

Virgins Until Wedding Day

First, virginity is God's plan. It's not promoted in our public schools. It isn't accepted among many of our youth's peers or their parents. It would be laughed at on MTV and is hardly ever (if ever) seen on any TV show being produced today. Parents, do you want your children to be virgins when they marry? Your answer to this question will probably have a great bearing on the fact of whether they are or are not. Your instruction, encouragement and protection can make a tremendous difference in the decisions your child makes toward purity.

Let's consider these things:

1. Remind our youth who owns them. They were bought by the blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:18-20), therefore it isn't "their body."
2. Make sure they know how far is "too far" before they ever leave for the date. In the heat of a moment is no time for a teenager to try to make this decision.
- 3.. Don't allow children to date too soon. The earlier children date the more likely they are to be sexually active. It isn't fair to children to expect them to make decisions and handle pressure that isn't child's play. This is why God gave children parents to protect them from such things.
4. Teach your children how to say "no". Many girls report they didn't want to be sexually active, but they didn't know how to say "no". Let's raise our children with backbone and conviction. The stronger spiritually they are the less this will happen.
5. Teach them God's word; "flee fornication." Hold your children accountable to God's law. A boy and girl spending time alone in a house is foolish on their part and parents should adamantly guard against it. Many sexual activities take place between 3-5 p.m. among latch-key kids.

Parents, we are responsible for our children until they are adults. Fathers, bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). - copied

**Elders and Deacons today
in the educational building @ 4 p.m.**

P R A Y E R L I S T

Randy Harper	Jerome & Vanessa Hodge	Whitfield Sharon Brown	The Folkes Family
Octavis Royals	Anthony Grogan	Jennifer & Torry Cambell	Wynn & Latesha Hill
Chris Reed	Dean & Adrea Morgan	Obree Friday	Lisa & Kelvin Hemmett
Thomas & Opal Chase	Doris Morgan	Corine Woods	Kelvin Billiups
Barbara Edgerton	Lorie Moore	Daryll Alexander	Anna Gant & Family
Angela Alexander	Roslyn Anderson	Steve & Corine Wilson	Andre & Mona Johnson
George Odom	Milton Perry	Sarah Kellon & Family	Fred & Rhonda McKinney
Michael Jenkins	Esther Brown	William & Sharon Burke	Keith King
Joseph Alexander	Verlence Hunter	Randolph McKinney, Jr.	Lazelle Jones, Jr.
The Harden Family	Monique Nixon	Tarvaris Smith	Ruby Moore & Family
Kesha Clinkscale	Juanita Smith	Kathy Jackson	Johnnie Stephens
Bertha Lee	Marilyn Brooks	Sheree Reed	
Betty Hayes	Ozie Leaster & Family	Willie Morgan	
Edith Hodge	James & Barbara	Margie Brooks	
Anita Banks			

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.

Very Important Teacher’s Meeting This Saturday – All Bible School teachers are requested to attend a Teacher’s Meeting pertaining to our upcoming Spring Quarter curriculum and plans. The meeting will be held at Paul D. West Middle School, 2376 Headland Drive, East Point, Georgia 30344 (in the general vicinity of Greenbriar Mall. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to our start time as there is a lot of information to cover.

Birth Announcement – J.P. and Mareba Collier are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ndira Denkco (means beautiful prayer) born on January 14 at 11:05 pm. Mom, dad, and baby are fine. Aunt Sierra is delirious with joy! Ndira weighed in at 2 lbs., 4 oz, and is 14 in. long. Please, no calls at this time, but you can send lots of prayers, cards and other tokens of love.

A Word of Thanks – Your thoughtfulness during the death of our mother, Mrs. Marie Davenport, is sincerely appreciated. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, monetary gifts, and especially hugs have strengthened and encouraged us. We are grateful for your loving kindness. Dynita Hicks, Ed and Gale Gaines and family.

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. Today and for the next two Sundays, we will endeavor to raise \$5,000 towards this effort. Please come prepared to donate generously.

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 Next Sunday! – January’s Youth Devotional is next Sunday 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. 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, Tiana Smith, Brandon Iverson, Larisa Bishop, LaShana Brown, Brianna Smith, Ryan Clements, Aundrey Flewellen, LaDarion Lewis, Brianna Hall, Joy Mitchell, Kamron Luke, Fred Hall, Dejae Daniels, Devin Daniels, Parys Middleton, Tyria Horton, Erin Langford, and Lauren Langford will also be recognized. We are looking for Star Students (A’s and B’s) and Rising Stars - those showing improvement from previous “not-so-good” grades over previous quarters or semesters.

Combined Family Bible Classes This Wednesday

On Wednesday, January 24 West End will continue with the second combined Bible study for the entire congregation. All other Bible school classes this coming Wednesday 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.

Wesley R. Brown' Retirement Gala

Friday, February 2

West End will celebrate Wesley Brown's transition from full-time pulpit minister to Minister Emeritus at a celebration gala to be held at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel in College Park, Georgia starting at 6 p.m. Purchase tickets from Dorothy Griffin, Clemmie Brown, Gwen Williams or Gayron Johnson at \$25 per adult and \$15 per child under the age of 15. **The last day to purchase tickets is this Wednesday.** 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 no Bible classes held. Bro. Jack Evans from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, TX will be the guest speaker for morning worship. Following worship services, at approximately 12 noon, the Installation Program will begin with Bro. W. F. Washington bringing a relevant message as the keynote speaker. Also, guest evangelists, 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.

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.

Baptisms

1/14 - **Georgio M. Horne**
8103 Fairington Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30088
678-518-8601 DOB: 12/18/1990

1/14 - **Alkita R. Jackson**

2785 **Oxford Drive**
Decatur, GA 30034
404-431-6605 DOB: 5/29/1992

New Address Change

James Whitfield
12102 Turnberry Place
Lithonia, GA 30038
770-593-9543

Placed Membership:

1/14 - **Marvin Fairchild**
1561 Briarfield Way
Marietta, GA 30066
770-424-6986

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.

BEREAVEMENT

Johnnie Stephens, mourns the January 14 passing of her mother, Mrs. Gladys Battle, in Huntsville, AL. Condolences to 2648 Whitesmille Ct., Decatur, GA 30034, 404-243-1139.