

From the Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

God's Call For Faithful Laborers

Jesus makes a profound statement during his public ministry as he toured through the region of Capernaum. He looks upon the people in the various cities and villages and describes them as "sheep having no shepherd". They were people who needed direction and provision. This leads him to make the profound statement that the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

God is calling for some laborers. Notice that he is not looking for spectators. The text indicates the need for laborers. Sometimes in church work, Christians have an unhealthy habit of spectating, rather than laboring. Jesus articulates that nothing is wrong with the harvest - it is plenteous. The opportunity to impact lives is endless. The problem Jesus identifies is the lack of participants working in the harvest. Look around you, and behold the prostitute who belittles her own self worth. Behold the young man who finds excitement in criminality rather than Christianity. Behold the young woman who believes attractiveness is determined by emphasizing her physical body, rather than emphasizing her inner spirit. Behold the religious person who believes in God, but really doesn't understand what God desires. The harvest is plenteous, but we need laborers to work in the harvest.

Somebody might say, "Preacher, I don't labor for free. What is God offering?" Well, there are some benefits in working for the Lord. First of all, you have unlimited access to the CEO (Hebrews 4:14-15). You have full provisions for the task he calls you to do (Ephesians 1:3 and Ephesians 3:20). He provides on-going training free of charge by qualified trainers (Ephesians 4:11-12). Most of all, nobody can beat God's retirement program. When it is time to retire, God has a mansion, a robe, and crown that awaits you at the final round-up of affairs. The question is, "Do you want the job?"

P R A Y E R L I S T

Willie Adams	Doyle Fitzpatrick	Sidney Mitchell	The Muhammad Family
Kathy Jackson	Ozie Leaster & Family	Larry Timberlake	James & Barbara
Angela Alexander	Chris Reed	Chris & Sharon Brown	Whitfield
Gloria Drake	The Folkes Family	Alicia Green	Thomas & Opal Chase
Michael Jenkins	Bertha Lee	Ruth Moneke	Edith Hodge
Milton Perry	Sid Reed	The Ward Family	The Mumfrey Family
Joseph Alexander	The Little Family	Esther Brown	Jennifer & Torry
Barbara Edgerton	Sheree Reed	Anthony Grogan	Campbell
Andre & Mona Johnson	Olymia Billings	Lorie Moore	Kelvin Hodge
Jean Peters	Obree Friday	Adnanne Bryson	Monique Nixon
Roslyn Anderson	Fredrick & Rhonda	Charles & Charlotte Ham	Mareba & Charles
The Farley Family	McKinney	Ruby Moore	Collier
Lazelle Jones, Jr.	Mark Snell	Shandrea Walker	Phyllis Holmes &
Akilah Petty	Susan Gamble	Carolyn Bryson	Family
Brenda J. Bagby	Randolph McKinney, Jr.	Betty Hayes	George Odom
Sharon Kellon & Family	Juanita B. Smith	Doris Morgan	Stella Wilson
The Phillips Family	Margie Brooks	Olajuwan Burke	Wrenasha Daniels
Anita Banks	Anna Gant	Lisa & Kelvin Hemmett	Betty Hunter
James Fishback	Panya Middleton	Willie Morgan	Flora Dansby
Keith King	Chantelle Swift	Denise West	Hugh Hunter
Rick & Pam Ray	Marilyn Brooks	William & Sharon Burke	Angela Dillard
Knox & Twanda Bates	Sean Grant	Wynn & Latesha Hill	Verlence Hunter

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, 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), 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

Educational Program Survey/Registration Ends Today – The Education Ministry ends 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.

Marriage Enrichment Class Start Date Has Changed – The start date for the Dynamic Marriages class has been changed to Monday, March 12. It WILL NOT begin tomorrow. If you are interested in taking this 8-week course held on Mondays at 7 p.m. at West End, contact facilitators Robert or Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774, or visit marriagesmadestronger.com.

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.

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

February's Family and Youth Devotional is TODAY 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, Raven Bates, Nakeem Middleton, 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 to be recognized at the March 25 devotional.

Spiritual Poetry Readings TODAY – West End members (youth, parents, members, senior citizens, etc.) are invited to do a "reading" at today'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. this afternoon. Please have a neatly printed or typed version of your spiritual poetry with you.

AREA EVENTS

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.

West End's Moment in Black History

"By the early 1970s, desegregation and 'white flight' had changed the landscape of Atlanta, and the West End neighborhood was predominantly black. J.V. Copeland, the West End church's minister, realized that his dwindling congregation's survival would depend on a change in its demographics."

– From an article entitled "[They prayed and asked God to knock down racial barrier](#)" recently published in *The Christian Chronicle*, an international newspaper for members of the Churches of Christ. You can read the entire article at www.thewestender.com.

Attention All New Members & 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.

Baptisms

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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 at home ill. Cheryl Washington is in Grady Hospital. Tasha Frazier is recovering from surgery. Christine Colley is home recovering from recent surgery. 404-812-0284. 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. 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.