

From the Minister's Desk**We Need Faith To Please God**

Faith is very essential and necessary in our Christian walk. This is not faith in self, or faith in machines, or faith in gadgets, but faith in God.

Self has been crucified with Christ. Listen to Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me". (Gal. 2:20) True biblical faith is faith in God and His word. Man is helpless and weak, this is why faith in God is important. We need God in our journey through this sin-cursed world.

Wesley R. Brown

However, we must believe in Him and obey His word. The Hebrew writer tells us, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him". (Heb. 11:6) Observe that those who diligently seek Him will be rewarded. This is done by reading and studying the word of God. It is written, "Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ". (Eph. 3:4) Very few people read their Bible on a daily basis, they might read the newspaper daily, their magazines daily, but not the word of God. How do you expect to grow in grace and knowledge, if you fail to read the Bible?

We need faith to please God. This faith comes from hearing and reading the word of God. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17) The word of God is His message to fallen humanity. The message is that if we continue in our sins and in our rebellion against righteousness, holiness, and truth; we will fall into the pit of eternal darkness and shame. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. He is the only hope and the true hope of mankind. Die in your sins and you will experience great pain and anguish; believe what God has to teach us and experience great happiness and joy. God is not our enemy, but our friend, if we will but obey Him. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." (Jno. 15:14) Have faith in God and enjoy life; doubt God and have everlasting regrets.

M A R K Y O U R C A L E N D A R S

Exciting Events Coming to West End

J A N U A R Y 2 9 @ 4 P . M .

January Youth Devotional

Building Stronger Spiritual Families, II
with a focus on West End's males

F E B R U A R Y 3 , 4 & 1 1

Canvassing Events to Promote Within Thy Walls

Areas will include the Atlanta University Center,
surrounding neighborhoods and MARTA stations.

F E B R U A R Y 1 0 - 1 2

Within Thy Walls:
Pursuing Peace in the House of God

A weekend of liberating biblical instruction on relationship abuse.

Friday 7 p.m. | Saturday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Sunday 8:25, 9:45 and 10:45 a.m.

Presented by Ron and Lori Clark, Metro Church of Christ, Gresham, Oregon

The deeply personal, life-changing effects of relationship abuse touch all our lives through co-workers, neighbors, friends, family, loved ones, and personal experience. This workshop will equip every elder, deacon, preacher, teacher, single, couple, parent, and adolescent with the specific knowledge they need to help themselves and/or others.

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Singles Committee** meeting that was scheduled for today has been rescheduled for next week. The meeting will be held after the 10:45 a.m. service in the brick house. Please contact LaTanya Harris for more information. Only committee members are expected to attend.

ZONE MEETINGS

Zone 2 – January 28 at 4 p.m. at the home of Clemmie and Clark Brown, 5270 Gaydon Rd., Powder Springs, GA 30127. Please call them (770-222-9550) for food items needed. Let's get a new attitude for the new year!

Zone 1 – January 28 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the brick house. Please bring a covered dish. Contact Sid Reed (404-808-9926) or DeAnna Spencer (404-354-0503) for more details.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

The **Golden Voices** will rehearse at 1:30 p.m. in the educational building. All persons interested in joining the group are asked to attend.

Wedding Bells! Gwendolyn Moore and Johnny Williams will unite in holy matrimony on January 21 at 1 p.m. The wedding will take place at West End. The couple is registered at Target, Wal-Mart, and Linen n' Things.

Sign-up continues for all couples for the next **Dynamic Marriages Class** scheduled to begin on January 23, 2006 at West End. Contact facilitators, Robert and Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774, or see them in person to sign up. You can also sign up at www.marriagesmadestronger.com. The class will last for approximately eight weeks.

Marriage Enrichment Cruise to Bermuda – Make plans today to sail away Sunday, October 15, 2006 through Friday, October 20, 2006. Enjoy five nights of exciting fun, relaxation, and rejuvenation in exotic Bermuda. For more details, pick up the flyers in the foyer or see Stella Wilson or Yonita Rowell.

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

Bulletin Announcements – If you want an announcement in the Sunday bulletin, your information must be e-mailed by noon on Monday to announcements@thewestender.com. E-mailing is the preferred method. Written or telephoned announcements should be directed to Tawania Thigpen (770-363-6100), Cynthia Mitchell (770-322-1072) or David Bishop (770-306-7462). Please plan in advance so your information won't be left out.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Attention All Single Ladies – Proverbs 31 Women (P31) will host a meeting for current and new members on Saturday, January 28, at 3:30 p.m. Come out to fellowship with your sisters in Christ and learn more about P31. For more details contact Mea Camp (404-993- 8289) or Shaneil Wilkins (803-322-3249).

A West End Riddle - What do Takeshia Johnson, Parys Grigsby, and Jonathan Bishop all have in common. Find out during evening worship service on January 29.

Star Students/Rising Stars - The following West End youth will be recognized at this month's Family/Youth Devotional on January 29: Jonathan Bishop, Nia Bullock, and Larisa Bishop based on the progress reports and report cards submitted thus far. If your grades have improved, or you have A's and B's see David Bishop with your report cards no later than January 22.

West Ender, **Reginald McKinney**, the son of Randolph and Mary McKinney, has been recommended to become a member of the Metro Atlanta area People to People Sports Ambassador Program delegation to Holland (The Netherlands). As a member of the delegation, Reggie will have the opportunity to compete internationally in the Youth Friendship Games. Congratulations Reggie!

Locust Grove CofC-Downtown, 112 Peachtree St., Jackson, GA 30233, will host a Gospel Meeting February 26 - March 1. The speaker will be Calvin Willis from Manchester, GA. The schedule of services are as follow: Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; bible class at 9:45 a.m.; Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Please call 770-775-4443 for more information.

Unclaimed Sermon Recordings & Pre-Payments New Procedure Now In Effect

Please be advised that due to the large number of orders not claimed, audio cassette and audio CD sermon orders will no longer be processed without pre-payment. Also, there is a list in the foyer containing names of cassette and CD orders that we have processed and have not been picked up. If your name is there, please pick up your order as soon as possible. If your name is there and you have already picked up your order, please let us know and accept our apologies in advance. If you have placed an order and have not received it, please contact Anthony Nixon at 678-480-7630.

Hush Little Baby

Visitors and members with infants and young children are asked to immediately take those ones that are talkative, crying, or otherwise irritated to the Nursery located outside the auditorium. What may sound okay to you may be disturbing another's ability to worship properly. You may take them out at any time - even during times of congregational prayer if necessary. Thanks in advance for cooperating.

Ladies' Bible Class

Today @ 4:30

Teachers Urgently Needed!

New teachers are urgently needed for the 3 and 4 year-old class. If interested, please see Fred Hall, Shaneil Wilkins, or Mea Camp ASAP.

Military Addresses

SPC Anthony B. Grogan

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Camp ARIFJAN, Kuwait
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SGT Deirdre Ryan

Task Force Orion-Medical Section
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SICK & SHUT-IN

To be included in this listing contact Gayron Johnson at the church office.

Elizabeth Perkins is at home recovering from a stroke - 1392 Maywood Rd., NW, # 31, Atl. GA 30331. 404-691-0268. Alicia Green is in Grady Hospital. 2426 Corner Shoals Dr., Decatur, GA 30034. 404-212-7889. Frank Roberts - 2197 Polar Rock Ave., Atl., GA 30315. 404-622-6948. Debra Harding - 2599 Chesterbrooke Dr., Lithia Springs, GA 30122. 770-577-0044. Annie McArthur - 751 Fairburn Rd., SW #2212, Atl., GA, 30331. 404-699-2939. Ollie Burton - 2426 Corner Shoals Rd., Decatur, GA 30034. 404-212-7889. Continued prayers for Daneka Vickers, daughter of Mack and Sandra Freeman. Annie Glaze c/o Wesley Woods Nursing Home, 1825 Clifton Rd., Apt. #517, Atl., GA 30329. 404-486-1191. Anrenea Johnson - 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.

BEREAVEMENT

Former West Ender, Jesse Hooper, mourns the passing of his mother. Condolences may be sent to Jesse and Deidra Hooper at 3373 Lathan View Ct., Alpharetta, GA 30004.