

**From the Minister's Desk**



Orpheus Heyward

**Everybody Is Not Going To Heaven**

**T**he bible announces some thought provoking facts that poses some difficulty for people of the world to accept. Some of the things declared through the inspired word will often challenge your thinking, your theology, and even your very relationship with God. It was a customary practice for Jesus to often make statements that were controversial, and difficult to accept, especially for those who were already religious. In fact, Jesus one time mentioned the eating of his flesh, and the drinking of his blood in order to obtain eternal life. This very teaching caused many disciples to walk with him no more (John 6:53-66).

On another occasion, Jesus was providing explanation to the Pharisees concerning God's Law on marriage. The result of this teaching caused some disciples to come to the conclusion that it is not good to marry (Matthew 19:9-10). These are just a couple of examples of the master preaching things that were difficult to accept. Likewise it is a harsh reality that everybody is not going to Heaven. This is hard for many people to digest because of the exclusiveness of such a statement.

Jesus makes this clear in Matthew 7:13-14. This text draws a boundary line between the strait gate and the broad way. Those who will make heaven their home must travel through the strait gate. The broad way is a destructive path only leading to damnation. The broad way is comfortable because it leaves room for your own philosophies, selfish behaviors, and the "do-it-my-way" attitude. Therefore, Jesus said many will travel the broad way although its destination is destruction. However, the way one ought to go is through the strait gate. The word "strait doesn't refer to what is absent of bends and turns, but to that which is narrow.

The way to Heaven is narrow. There is no room for your philosophy, selfish behavior, nor the "do-it-my-way" attitude. To go down the narrow path, you must leave some things at the gate because it won't fit through the narrow gate. Leave false religion behind because it won't fit. Leave selfish behaviors behind because it won't fit. Leave your philosophies and traditions behind because it won't fit. In order to get to Heaven, you must go through the strait and narrow, which can only be accomplished through the gospel. Which way will you go this morning?

**Elders/Deacons meeting  
today at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall**

**P R A Y E R   L I S T**

Jean Peters	Anthony Grogan	Sid Reed	Jamillah Muhammad
Chris Reed	Dean & Adrea Morgan	Kathy Jackson	& Family
Thomas & Opal Chase	Doris Morgan	Sheree Reed	Cheryl Washington
Barbara Edgerton	Lorie Moore,	Willie Morgan	Panya Middleton
Angela Alexander	Roslyn Anderson	The Folkes family	James Fishback
Alicia Green	Milton Perry	Wynn & Latesha Hill	Sara Hatcher
George Odom	Monique Nixon	Lisa & Kelvin Hemmett	Carolyn Bryson
Michael Jenkins	Marilyn Brooks	Chris & Sharon Brown	Akilah Petty
Denise West	James & Barbara	Andre & Mona Johnson	Wrenisha Daniels
Bertha Lee	Whitfield	Frederic & Rhonda	Hugh Hunter
Flora Dansby	Jennifer & Torry	McKinney	Willie Adams
Betty Hayes	Campbell	Keith King	Chantelle Swift
Conrad & Lavy Little	Twanda Bates	Lazelle Jones, Jr.	Betty Hunter
Anita Banks	William & Sharon Burke	Ruby Moore & Family	Olajuwan Burke
Larry Timberlake	Randolph McKinney, Jr.	Johnnie Stephens	Sean Grant

**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 / ZONES NEWS

**Prayer Ministry** – *If you have a desire for prayer, or know someone who does, please forward your request to [dhmor30331@yahoo.com](mailto: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 ([qvianen1@bellsouth.net](mailto:qvianen1@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.*

**Zone 12 Meeting** – *Zone 12 will have a planning/fellowship meeting at the home of Sheryl Holland, 4281 Rosewood Grove, Decatur, GA 30034 on Saturday, February 24 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Zone 12 includes: Avondale Estates (30032) and Decatur areas (30032, 30033, 30034 and 30035). For a list of the menu items and food preparation, please contact Sheryl at 770-593-8269.*

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### WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

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**Marriage Enrichment Class** – The next Dynamic Marriages class begins tomorrow, February 19. This 8-week course will be 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](http://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.

**Fishing Trip** – A number of West End brothers are promoting a well-needed, long-awaited Fellowship Fishing Trip on the Gulf Coast in Orange County, south Alabama in late April or early May. The weekend event will consist of a charter boat, hotel accommodations, carpool and all the fresh fish a man can carry. Brothers, fathers, sons, uncles and all males will truly enjoy this opportunity of forming better relationships with your brothers in Christ. If you are interested and desire more details see Jerome Philips and Dwayne McNeil.

**Educational Program Survey/Registration Continues** – The Education Ministry is continuing its registration and anonymous survey today of all parents of school age children (college and under). Please obtain and complete a form before leaving service and give it 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.

**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](mailto: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.

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### YOUTH AND SINGLES

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February's Family and Youth Devotional is next Sunday, February 25 at 4 p.m. This event, for the entire congregation has the theme, A celebration of West End's Black History featuring Wesley Brown (elder and Minister Emeritus) and the late Robert Freeman (elder). Special Youth are Adrian Brown and Madeline Livingston. The West End congregation has a rich black history and an even richer history of individuals serving the Lord, saving souls and promoting strong families!

Star Students for February are Amari Clements, Amaris Clements, Travaris Brown, Antonio Brown, De'Shun Brown, Marc Houston, Alkita Jackson, Stasha Martin, Brandon Ware, Parys Grigsby, and Desjon Harrold. 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. **The deadline is today.** Those after today will be recognized in March.

**Spiritual Poetry Needed for Devotional** – West End members (youth, parents, members, senior citizens, etc.) are invited to do a “reading” at this Sunday’s Family and Youth Devotional. Please make your intentions known to David Bishop in person or via telephone (770-306-7462). You can volunteer up to the start time of 4 p.m. next Sunday. Please have a neatly printed or typed version of your spiritual poetry with you.

**Bianna Smith** has been selected as a Board Scholar from the DeKalb County Public Schools. She will be honored on March 6 at Miller Grove High School for being one of the top five 5th graders based on academics and school achievements for playing the violin.

**Carmen Williams**, a senior at Greater Atlanta Christian School, has been accepted to Emory University for the upcoming Fall 2007 term.

## Attention All New Members and New Converts

All those individuals and families placing membership with West End, or getting 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. 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), with any questions.

See the bulletin board in the foyer area events.

Baptisms

2/11 **Kristian Williams**  
(son of Chris & Tania Harding)  
1452 Devon Mill Way  
Austell, GA 31068 770-944-0384

2/4 **Patrick Gallimore**  
2571 Candler Rd.  
Decatur, GA 30032 404-212-7721

Placed Membership  
2/4 **Justin Moore**  
970 Collier Rd.  
Atlanta, GA 30318 229-232-6764

2/11 **Cynthia Miller**  
527 Parkway Cir. S.  
Doraville, GA 30340 770-837-3718

2/11 **Juanea Marrow**  
233 James P. Brawley Dr., SW  
Atlanta, GA 30314 404-441-6831

2/11 **Michael Stewart**  
5732 Crystal Springs Way  
Powder Springs, GA 30127  
678-895-7126

2/11 **Elizabeth Stewart**  
5132 Crystal Springs Way  
Powder Springs, GA 30127  
770-739-7144

2/11 **Debra Spence-Mustapher**  
420 Tellico Cir., SW  
Atlanta, GA 30331 404-629-9778

2/11 **Darrell Belcher**  
1981 Banks Way  
College Park, GA 30349 770-994-3037

New Addresses

**Nelson & Julia Brooker**  
430 Valley Hill Road, SW, Apt. 202  
Riverdale, GA 30274 770-472-5594

**Floyd & Carla Williams**  
2248 Oakawana Dr., NE  
Atlanta, GA 30345 404-633-3511

**Phyllis Shanks**  
9145 Carroll Manor Dr.  
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Christine Colley is home recovering from recent surgery. 404-812-0284. Robert Fuzell – 10413 Southampton 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. Anrenea Johnson – 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.