

## Regarding Romans Chapter 6

The vast majority of the denominational world says baptism is not necessary for the forgiveness of sins and to be saved. But let's see what the Bible says, particularly Romans Chapter 6. Verses 3-6 says, "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

The only way the Bible says for one to get into Christ is to be "baptized into Christ". Before baptism one is outside of Christ, and this is where Satan wants to keep people. There is no entrance into Christ and the benefits of His death prior to being baptized into Christ and into His death. Why should one be in Christ? Ephesians 1:3 says that God, "has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ". If every spiritual blessing that God has is located in Christ, then there are no spiritual blessings for those who are outside of Christ.

Romans 6:6 says that it is in baptism, "that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin". Before baptism one is still an old man of sin, who is a slave to sin. When one is baptized into Christ, "he is a new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17). If one is still outside of Christ, he is still an old sinful creature and without any hope.

Romans 6:5 KJV says that in baptism, "we have been planted together in the likeness of His death". It is in baptism that we die to sin. Before baptism one has every sin he has ever committed. But when one comes up out of the watery grave of baptism, he is no longer a slave to sin. All of his past sins have been forgiven. A burial implies a death. Baptism is the death and burial of one who has died to sin. Just as death and a burial separates one from his physical life, so being buried by baptism into the death of Christ, separates one from sin.

Romans 6:17-18 KJV says they had "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine, which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin". When they "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine", they "were baptized into His (Christ's) death"... "were buried with Him (Christ) through baptism", and were raised up to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). It is when we obey this form of doctrine, that is a form of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, that we are made free from sin. -- copied

## PRAYER LIST

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.

Earline Wyatt  
Shavonda Clark

Octavis Royals, Sr.  
Tony Bennett  
Phillip & Erieco Folkes

Lisa Hammett & Family  
Ruth Moneke

## Meeting Today for West End Ministry Committee Leaders Only

Please attend a required Finance Training session today following 10:45 a.m. service. The meeting will be held in the education building and will last approximately one hour. See William Johnson, Shaneil Wilkins, April Howze, Tammie Williams, or Willa Ball with questions.

### WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

**Be Informed** – West End is implementing an improved phone calling system used to periodically communicate important information regarding West End to your phone. We anticipate clearer calls that play without the repeating and skipping experienced with the former calling system. If you would like to be added to these communications and to our existing list of members, send an email to [calls@thewestender.com](mailto:calls@thewestender.com) and include the telephone number you wish to use to receive calls. You may also call Yonita Rowell at 770-380-9358.

**It's a Boy!** Marcus and Naria Bullock are the proud parents of a baby boy named Miles. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

The next **Dynamic Marriages class** will begin on Monday, February 1 at West End. Register now by contacting Robert and Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774. You can also register online at [marriagesmadestronger.com](http://marriagesmadestronger.com).

All ladies are invited to attend the **West End's Ladies Bible Class Breakfast** on January 30 from 9-11 a.m. Location to be announced.

All ladies are invited to the **Ladies Prayer Warrior Luncheon** on February 6 from 12-2 p.m. The theme is "Prayer Changes Things". The event will be held in the fellowship hall in the educational building.

The **Marketing Committee** will meet Sunday, January 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See Yonita Rowell or Andrea Gardenhire with any questions. Newcomers are welcome to participate.

### YOUTH AND SINGLES

**Math Tutoring Resumes This Wednesday** – West End's free math tutoring is starts up again this Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. You must first sign up your child in order to participate. Parents wishing to take advantage of this tutoring should contact David Bishop ([dbishop@thewestender.com](mailto:dbishop@thewestender.com) or 678-643-7306). Everyone is 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. Also offered will be help in preparing for the GHS GT for those in grades 10-12.



### DVDs Now Available!

The DVDs of West End's mini-revival, red carpet event, and gospel concert are available for purchase. The cost is \$25 for the 3-disc DVD set. See Yonita Rowell.

## DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION JAN. 31 FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

If you are a new member at West End and have never taken a photo for the upcoming pictorial directory, Anderson Flewellen will be available in the rear of the foyer on Sunday, January 31 following 8:00 and 10:45 service to take a quick photo of new families and individuals. Please plan now to be here as this will be the only opportunity to have your photo included in the bulletin.

## Toning Your Temple Kick-Off Jan. 24

It's that time of year again when many of us make resolutions to lose weight. The Training & Development Committee would like for you to join us in our Toning Your Temple Weight

Loss Challenge. This is a great way for members to fellowship with other members, as well as those outside of the body of Christ, in efforts to become physically healthier. Everyone interested should complete and turn in a registration form. The event will kickoff on January 23 at 9 a.m. Direct questions to Kanita Key at 404-397-7375 or nitabane@yahoo.com.



**Communion Packets** – If you did not receive your individual communion packet upon entering the sanctuary, you will be given an opportunity during the communion part of the service. Please wait until after the prayer before partaking.

### Baptisms

- 1/2 **Shelia McKenzie** (Decatur)
- 1/3 **Clarice Lee** (Atlanta)
- 1/6 **James Singleton** (Atlanta)

### Placed Membership

- 1/3 **Mesha Lewis** (Atlanta)

### Ladies Bible Class

every 3rd Sunday  
@ 4:30 pm

### January Birthdays & Anniversaries

The monthly birthday and anniversary list is located on West End's web site. Click the January 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](mailto:dbishop@thewestender.com).

### New Young Ladies Bible Class Starts Jan. 17

The class will girls ages 8-18, and will meet at 4:30 p.m. every third Sunday. The first class is on January 17. If you have any questions, please see Gayron Johnson or LaJuan Simpson.

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

**John White** (Zone 6/7) - Reliable Health & Rehabilitation, 3301 Lakewood Ave., Room 104, Atl., GA 30310. **Phyllis Holmes** is home recovering from burn injuries. 5190 Wyntree Court, Norcross, GA 30071, 678- 231-9593. **Gordon Glover**, son of Efren and Allison Glover, is in Eggleston Hospital recovering from surgery for appendicitis. 474 Tallwood Dr., Stone Mtn, GA 30083. **Barbara Edgerton** is in Crawford Long Hospital in ICU, Room 7108. **Tallulah Latham** is at the home of her daughter recuperating at 1966 Linda Ave, Austell, GA 30168; 404-505-1581. **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. **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**.