

## From the Minister's Desk



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### Striving for Newness in a New Year

**T**he old year has now passed and a new year is upon us. Generally, when we get something new, we get rid of that which is old and worn out. We get rid of the old clothing, the old jalopy, and that old washing machine.

Spiritually, we must get rid of those sins and habits which hinder our spiritual growth and development. We must strive to remove those attitudes which might hold us back from reaching our potential in Christ Jesus.

We must strive for a new walk. Paul encouraged the Romans to walk honestly, "as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying". (Rom. 13:13) This verse reads thus from the Living Bible, "Be decent and true in everything you do so that all can approve your behavior. Don't spend your time in wild parties and getting drunk or in adultery and lust, or fighting, or jealousy". Many in the world live to fulfill their fleshly desires. They fail to understand that their lifestyle is displeasing in the sight of God. Christians do not walk like the world. True Christians follow Christ and strive for a new walk in a New Year.

We must strive for a new talk. God's name is blasphemed and disrespected by people of the world. Christians honor and respect God's name. Everyday on television, on the radio, in the newspaper and magazines, God's name is taken in vain. God said that He will not hold that person guiltless who takes His name in vain. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." (Exo. 20:7) Profanity and cursing seems to be the rule rather than the exception in this world. We must not conform to the goals and aims of this evil God rejecting world; we must strive for a new talk. We must tell the world about Jesus. In 2006, don't fall for Satanic tricks. Strive to get a gospel fix in 2006 and become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

# Exciting Events Coming to West End

JANUARY 22 @ 4 P.M.

## January Youth Devotional

THEME

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

FEBRUARY 10 - 12

## 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.

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.

### ABOUT THE PRESENTERS – Ron and Lori Clark

Ron Clark is the Preaching Minister of the Metro Church of Christ in Gresham, Oregon. He has led training seminars on relationship abuse for ministers, law enforcement groups, and congregations. His articles on abuse have appeared in both religious and counseling journals. His wife Lori has developed and led groups for victims of abuse. She also conducts abuse training seminars for women.

## MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Building and Grounds Committee** is looking for female volunteers for 2006. Please contact Ed Gaines, Verlence Hunter or Yonita Rowell for more details.

**Evangelism Committee News** – Join us as we fulfill the great commission and take the gospel to the streets of Atlanta! West End will be canvassing the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Fishers of Men and all West End members are encouraged to participate. Contact April Howze or Kesha Clinkscale for more information.

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### WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

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The **Golden Voices** will have rehearsal on Sunday, January 15 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.

**Church Directory Update** - The Church Directory Committee is still in the process of taking photos and collecting address updates for those already in the directory database. There will be two designated Sundays where we will push to have as many new members as possible photographed. Those Sundays will be announced shortly. See Mareba Collier or Stacy Middleton with any questions.

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](http://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](mailto:announcements@thewestender.com). E-mailing is the preferred method. Written or telephoned announcements should be directed to Tawania Thigpen ( ), Cynthia Mitchell (770-322-1072) or David Bishop (770-306-7462). Please plan in advance so your information won't be left out.

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### YOUTH AND SINGLES

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**Star Students and Rising Stars.** If you are getting good grades in school (A's and B's) as a Star Student, or are making significant improvements academically (pulling those grades up) as Rising Stars, we want to know about it! Turn in copies of your report cards and progress reports to David Bishop no later than Wednesday, January 18 for recognition at the January Youth Devotional.

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### AREA NEWS & EVENTS

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If you are interested in attending a **Crusade for Christ in Montego Bay, Jamaica** June 18 – July 7, 2006, please contact Gerald Wilder, Sr. at 937-263-5463 or [bible2@ameritech.net](mailto:bible2@ameritech.net) by December 31. The average cost per worker is \$1,500 which includes meals, lodging, air, and ground transportation. Various payment plans are available. Passports will be required for travel.

# 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.

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## Congratulations Graduates!

**Francesca Cammon** received her Master's Degree in Nursing Midwifery from Emory University on December 17, 2005. She has accepted a position at Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Jared Cammon** received his Master's Degree in Bio Engineering from Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. on December 22, 2005. He is presently job hunting for a position in Bio Engineering.

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### Baptisms

12/31 **Trenton J. Davis**  
5295 Joan of Arc Place  
College Park, GA 30349  
770-987-8443 D.O.B. 7/30/68

12/31 **Tyson D. Oliver**  
1111 Crestmark Blvd.  
Lithia Springs, GA 30122  
678-945-5948 D.O.B. 12/24/73

1/1 **Shaundra N. Bridges**  
452 Erin Ave.  
Atlanta, GA 30310  
678-754-8479 D.O.B. 7/8/77

1/1 **Imani I. Mack**  
269 Highway 138, #1609  
Riverdale, GA 30274  
678-698-3430 D.O.B. 11/2/95

1/1 **Alisa E. Holley**  
1521 17th Street S  
Birmingham, AL 35205  
256-431-5353 D.O.B. 1/27/80

## Ladies' Bible Class

Next Sunday @ 4:30

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New Address  
Nora and Gattie Douse  
1133 Pondridge Dr.  
Riverdale, GA 30296-1229  
770-477-9641

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### Military Addresses

**SPC Anthony B. Grogan**  
4th PLT 233rd Trans  
Camp ARIFJAN, Kuwait  
APO, AE 09366  
email: shawtylo@yahoo.com

**SGT Deirdre Ryan**  
Task Force Orion-Medical Section  
Enduring Mission  
APO, AE 09789

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Frank Roberts – 2199 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. Helen Chatman continues to recover from recent surgery. 3372 Boblink Cir., SW, Atl. GA 30311. 404-696-6531. 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. Anreneka Johnson – 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.