

From the Assistant Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

The Threefold Call to Ministry

In Luke 5:1-12, we encounter the call of several disciples with an emphasis on Simon Peter. After a long night of fishing, these expert fishermen were utterly unsuccessful. However, Jesus arrived at the lake of Ganesseret and called these unsuccessful fishermen to be fishers of men. A perusal of this event reveals that Jesus calls Peter to serve in at least three ways that is relevant to us today. I would like us to behold that Peter loaned his boat and also launched his boat. Lastly, Peter left his boat.

First of all, Peter showed willingness to loan his boat, according to verse three, so that Jesus could spread the good news of the Kingdom of God. In loaning his boat, he demonstrates to Christ support of the ministry through what he was willing to give. In this aspect of service, we see that to be a disciple of Christ means that we are called to invest not only ourselves, but also what we have to further the cause of Christ. The church at Corinth invested financially for the cause of Christ in reference to the poor saints (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). The Churches of Macedonia gave even in the face of deep poverty (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

As Christians, we must carry the same spirit as Peter in this context. Let us be willing to loan our boats that the ministry of Christ may be supported. If we plan to get a new facility where our senior citizens and children can be nurtured, then we must loan our boat. If we plan to have a school where our young can be educated, let us loan our boats. If we want to one day have an effective media ministry so that the gospel can be spread in at a more rapid rate, then let us loan our boats. On every first Day of the week, let us put forth a conscious effort to invest into the Kingdom of God that His boarders may be expanded. Stay tuned for part two of this article. Next week, we will see that Peter not only loaned his boat, he also launched it.

“Notes from the Elders” now Available

All West End members are encouraged to pick up your copy of “Notes from the Elders” before or after today's worship services. As communicated at our December 17, 2006 congregational meeting, this is the first issue of a once-per-month communication to the congregation from West End's elders. This first issue contains a current list of your elders, deacons, and ministers, and their respective roles and areas of responsibility. It also contains a list of zones by zip code and a tangible list of the goals we are collectively striving to reach in 2007 and beyond. You will be able to view the goals on West End's web site beginning tomorrow evening.

P R A Y E R L I S T

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

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.

New Policy Effective Immediately – Building Usage
Any group, ministry, planning team, etc., using West End's facilities will no longer be able to serve, cook, distribute or store food items on any of West End's properties. This includes any special occasion events, food pantry items, wedding receptions, wedding rehearsals, youth activities, etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, TX is seeking funding from supporting churches of Christ to renovate existing and construct new dormitories for those pursuing Bible education at the school, specifically evangelist development. For the next four weeks, we will endeavor to raise \$5,000 towards this effort. Please come prepared to donate generously. More details will be communicated from the pulpit during this time.

Teacher's Meeting – There will be a VERY IMPORTANT meeting for all Bible School Teachers and those involved in the educational program on Saturday, January 27. More details to follow soon. 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, Queenie Vianer at 404-758-5449 (qvianer1@bellsouth.net), 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

Youth Devotional Set for Sunday, January 28 – 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 intends for 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, Jalen Smith, Jonathan Bishop, Tiana Smith, Brandon Iverson, Larisa Bishop, LaShana Brown, and Brianna Smith 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 by Wednesday, January 17. We are looking for Star Students (A's and B's) and Rising Stars for those showing improvement from previous "not-so-good" grades.

WEST END'S THEME FOR 2007:
*Bringing Everybody Into the Same Body
by the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

EPHESIANS 3:6

Wesley R. Brown' Retirement Gala

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 are now available from Dorothy Griffin, Clemmie Brown, Gwen Williams, or Gayron Johnson at \$25 per adult and \$15 per child under the age of 15. An exciting, memorable, and unique program is planned for everyone in attendance.

Combined Worship Service on Sunday, February 4 at 9:45 a.m.

Installation of Orpheus Heyward as Pulpit Minister

On Sunday, February 4, West End will be formally installing Orpheus Heyward as the full-time pulpit minister. Morning worship will start at 9:45 a.m. and there will be no 8:25 a.m. worship service and there will be no Bible classes held. Bro. Jack Evans from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, TX will be the guest speaker. Following worship services, at approximately 12 noon, the Installation Program will begin with Bro. W. F. Washington bringing a short message. Bro. R.C. Wells from the Harlem Church of Christ and Bro. Eugene Lawton from the Newark Church of Christ will be conducting the program, in conjunction with West End's elders. Make plans now to be on hand for this occasion.

Parking Plans February 4

Plans are being made now to handle and direct the expectation of overflow parking issues at our combined worship services. Be patient upon arrival and be prepared to following parking directions and probable one-way circular traffic flows from our two security officers and members of the leadership. All are encouraged to arrive early. Expanded senior citizens and handicapped parking accommodations will be in place. Those providing rides for senior citizens and handicapped may also need to be dropped off in front of the building and directed to park elsewhere.

Combined Family Bible Classes Next Two Wednesdays

On Wednesday, January 17 and Wednesday, January 24 West End will be holding combined Bible study for the entire congregation. All other Bible school classes for these days will be suspended and all children and adults will meet in the main auditorium. The purpose of the classes - in line with our 2007 goals - is to study together on how West End members are instructed to work with the church leadership to promote congregational harmony and inform and motivate us to active evangelistic participation.

Baptisms

1/1 - **Stacy L. Johnson**
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1/1 - **Emmanuel J. King**
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Atlanta, GA 30314
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1/1 - **Emmanuel Miller**
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Austell, GA 30106
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southern.edu

Placed Membership

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raclar@wm.edu

**Elders and Deacon's meeting
set for Sunday,
January 21 at 4 p.m.**

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.