

From the Assistant Minister's Desk



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God's Power to Save the Sinner

God is an omnipotent God. He is all-powerful. He demonstrated his power in creation. Only God could call forth something out of nothing. Only God could cause nowhere to become somewhere. This is because God is an all-powerful God. In his omnipotence, he was able to split the Red Sea as Israel walked forward on dry land. He was able to cause water to come forth from a rock, and rain manna from heaven above. He was able, in the person of Jesus, to arrest the law of gravity, and walked upon the surface of the water. He changed water into wine at a wedding, and fed five thousand in Galilee. God is a powerful God, who manifests power in a plethora of ways. However, when it comes to salvation, the power that God uses is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul said that God saves through the power of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16). Let us take a look at this text to understand the dynamics of the Gospel. According to this text, the nature of the gospel is "power." This word power is from a Greek term, from which we receive our English word dynamite. Paul describes the Gospel as being explosive in nature. In addition, the source of the Gospel is God. This is why Paul said "it is the power of God." The gospel is from God. Therefore, God is the source from which it is derived. Furthermore, its purpose is salvation. This explains Paul's statement that it is "unto salvation." Besides this, the scope of the gospel is everyone. God's desire is for everyone to be saved (1 Tim. 2:3-4). This explains Paul's statement in the examined text, "to everyone." Paul extends his thought further by providing us with the requirement of the Gospel. The requirement is belief. This is not merely a mental exercise, but a faith that obeys what God commands (Romans 1:5, 16:25-26). This thought is present in the text when Paul says, "To everyone that believeth." God's power to save the sinner is the Gospel. God is the source. Salvation is the purpose. It is extended to everyone. The requirement is belief. Thank God for the Gospel, which is able to save! The question is have you been saved? Has your faith been obedient? Have you experienced God's power to save through the Gospel? If you want to be saved, today is your day. Listen to the message as the preacher tells you how you can be saved.

Brief Congregational Meeting Today

The entire congregation is asked to remain following 10:45 service for a brief meeting concerning the gospel meeting dinner. See Joan Smith or Greg Scruggs for more information.

Worship Service Training Rescheduled

All brothers are encouraged to attend a worship service training session rescheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. Contact Reggie Rowell or Greg Scruggs for more information

UPCOMING CANVASSING EVENTS

SPONSORED BY THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

- 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
- Apr 22**
8 a.m. - noon **3rd Annual Congregational Canvassing**
To promote West End's spring gospel meeting

Be Commissioned To Go!

Plan now to attend **West End's Annual Spring Banquet** on April 29 at the Westin Atlanta Airport Hotel located at 4736 Best Road, College Park, Georgia 30337. The event will begin at 6 p.m. Paul Sanders, the minister at the Lithonia CofC, will be the guest speaker and the Golden Voices are scheduled to perform at this very special event. Tickets are only \$28 and will be available for purchase soon.

Health and Safety Professionals Needed – The Training & 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.

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.

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 www.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 ■

West End's Annual Youth Retreat – Four teens and four adults are needed to be on the youth retreat planning committee. If you are interested, please see David Bishop today. You will be committing to a great deal of work over a period of several weeks.

■ 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.

Moreland Avenue CofC announces their **Gospel Meeting/Revival** March 19-23. Weeknight services begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Dr. W.F. Washington, Sr. of Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Sixteenth & Noble Street CofC in Anniston, AL invites ladies to their 19th Annual **Ladies Day Program** on March 18 at 8:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ivy Murry of Daleville Heights CofC in Daleville, AL.

North 13th Avenue CofC in Lanett, AL is hosting their Annual **Homecoming Fellowship March 18 and 19. The singing festivities will be held at the Lanett High School** Auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 18. All Sunday services will be held at the church building including breakfast from 8-9 a.m. continuing until 2:30 p.m. with more singing and fellowship. The speaker will be Corandle Johnson of the Crawford CofC in Phoenix City, AL.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
**West End's First Congregational Singing Workshop
Set for March 19**

Let's give God our best. All members are encouraged to make plans to attend West End's first Congregational Singing Workshop. March 19 beginning at 12:45 p.m. immediately following the second service. Any brothers interested in learning to lead song service should also plan to attend. Bring your enthusiasm, best voices and any suggestions for new songs (You must have printed music/words). Refreshments will be served.

**West End's Spring Gospel Meeting
April 30-May 4**

Robert L. Holt, Guest Minister

Senior Minister of the East Glem Park CofC in Gary Indiana
and son of the late G.P. Holt

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. Direct any questions to Anthony Nixon or Alfanelle Garvin.

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

West End Centennial Anniversary DVD/Video

See Mike Wells (404-277-3430), Clark Brown (770-222-9550), or Helen Baker (404-349-5698) today to purchase this must-see souvenir historical documentary. The cost is \$10.

Baptism
3/5 **Roderick J. Middleton**
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Marietta, GA 30062
678-283-1485 D.O.B. 1/6/81
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Ladies' Bible Class

Next Sunday @ 4:30

Placed Membership
3/5 **Noelle Odom**
2451 Laurel Cir.
Atlanta, GA 30311

Military Addresses

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HOME!

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Opal Chase is now at home. 490 Glenn St., #C272, Atl., GA 30012. Anita Banks is recovering from surgery. 607 Charlotte Place, Atl., GA 30318. 404-799-5156. Daneka Vickers, daughter of Mack and Sandra Freeman, is in 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.