

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

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.

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.

Congratulations to West Ender, **Donielle Campbell**, daughter of Luticia Campbell, for graduating from North Carolina A&T State University on December 14.

Wedding Bells – Lauline Mozard and Justin Babino will be wed on Monday, March 22, 2010 aboard the Carnival Destiny Cruise Ship at the Port of Miami, Miami, FL. Please visit their website at www.ewedding.com/sites/justinlauline322 for their story, pictures, and to sign their guestbook.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Math Tutoring Suspended Until January – West End's free math tutoring is suspended until January 2010. The program will resume on Wednesday, January 12, 2010. See David Bishop with any questions.

West End's Star Students Update – Congratulations to the following West End youth for attaining superior grades as shown on their progress reports/report cards: Brianna Smith, Tiana Smith, Jalen Smith, Lauren Langford, Erin Langford, Kayla Harris (a published author), Gabrielle Glover, Victoria Glover (Rising Star), John McCarthy, Chancellor Massey, Dezsjon Harrold, Tyria Horton, Gordon Glover, Nakeem Middleton, Destiny Kollock, Langston Hines, Deneshia Walton, Stasha Martin, Alkita Jackson, Jesse Roberts, Leslee Crawford, Charles Crawford, Elizabeth Kind, Taylor Thornton and Joy Mitchell. Please take the time to view the display monitor in the rear foyer to see our student stars and congratulate them. They will receive their Walmart gift cards individually starting today.

Happy New Year!

A special thanks goes to all who had a part in making our New Year's Eve service a tremendous success. The house was packed and it was indeed a night to remember.



DVDs Available Soon!

The DVDs of West End's mini-revival, red carpet event, and gospel concert are delayed in delivery and will be available very soon. The cost is \$25 for the 3-disc set. See Bro. and Sis. Harris or Yonita Rowell.

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.

From the Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

A Well Placed Truth

Rio De Janeiro contains the world's largest soccer stadium with a capacity of 200,000. It is an awesome spectacle when it is full; and it can also be very dangerous.

In 1992, the stadium was filled to the brim for the national soccer championship game. On one of the upper levels of the stadium a large number of people were crowded against a guardrail that was the only thing separating them from a lengthy plunge into the stands below. Due to a lack of maintenance and some rusty bolts, that guardrail collapsed under the pressure of human flesh and 87 people plummeted a distance of about two stories into the seats below them. Eighteen of those people were seriously injured. There were no immediate fatalities; however two people later died as a result of injuries.

The whole incident happened to have been caught by the television cameras. As the video footage was shown repeatedly on the news programs for the next several days, it made one's heart race to see those bodies falling through space. If only they had not trusted in something so flimsy! Yet, no one knew that the guardrail was so untrustworthy!

Spiritually, we are always being tempted to place our trust and comfort in areas where they don't belong - in self... in riches, etc.

Yet, God's word tells us and warns us, that these are not worthy of our trust. Proverbs 11:28 says that whoever trusts in his riches will fall. Verse 26 says that he who trusts in himself is a fool.

The situation in that stadium in 1992 would have been very different if the fans had known of the guardrail's fragile condition beforehand. The advantage we have in the spiritual realm is that the Bible has already told us where to put our trust, along with the consequences of trying to trust in something else.

"Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5). --copied

PRAYER LIST

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 Esther Brown at 404-696-3941, Angela Dillard (midnite626@yahoo.com), Nettie Fanning at 404-696-9104, or Tonya Sykes at 678-469-9105 (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 Conner Family
Johnnie Sawyer
Ludie Walthaw & Family
Brenda Dollar & Family
Anthony Grogan
Tiffany Grogan
NorAfrica Lee & Family
Nakia Smith & Family

Corliss Willis & Family
Shavonda Clark
Octavis Royals, Sr.
Brad Harris & Family
Angela Dillard
The Elan Family
Chog & Percy Gnun
Terance Howard

James Lanier
Roger Lanie
Bobby Way
Brenda Musher
Pat Everett

Welcome Family & Friends!

Today is West End's Family & Friends Day. Today, you will hear a message of new beginnings for the new year. All visitors, you are our honored guests, and we thank the Lord for your worshipping with us in spirit and in truth. Refreshments will be served after the 10:45 a.m. service. **There will also be a 3 p.m. early afternoon service and no 6 p.m. service this evening.**



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

12/30 Stasha Martin – Atlanta
1/1 Brianna Smith – Decatur

HOUSEKEEPING

Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Ladies Bible Class

every 3rd Sunday @ 4:30 pm

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.

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.

Anrenea Johnson.