

From the Minister's Desk



## Withdrawing Fellowship from the Devil

In the context of Ephesians 4, Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, provides moral instruction for the chosen people of God. After having informed them that they are a redeemed people (Eph. 1:7), he desires for them to behave as a redeemed people. This is clearly articulated in verse 17 where Paul emphatically says, "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth walk not as other gentiles in the vanity of their minds". The saints are encouraged to have a different walk because they are new creatures in Christ. However, in order to cease an immoral walk, you must withdraw fellowship from the devil. Paul admonishes the Christians in the region of Ephesus to stop giving place to the devil.

As we examine such a statement, it is important to understand the definition of place. The term "place" comes from a Greek term, which is "Topos". The word means to give one a position, or an opportunity. The way the Greek is constructed in this verse, it gives the idea of a previous practice that needs to stop. Therefore the indication is that these Christians were providing Satan with an opportunity to operate in their lives. Many times we as Christians provide Satan with an opportunity to work. As a result he is able to destroy relationships, churches, and families. Peter gave him place, and he mistreated gentile Christians. Judas gave him place, and he betrayed Jesus. The disciples collectively gave him place, and they all forsook him. If Christians are going to be progressive, then we must break fellowship with Satan. Peter said resist him, and he will flee. If we resist him, we will not gossip about one another, but rather encourage one another.

If we resist him, we will forgive one another. If we resist him, we will forbare one another. If we resist him, we can love one another. The leadership at West End admonishes you to join us in withdrawing fellowship from Satan. He may be a roaring lion, but we have the strength of the lion of the tribe of Judah. He may be the god of this world, but we have the God who created the World. He may have some power, but Jesus has all power. Hallelujah unto the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world!

### Spring Gospel Evangelistic Revival April 22-26

West End's Spring Gospel Evangelistic Revival will be held April 22-26. More details will be communicated soon. The guest evangelist will be Gerald Lee from Southwestern Christian College.

### P R A Y E R L I S T

Angela Alexander	Susan Gamble	Randolph McKinney, Jr.	Jean Peters
Aria K. Alexander	Susan Grant	Menty McNeil	Akilah Petty
Joseph Alexander	Alicia Green	Sidney Mitchell	The Phillips Family
Anita Banks	Anthony Grogan	Ruth Moneke	Chris Reed
Margie Brooks	Pauline Harper	Lorie Moore	Sid Reed
Marilyn Brooks	Betty Hayes	Ruby Moore & Family	Sheree Reed
Adnanne Bryson	Lisa & Kelvin Hemmett	Willie Morgan	Taravis Smith
Carolyn Bryson	Wynn & Latesha Hill	Jamillah Muhammad	Chantelle Swift
Olajuwan Burke	Betty Hunter	& Family	Larry Timberlake
William & Sharon	Hugh Hunter	Bobbie Mumphrey	Gayle Ward & Family
Burke	Verlence Hunter	& Family	Deondre B. White
The Douse Family	Kathy Jackson	Ruby & Chantale	Barbara Whitfield
Gloria Drake	Michael Jenkins	Murray	James Whitfield
Barbara Edgerton	Andre & Mona Johnson	Tammie Nixon	Terry & Chiba Wilson
The Farley Family	Lazelle Jones, Jr.	George Odom	Steve & Corine Wilson
The Fishback Family	Keith King	Milton Perry	

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](mailto:dhmor30331@yahoo.com). To preserve space in the bulletin from time to time, names appearing for three consecutive weeks will be removed. You can resubmit the names again if you wish to do so.

### Attention Parents and Youth in Grades 9-12

Next Sunday (March 25) at 3 p.m. Gerald Lee, II from Southwestern Christian College (SwCC) in Terrell, TX will be here to tell you about college educational opportunities at SwCC. If you have a son, daughter, or other relative or friend in grades 9-12, please plan to be in attendance. Information on tuition, financial aid, tuition assistance, scholarship, degree programs offered and more will be discussed. Youth and parents from area congregations are also invited to be in attendance. Bro. Wesley Brown, Bro. Orpheus Heyward, and many other West Enders are graduates of SwCC. We also have some current high school students making SwCC their college choice for this fall. See David Bishop (770-306-7462) with any questions.

**Fitness Opportunity** - Anthony Nixon and Djuan Long normally get together a few times a month to go jogging. If you would like to participate, contact Anthony at 678-480-7630 and Djuan at 404-512-0973.

There will be a **song leaders practice** on Sunday, April 1 at 4 p.m. All song leaders are encouraged to attend. Please see Tommy Grogan or Spencer Iverson for details or if you have any questions.

**Good Food, Great Fellowship!** – Ladies: Please mark your calendar and share this information with others. Beginning Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and every first Saturday of each month thereafter, the sisters of West End are invited to get together at the Silver Skillet Restaurant, 200 14th Street in Midtown Atlanta, for breakfast and fellowship. Make plans to attend and bring a friend!

**Golf Event** – West End is invited to field one or more teams or individual players each for a fundraising golf tournament for Arlington Christian School. The event will be held on Monday, April 23 at the Chapel Hills Golf and Country Club in Douglasville, GA. Arlington Christian School is a private K-12 school located in Fairburn, GA and is operated by the churches of Christ. Registration deadline is March 23. Contact David Bishop with any questions or call Stephanie Bleakley at 770-942-3673 or send an email to sb747jb@aol.com.

**Marriage Retreat Set for August** – All married couples are invited to sign up for and attend the upcoming Marriage Retreat set for August 23-26 at the Winshape Conference Center in Mt. Berry, GA on the grounds of Berry College. The cost is \$430 per couple and includes all meals and lodging. Four scheduled payments of \$107.50 are due April 1 through July 1. Make all checks payable to West End and put "marriage retreat" in the memo. Join us as we celebrate our marriage blessings, and give thanks to God for them. Contact Robert and Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774 with any questions and to sign up. You can also sign up online at [www.MarriagesMadeStronger.com](http://www.MarriagesMadeStronger.com).

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 ■

The next exciting **Family & Youth Devotional** will be held on Sunday, March 25 at 4 p.m. This month's family-building theme is based on how academic educational success, traditional and non-traditional career options, worship, and a Christ-centered family life at home all tie into making us ideal citizens for Christ. Special guest speakers are Marcel Combs and William Johnson, one of West End's elders. Star Students and Rising Stars Preycious Harris, Nia Bullock, and Khaliya Ross will also be recognized. See David Bishop with any questions.

**Star Students** – Parents don't forget to turn in your child's most recent report cards or progress reports by Wednesday, March 21. Star Students are those with all A's and B's and good conduct grades. Rising Stars are those that show improvement from previous "not-so-good" grades or conduct. Turn in your information to David Bishop.

**Youth Event Set for March 23-24** – The first bi-monthly youth boys fellowship for ages 15-18 will be held Friday, March 23 from 7 p.m. to Saturday, March 24 at 12 noon at the home of Marcel and Stephanie Combs, 460 Revenna Trail, Fairburn, GA 30213. Sign the list in the foyer to participate. Please have \$5 each to help cover food costs. Contact Bro. Combs at 770-756-9133 or David Bishop at 770-306-7462.

**Math Tutor Needed** – A high school trigonometry tutor is needed in the Stone Mountain area. Please contact David Bishop if you are able to provide this assistance.

**The Southwestern Christian College Acappella Chorus** will present a concert at Bouldercrest on Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. Your help is needed in housing the students for Wednesday night. If you are able to help in hosting students in your home, please see Sarah Keyton.

Nationally renowned acappella recording group, **Straight Company**, will be in concert Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will beheld at the Southside High School Auditorium at 801 Glenwood Ave. SE, Atlanta, GA 30316. Tickets are \$12. Only 500 tickets are available. See West End coordinators, Melvin Mitchell (404-304-8215) or Cynthia Mitchell (770-322-1072), to purchase tickets. Visit [www.straightcompany.com](http://www.straightcompany.com) for more information on the group.

## 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

3/11 - **Betty Jordan**  
318 #1 West Wood Pkwy.  
Austell, GA 30168  
404-446-5315 DOB: 7/27/59  
[Betty.Jordan@Fultoncounty.gov](mailto:Betty.Jordan@Fultoncounty.gov)

3/11 - **Walter Barber**  
1471 Pollard Dr.,  
Atlanta, GA 30311 DOB: 3/20/73

3/11 - **Eric Johnson**  
3708 Patti Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
404-212-4961 DOB: 3/31/73

3/14 - **Tatrea U. Riney**  
7712 Autry Circle, Apt. 310  
Douglasville, GA 30134  
678-683-8626 DOB: 3/30/78  
[unea143@yahoo.com](mailto:unea143@yahoo.com)

3/14 - **Magnus Ojukwu**  
2075 Victora Place  
Lithonia, GA 30058  
501-626-6212

New Address  
Ronald & Sheila Arrington  
9183 Carr Circle  
Covington, GA 30014

### Elders/Deacons Meeting

Today @ 4 pm

### Ladies' Bible Class

Today @ 4:30 pm

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Arthur Ware is in Grady Memorial Hospital in room 5J. 404-616-2907. Annie Glaze – A.G. Rhodes Home at Wesley Woods, Room 421, 1819 Clifton Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30329. Barbara Edgerton is at home ill. 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.

## BEREAVEMENTS

Kate Hendrix lost her grandson last week. Deana Spencer lost her grandmother last week. Bridget Dupre mourns the passing of her grandfather, Carl Odo Adams, of New Orleans, LA. Condolences may be sent to Bridget at 311 Kaley Dr. Canton, GA 30114 and/or Bridget's mother, Sis. Sharon Jourdain at 3801 W. Napoleon Ave. Apt. A-109 Metairie, LA 70001