

From the Minister's Desk



Wesley R. Brown

Our Righteousness Must Come From God

"The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanliness of my hands He has recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. For all His judgments were before me, and I did not put away His statutes from me. I was also blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity. Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanliness of my hands in His sight (Psa. 18:20-24).

Our righteousness must come from God. Self-righteousness are things established by an individual which have no support from God. Listen to what Paul had to say about this matter. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes" (Rom. 10:1-4). Those who believe are those who obey the word of God.

Our righteousness which justifies us, is that righteousness which comes through the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1: 17). When we obey God, and carry out His commandments then we are considered righteous in the sight of God. False doctrine teaches that the moment we believe, we are made righteous. Yet, the Bible tells us about certain people who believed, but they did not confess Jesus Christ. They were unwilling to pass beyond the believing state into the obeying state (Heb. 5:8.9).

Therefore our righteousness is that righteousness which God imputes to the obedient. Listen to the apostle John as he deals with this situation. "Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil (1 John. 3:6-8). John continues by saying, "In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother (1 John. 3:10-11). If we won't live right, and walk right, and talk right, and think right; then we don't belong to God (2 Tim. 2:19). If we walk right and live right, then we have the blessing of God. Listen to Him, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD" (Isa. 54:17).

Upcoming Canvassing Events

SPONSORED BY THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Mar 11

10a.m. - noon

Monthly Neighborhood Canvassing

AREAS: West End neighborhoods and MARTA stations

Apr 8

10 a.m. - noon

Special Canvassing Initiative

To share the gospel with those attending a highly promoted conference centered on women and the church

AREAS: Downtown Atlanta, MARTA stations and surrounding areas

Apr 22

8 a.m. - noon

3rd Annual Congregational Canvassing

To promote West End's spring gospel meeting

AREAS: West End neighborhoods and surrounding areas and MARTA stations

Be Commissioned To Go!

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

The Training & Development Committee will meet next Sunday after 10:45 service.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

T Attention All Married Couples – There will be a brief meeting following 10:45 a.m. service today. We will discuss the upcoming Marriage Enrichment Cruise and gather additional suggestions for future trips. Please make plans to attend. You may direct any questions to Robert or Stella Wilson or Yonita Rowell.

Classes continue on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon for West End's 2006 **Stewardship and Finance Education Program**. This program features multiple classes designed to provide the tools you need to better manage your finances. See Avery Pitts (404-328-9090) or Mike Wells (404-277-3430) for further details.

Baby Furniture Needed – Several West Enders are in the process of becoming certified foster parents for Georgia Agape and are in need of baby furniture. Please contact David Bishop if you would like to donate any items to help support their efforts.

Arlington Christian School Offers Discount to West Enders – Arlington Christian School (ACS) in Fairburn, GA in South Fulton County, is offering a 15% tuition discount to the children of members of our congregation. Please call the school at 770-964-9871 or visit them at arlingtonchristian.org. ACS is a private K-12 school operated by the churches of Christ. ACS is also seeking qualified academic classroom instructors.

Marriage Enrichment Cruise to Bermuda – Make plans today to sail away Sunday, October 15 - Friday, October 20. 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. E-mailing is the preferred method. Written or telephoned announcements should be directed to Tawania Thigpen (678-363-6100), Cynthia Mitchell (770-322-1072) or David Bishop (770-306-7462). Please plan in advance so your information won't be left out.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

February Star Students/Rising Stars are Meekhi Harris, Todd Small, Kurtis East, Nakeem Middleton, Tyria Horton, Dezsjon Harold, Parys Middleton, Preycious Harris, Jordan Williams and Madeline Livingston. These students will be recognized at today's Family/Youth Devotional.

Attention West End girls ages 9 to 11 – If you are interested in joining a **book club**, please sign up on the list located in the foyer. Contact Yolanda Flewellen (770-716-9297) with any questions.

Attention All Youth and Parents - Those interested in attending the **Youth Rally** at the Piedmont Rd. CofC in Marietta, GA should sign the list in the foyer starting today. The rally will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will meet at West End at 8:30 a.m. that morning. The cost is \$5 per person - pay at the door. See David Bishop with any questions. Chaperones and parents are needed to volunteer.

Sign up continues for those **9-12 graders** and chaperone volunteers to attend the outing to the Cedar Grove CofC in Fairburn, GA on Sunday, March 5. Sign the list in the foyer. Approximately \$10 will be needed for lunch.

AREA EVENTS

SWCC Concert – Southwestern Christian College presents its 38th Annual Marshall Keeble/R.N. Hogan Memorial Concert Tour appearing at Bouldercrest CofC on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

Health and Safety Professionals Needed

The Training and Development committee is looking for any members of the congregation with skills related to Health, Wellness, Nutrition and Safety. We are looking for presenters to speak and/ or conduct workshops on various topics at an upcoming church Health Fair. If you are able to assist us by presenting, planning or recruiting and recommending others please contact Michael Wells at 404-277-3430 or Robin Knox at 678-479-9525.

Ordering Sermon Recordings - New Procedure

To order sermon tapes or CDs, please fill out the available prepay envelopes along with your payment and drop it in the secure drop box located on the table in the rear of the foyer. The envelopes are available next to the drop box. Please make sure to include your telephone number so you can be contacted once your order is completed. If a phone number is not available, please include your complete mailing address where the order can be mailed. Turnaround time is approximately one week. The previously used binders are now replaced by the use of the ordering envelopes. Thanks for your cooperation. Direct any questions to Anthony Nixon or Alfonette Garvin, co-chairs of the Audio/Video Committee.

REGULAR SUNDAY SERMONS
Cassettes - \$3 / Audio CDs - \$4

Baptisms

2-18 **Byron J. Johnson Jr.**
2400 Barrett Creek Blvd. #907
Marietta, GA 30066
504-296-1174
D.O.B. 8/23/76

2-19 **Pat M. Allen**
4005 Majestic Dr., SW
Atlanta, GA 30331
404-696-9095
D.O.B. 11/6/84

Military Addresses

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

West End's Monthly Family & Youth Devotional Today

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
in the main auditorium.

The continuing theme is
Building a Stronger Spiritual Home.

Today's topic is,
"The Family Unit".

Everyone with a family should plan
to be in attendance.

See David Bishop with any
questions.

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Anita Banks is recovering from surgery. 607 Charlotte Place, Atl., GA 30318. 404-799-5156. **Mozella Burton** was readmitted to the hospital. 2426 Corner Shoals Rd., Decatur, GA 30034. 404-212-7889. **Daneka Vickers**, daughter of Mack and Sandra Freeman, was admitted into Northside Hospital. **Rosemary Moore**, wife of **Herbert Moore** (minister of the Old National congregation,) is in Henry Medical Center, Room 332. The Moore's residence is 90 Corcera Rd., Stockbridge, GA 30281. 678-289-9482. **Willie Mae Morrow** – 3060 Continental Colony Pkwy., Apt. 502, Atl., GA 30330. 404-344-9990 **Elizabeth Perkins** – 1392 Maywood Rd., NW, # 31, Atl. GA 30331. 404-691-0268. **Alicia Green** – 2426 Corner Shoals Dr., Decatur, GA 30034. 404-212-7889. **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. **Ollie Burton** – 2426 Corner Shoals Rd., Decatur, GA 30034. 404-212-7889. **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.

BEREAVEMENT

West End mourns the passing of **Calvin Cates**, a former member of our congregation prior to suffering from a prolonged illness. He was funeralized this past Friday in Sandy Springs. Send condolences to Chip and Gail Cates, 1443 Wimbleton Dr., Kennesaw, GA 30144, or call 770-499-0220.