

From the Minister's Desk



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Four Types of Worship

As we continue a series on "The Difference Between Coming to Church and Coming to Worship", it is important to understand that the New Testament highlights four different types of worship. The kind of worship rendered to God matters to God. Even when you read of the first instance of worship in Genesis 4:1-8 concerning Cain and Abel, we find that God does not accept all worship. What are the categories? There is vain worship, will worship, ignorant worship, and true worship. Every person that worships God falls into one of these categories.

Jesus mentions vain worship in Matthew 15:9. Vain worship literally means that the worship is empty of divine significance. The Pharisees in the days of Jesus would often make their worship vain by conforming it to the doctrines of men. Whenever you exchange the word of God for the traditions of men, otherwise known as the doctrines of men, the worship becomes vain. The question becomes, "is your worship vain?" Do you worship in a way that is not in harmony with the New Testament revelation?

There is also ignorant worship which the Apostle Paul highlights to the audience at Mars Hill in Acts 17:22. Ignorant worship is when you do not know who you are worshipping, or not knowing the way you ought to worship. There are many people in the world who do not know who to worship, nor do they know how to worship. It is absolutely essential to know that only God is to be worshipped. It is equally important to understand how to worship the only true God.

Furthermore, there is will worship. Will worship is when one worships according to what they desire, while ignoring what God desires. Worship is never according to the desires of the worshipper. Worship is always according to the desires of the one worshipped. God sets the pattern of how He is to be worshipped. The concept of will worship is found in Colossians 2:23, which Paul emphatically condemns.

Last, but not least, there is true worship. This is the worship that Jesus demands in John 4:24 looking forward to the Christian Dispensation. The word "true" in the Greek text translates "reality". Therefore worship is according to the reality that Jesus would reveal through his apostles. As a matter of fact, Jesus uses the term "true" in contrast to the Old Testament worship which was a system of shadows that prefigured something to come (Col. 2:17, Heb. 10:1). True worship is the reality of the Old Testament shadows, which is revealed in the New Testament. Therefore, the worship God desires is that which is in harmony with New Testament revelation. In which category do you fit this Lord's Day?

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE / ZONES NEWS

Zone Leader Needed – *Zone 4 is seeking a brother to co-lead Zone 4 with Knox Bates starting in March. See David Bishop or Knox Bates with your intentions and desire to work diligently with Zone 4 in College Park, East Point, South Fulton area.*

P R A Y E R L I S T

Suretha Moss
Charles Griffin
Angela Dillard
George Odom
Joe Royals
Sumiko Hart
Phillip Folkes
Wynn Robinson

Betty Hayes
Shirley Boyer
Jim Blackshear
Tinya Tabetando
Olympia Billings
Lonnie McWilliams
Brad & Cathy
Harris

Myron Brown
Tony Bennett
Mildred Restor
Alonzo McWilliams
Charles Jordon
Meshai & Walter
Banks
Eric Bell

Brad Harris
Era Colzuit
Keith King
Lazelle Jones
Willie Ann Perry
Virginia Stewart
Micheala Stewart
Rubeyle Moore

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, Angela Dillard (midnite626@yahoo.com), 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.

Quiet and Cleared Out Please – During West End’s 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 6 p.m. worship services, all are expected to be in the auditorium. Please keep the foyer clear during worship services, and be courteous to the deacons that request you to move. Collection and Lord’s Supper will not be served in the foyer. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

CD/Tape Ministry Volunteers Needed – Six Volunteers are needed to work in producing and distributing audio CD’s at West End. See David Bishop or Orpheus Heyward to volunteer.

2008 Vacation Bible School Preparation – All those interested in helping to plan Vacation Bible School please see Sherron Smart or contact her via email SherronSmart@gmail.com.

West End Marriage Retreat – All married couples are invited to sign up for and attend the upcoming Marriage Retreat August 21-24 at the Winshape Retreat Conference Center in Mt. Berry, GA on the grounds of Berry College, near Rome, GA. Cost is \$470 per couple and includes all meals and lodging. A non-refundable deposit of \$125.00 is due by March 1. A second deposit payment of \$172.50 is due on May 1. A final payment of \$172.50 is due on August 1. Make all checks payable to “West End Church of Christ” and put “marriage retreat” in the memo. The retreat facility requires a comprehensive head count as soon as possible, so if you are even CONSIDERING going, PLEASE tell Robert or Stella immediately! Contact Robert and Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774 with any questions and to sign up.

The **Membership to Discipleship** weekly meetings are on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

■ YOUTH AND SINGLES ■

Youth Retreat 2008 Dates Set – The location for the youth retreat is reserved for July 24-27, 2008 at the YMCA Hargis Retreat in Birmingham, AL (same site from last year) an additional building has been reserved, so we can accommodate up to 150 West End youth, parents, and chaperones if necessary. Prices will be higher than last years to better cover costs associated with this event.

January Star Students and Rising Stars – Congratulations to the following academic and Bible Class achievers: **Nakeem Middleton** – West Manor Elem., **Joy Mitchell** – Bouie Theme Elem., **Larisa Bishop** - Arlington Christian, **Alkita Jackson** – McNair HS, **Stasha Martin** – Gresham Park Elem., **Dezsjon Harold** – Kipp Ways Acad., **Parys Middleton** – Kipp Ways, Acad., **Lauren Langford** – Kipp S. Fulton Acad., **Erin Langford** – Kipp S. Fulton Acad., **Dejae Daniels** – Baggett Elem., **Jonathan Bishop** - Arlington Christian, **Devin Daniels** – Dobbins Middle, **Aundrey Flewellen** – Flat Rock Middle, **Jordan Williams** – Greater Atlanta Christian, **Langston Hines** - Mableton Elem., **Myers Hines** - Mabry Middle, **Tyria Horton** – Early College High School at Carver, **Marc Houston** – Jean Young Middle, **Gordon Glover**, **Roderick Frazier, II** – Meadowcreek Elem., **Khaliya Ross** – Knollwood Elem., **Meekhi Harris** – Walter White Elem., **Preycious Harris** – Walter White Elem., **LaDarion Lewis** – Campbell Middle, and **Amari Clements** – Mount Zion HS. These students will be recognized at the February Family & Youth Devotional. Parents, please turn in copies of your child’s report cards or progress reports to David Bishop.

February Family and Youth Devotional – Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 24 at 4 p.m. for West End’s Family and Youth Devotional. This month’s theme is Building Better Relationships. There will be separate sessions for parents, teens and elementary-aged youth. Star Student awards and other activities are planned. See David Bishop with any questions.

350 Per Week!

Our Bible School Attendance Goal for each Sunday and Wednesday is 350 West End Members. Dedicate individually and with your family to make Wednesday evening and Sunday morning Bible Study Attendance a priority.

All Hands – Brothers’ Meeting February 17

All brothers should plan to attend a brothers’ meeting on February 17 at 4 p.m. Contact Spencer Iverson for more information.

Baptisms

1/3 - **Denesha Walton**
4365 Colony East Dr.
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
404-286-5443 DOB: 1/18/95

1/30 - **Toycha Jackson**
2050 Austell Rd., Apt. E-7
Austell, GA 30008

1/30 - **Kash Jackson**
(son of Toycha) DOB: 1/14/98

1/30 - **Stephanie Y. Glien**
841 Frederica St., Apt. 29
Atlanta, GA 30306
404-939-6506 DOB: 6/2/79
s_glien@hotmail.com

1/30 - **Clover Allen**
579 Boulevard, Apt. 201
Atlanta, GA 30308
404-246-6261 DOB: 6/8/84
Japrix20012004@yahoo.com

1/30 - **Kenya Evans**
5103 Meadow Lake Dr.
Powder Springs, GA 30127
404-207-4189 DOB: 9/19/74

1/30 - **Takiyah Hollingsworth**
8020 Mustang Lane
Riverdale, GA 30274
678-610-0060 DOB: 8/17/91
ayanamack@bellsouth.net

New Phone
Number
Orpheus Heyward
770-969-1618

Got Baptized or Placed Membership from Another Church of Christ?

All individuals and families placing membership with West End from another Church of Christ, or those that have been baptized here should attend our New Members/New Converts Orientation Class. The class is for two consecutive Sundays and Wednesdays (total of four class sessions) and led by members of West End's leadership. Contact elder, I. David Logan (404-755-1016) with any questions about the orientation class. The class is held in the red brick house located adjacent to the main building, and is held during regular Bible School class times. After taking the class, new converts will be directed to the New Converts Class; new members will be advised of the classes available for them and their families. Contact minister Orpheus Heyward (678-592-3397) or any elder or deacon with any questions.

Updated/Corrected Address

Nelson & Julia Brooker
1804 Eastwood Village Dr.
Stockbridge, GA 30281
678-565-3921
jbrooker34@comcast.net

New Address

Al & Yvette Lesesne
1360 County Line Rd.
Apt. 7104
New Braunfels, TX 78130
404-319-0784 and 678-360-9514

New Mailing Address

James & Cassandra Arnold
P.O. Box 1734
Douglasville, GA 30133

SICK & SHUT-IN

To be included or to have someone included or removed from this listing please contact Gayron Johnson at the church office.

Athaniel and Juliette Hill, 2276 Leslie Brook Dr., Decatur, GA. 404-286-1038. Shantrecia (Sylvia) Young is home recuperating from surgery on her sinuses. 678-284-3925. Joyce Mapp - 3371 Hyland Dr., Decatur, GA 30032. Leonard Walton 1388 Westboro Dr., Atl., GA 30310. 404-756-0832. Please call before visiting and do not bring live flowers or fruit baskets. Corene Woods, Arbor Terrace Assisted Living Center at Cascade, 1001 Research Center Atlanta Dr., Atl., GA 30331, 404-696-0432. Cressie Lawson - 450 Fairburn Rd, SW, #14, Atl., GA 30331. 404-696-2548. Thomas Chase is in Crestview Nursing Home located at 2800 Springdale Rd., Atl., GA 30315, 404-616-8100. Visitors are welcomed. Lillie Tyler - 419 Crossing Dr, Lithia Springs, GA 30122, 770-732-8914. Annie Glaze - A.G. Rhodes Home at Wesley Woods, Room 421, 1819 Clifton Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30329. Barbara Edgerton - 2469 Baywood Dr., S, Atl, GA 30315; 404-438-6659. Tallulah Latham - 320 Fairburn Rd., Apt H-6, Atl., GA 30331, 404-505-1581. Willie Mae Morrow - 3060 Continental Colony Pkwy., Apt. 502, Atl., GA 30330. 404-344-9990. Elizabeth Perkins - 3502 Maynard Ct., NW, #452, 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. Anreneka Johnson.