

From the Minister's Desk



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Let's Make Some Noise

It is consistently affirmed by the New Testament that the Church of Christ in your bible was a noise making church. God would constantly manifest himself in a way that would attract attention to the degree that multitudes would gather together. Look at God in Acts 2 grab the attention of the multitude as he sends the Holy Spirit. Look at Acts 3:3-9 as Peter arrest the attention of the Jews by healing a man crippled from his mother's womb. Watch Philip attract the people of Samaria through might works and wonders. Not only did they grab attention and make noise through miracles, but also through their message. An example of this is when Paul preached on Mars Hill making noise through the gospel of Christ.

The church today must exemplify the pattern of being noise makers. Just as the first century church reached multitudes, certainly God as equipped us to reach the masses by preaching a strong message accompanied by relevant ministry. How can we make noise today?

- We must maintain a pure message that is biblically based and scripturally sound
- We must be sure that our lives do not contradict the message we teach.
- We must constantly seek the lost in our daily routine.
- We must be open to methods that do not contradict the pure message
- We must demonstrate that we are enthusiastic about the God we serve. Enthusiasm is contagious.
- We must maintain relevant ministries that are designed to equip the saints and bring the sinner in contact with Jesus.

If we do these things, we shall reach and impact the people of Atlanta. Let us cry in the streets that Jesus is the only way to Heaven, and the way of the cross leads home. Cry in the streets that there is one Lord, one Faith, and One baptism. Cry in the streets that the Church of Christ is the only church found in the bible, in which a man can be saved. Let's make some noise!

P R A Y E R L I S T

Velma Carswell
 Susan Towns
 Tanya Stoutamire
 Johnnie Stephens
 Alvin Jackson
 Jamillah Muhammad & Family
 Cheryl Washington
 Sharon Brown
 Andre & Mona Johnson
 Jennifer & Torry Campbell
 Obree Friday
 Corine Woods

Keith King
 Chris Reed
 Daryll Alexander
 Lazelle Jones, Jr.
 Thomas & Opal Chase
 Barbara Edgerton
 Sarah Kellon & Family
 Johnnie Stephens
 Angela Alexander
 William & Sharon Burke
 George Odom
 Randolph McKinney, Jr.
 Michael Jenkins
 Joseph Alexander

Kathy Jackson
 Sheree Reed
 Willie Morgan
 Bertha Lee
 Betty Hayes
 The Folkes Family
 Wynn & Latesha Hill
 Anita Banks
 Ann Gant & Family
 Lisa & Kelvin Hemmett
 Jerome & Vanessa Hodge
 Anthony Grogan
 Dean & Andrea Morgan

Lorie Moore
 Roslyn Anderson
 Milton Perry
 Doris H. Morgan
 Verlence Hunter
 Alton Jackson
 Juanita Smith
 Marilyn Brooks
 The Brooker Family
 Ozie Leaster & Family
 James & Barbara Whitfield

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.

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

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*

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

- T All brothers** - young men included - interested and desiring to work in the services at West End should attend the Worship Service Training facilitated by Spencer Iverson TODAY at 4 p.m. Please make plans now to attend.
- T Arlington Christian Open House Today** – West End is invited to meet the Arlington Christian School (ACS) faculty, administrators and staff from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today for the Spring Open House. Meet teachers, tour the school, learn about reasonable tuition fees and more. Also enjoy refreshments at this informational session. ACS is an accredited private K-12 school operated by the church of Christ. ACS is located at 4500 Ridge Road, Fairburn, GA 30213, 770-964-9871.

Reminder – **Building Usage Policy** - 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.

Marriage Enrichment Class – The next Dynamic Marriages class begins on Monday, February 19. This 8-week course is held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at West End. For more information or to register, contact facilitators Robert or Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774, or visit marriagesmadestronger.com.

Attention Ladies - There will be a cooking class for the single ladies at the home of Hattie Roberts on Saturday, February 24 at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 10 ladies only. Please contact Melissa Clements at 770-785-9438 to sign up. We will learn how to cook meat loaf, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, and peach cobbler. Contact Sis. Roberts at 404-622-6948 for items needed to prepare the food. Directions will be provided at time of sign up. Next month's class will be for the newly married.

Do you have **exciting news** that you want to share with the congregation...a recent job promotion, award, school contest winner, Essence Woman of the Year? If so, we would love to share that information! Please email Spencer Iverson at swiverson@comcast.net.

Bible school reminder – On the last Sunday of each month all youth Bible school classes (high school through kindergarten) combine for special training and class lessons. All the males meet in the upper level of the educational building. The females meet both upstairs and downstairs. See Kevin Ferrari, Anderson Flewellen, or Sherron Burgess (sherronb@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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

5-8 Grade Youth Outing Next Sunday – Sign up today and this Wednesday for the 5-8 Grade Youth Outing to the Douglasville CofC (4691 Big B Rd., Douglasville, GA 30134) We'll meet at West End at 8:15 a.m. and carpool to Douglassville. Reminder, there will be no van transportation, so parent and volunteer participation is required. Following Bible class and worship service we'll travel to nearby food court at Arbor Place Mall for lunch. After that we'll visit a sick and shut-in member then have a fellowship activity. See, call (770-306-7462) or email (dbishop@thewestender.com) David Bishop to volunteer or with any questions.

Star Students – February 25, 2007 is the next Monthly Youth Devotional at 4 p.m. We are looking for Star Students (A's and B's) and Rising Stars now for those showing improvement from previous "not-so-good" grades. Parents of youth through grade 12 should see David Bishop with copies of your child's report cards.

AREA EVENTS

West End is invited to the **Hillcrest CofC Community Health Fair** providing free health screenings, activities for children, voter registration, and educational workshops on Saturday, February 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.hillcrestcocevents.org for details.

The **2007 Crusade for Christ** will be June 24-28, 2007 in Tampa, FL. The Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk (800-325-3535) and the Westin Tampa Harbor Island Hotel (813-229-5000) will be providing accommodations for the event. For additional information contact Daniel Harrison at 773-723-8579; John H.Dansby at 318-221-8120; or Harold J. Rodriguez at 813-541-6523.

The **63rd Annual National Lectureship** will be held March 10-15 in Cincinnati, OH. Theme: *The Church of Christ: The True Center For Freedom*. Everyone attending must register for \$159, which includes all sessions and a banquet. Also included in this event is a Ladies Luncheon for \$40, and the 2007 Acappella Musical Explosion for \$12. More information is available by visiting www.cinti63nl.com.

Educational Program Survey/Registration Continues through February

The Education Ministry is continuing its registration and anonymous survey today of all parents of school age children (college and under) as part of its 2007 goal to improve the quality of the children's educational program. Please obtain and complete a registration card and survey before leaving service and give to one of the attendants in the foyer or outside the building as you leave. See Kevin Ferrari, Sherron Burgess, or Anderson Flewellen with any questions.

New Address

Phyllis Shanks

9145 Carroll Manor Dr.

Sandy Springs, GA 30350

February Events Calendar Available – Don't forget to pick up your copy of the February Birthday and Events Calendar and the Youth Newsletter from the Greeter's Table.

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 (678-270-8992), Cynthia Mitchell (770-322-1072) or David Bishop (770-306-7462). Please plan in advance so your information won't be left out.

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. 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. Anreneka Johnson – 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.