

11/28 Rickey Jay Garrett  
Atlanta, GA

Address and contact information for all new members and new converts are available through your Zones and Zone Leaders. Visit the web site to view photos of all new converts.

#### Exciting New Yearbook Style Pictorial Directory in Progress

**LAST DAY FOR PHOTOS IS DECEMBER 28**

Sign up today for the pictorial directory and walk over to the brick annex building to see if you or you and your family can walk up and take your directory photo. Sign-up sheets and helpful are in the foyer. Direct any questions to Cassandra Arnold, Johnnie Sawyer, and Gwen Williams. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

#### SICK & SHUT-IN

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

**Tallulah Latham** was admitted to Crawford Long Hospital, Room 6113. **Sandra Davis**, daughter of Kate Hendrix, is in DeKalb Medical Center at Hillandale. **Ossie Porter** (mother of Bill Moore) – A.G. Rhodes Homes, 350 Boulevard, SE., A Wing, Room 102, Atl., GA 30312. **John White** – Reliable Health and Rehabilitation, 3301 Lakewood Ave., Room 115, Atl., GA 30310; 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 Marrow** – 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**.

#### BEREAVEMENT

**Schyla Jackson** (Tyrone) mourns the passing of her grandmother, Mrs. Porter Shelley, age 94 in Camphill, AL. Condolences to 3411 Kingsbrooke Way, Decatur, GA 30034. 404-286-1279.