

From the Assistant Minister's Desk



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Can A Christian Lose Their Salvation?

One of the great theological questions of the religious world is Can a Christian lose their salvation? The question deserves a Bible answer. With the birth of Calvinism in the 1500's, the doctrine of "once saved always saved" became popular in several religious circles. This doctrine is summarized in what is called the T.U.L.I.P theory, which represents five central components of the Calvinistic theology. These are:

- Total Depravity - Born with a Sinful nature
- Unconditional Election - God chooses individually who will be saved
- Limited Atonement - Jesus only died for the elect
- Irresistible Grace - These individuals whom he chose cannot resist the grace by which God calls them.
- Perseverance of the Saints - Once saved always saved

In this week's article, we shall deal with the final component of this T.U.L.I.P theory which directly relates to the question at hand. The Bible teaches that a Christian can in fact lose their salvation by turning away from the faith. Let us see what the Bible has to say in regards to this question.

- A brother or sister in Christ can spiritually die (James 5:19,20, 1Tim. 5:6).
- It is possible for Christians to live after the flesh resulting in spiritual death (Romans 8:12-13).
- It is possible for believers to digress into unbelief departing from the living God (Hebrews 3:12)
- Christians can depart from the faith (Tim. 4:1)
- The Righteous (Christians) shall scarcely be saved (1Pet. 4:18)

There is overwhelming scriptural evidence that a child of God can lose their salvation. The idea of once saved always saved is foreign to the Bible, unscriptural, and categorized as false doctrine. Therefore, Peter encourages all Christians to make their calling and election sure (2 Pet. 1:10).

**West End's
First Congregational Singing Workshop
T O D A Y**

Let's give God our best. All members are encouraged to remain after 10:45 service today to attend West End's first Congregational Singing Workshop. Any brothers interested in learning to lead song service should also plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Breakfast & Bible Study for the Senior Citizens

This Saturday, March 25 – 9 a.m. to noon

All seniors are encouraged to come out to enjoy a wonderful meal, participate in a great Bible study and hear all the exciting events planned for this year.

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!

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

*We are in need of good and faithful members to serve on the **Foodservice Committee** for 2006. If you are interested and would like to know more about the duties of this committee please see Joan Smith. You may sign up to give your dedication and service to your fellow brothers and sisters for one year on the sign up sheet in the foyer. The deadline to give your good and faithful service for this new committee this year is April, 2.*

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

West End's **Ladies Day Seminar** is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 starting at 8:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. All Ladies are invited to attend.

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.

All **computer classes** have been postponed until Summer.

Volunteers needed – Please be reminded to sign up to bring a cooked food item for the Gospel Meeting fellowship meal on Sunday April 30. The sign up sheets are located in the foyer on the information table. Please also remember to sign up for our clean-up crew as we will need your assistant after dinner to clean the building. All assistance is appreciated.

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 to speak and/or conduct workshops on various topics at an upcoming church Health Fair. If you are able to assist in any way, 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.

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.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Youth Activities Guidelines – Effective immediately and for the purpose of promoting fellowship and spiritual enhancement all youth participating on trips and events with West End (monthly youth outings, youth rallies, youth devotionals, visitations overnight trips, retreats, etc.), all participants will be required to leave all CD players, iPods, headphones and earbuds at home. Having the devices in your pockets, but not using them is not permitted. Cell phones are permitted, but they must be set to vibrate or turned off. Please direct any questions to David Bishop.

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

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

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.

The **Southwestern Christian College National Dinner Day** is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel. The cost is \$75.

Worship Service Training This Saturday

All brothers are encouraged to attend a worship service training session this Saturday at 10 a.m. See Reggie Rowell or Greg Scruggs for more information

Upcoming Youth Events

- March 26** (Sun): 9-12 Grade Youth Outing to the Piedmont Road CofC, Marietta, GA
- April 22-23** (Sat/Sun): Youth trip to Birmingham, AL to the Woodland Hills CofC, for ages 7 and up
- May 20** (Sat): West End Young Ladies Day at 9 a.m.
- July 13-16** (Thurs–Sun): Youth Retreat to Gordon College, Barnesville, GA (cost approx. \$85)
- August 2006** Weekend Trip to Savannah, GA to the Liberty City CofC
- October 21-22** (Sat/Sun): West End Area Wide Youth Rally at Paul D. West Middle School.
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West End's Spring Gospel Meeting April 30-May 4

Robert L. Holt, Guest Minister

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

Baptisms

3/12 **Paulette Jackson**
130 Winkfield Dr
, Buena Vista, GA 31803
229-649-6215 D.O.B. 7/22/62

3/12 **Cynthia E. Mayo**
1895 Plaza Ln. #243
, Atlanta, GA 30311
770-896-3506 D.O.B. 9/22/66

3/12 **Teyon Price**
1909 Summer Court Dr.
Atlanta, GA
404-421-2526 D.O.B. 9/16/81

3/12 **Anthony Evans**
2288 Campbellton Rd.,
#317 Atlanta, GA 30311
770-873-5467 D.O.B. 11/22/60

3/12 **Douglas M. Ricks**
733 Sleepy Hollow Rd.
Powder Springs, GA 30127
404-438-0824, dmricks69@yahoo.com
D.O.B. 10/12/68

Placed Membership

3/12 **James Atchison**
2101 Highland Club Dr
Conyers, GA 30013
770-760-1140

3/12 **DeWayne Gaines**
67 Crossroads Estates Dr.
Newnan, GA 30265
678-464-1061

New Addresses

Corene Woods
Arbor Terrace at Cascade 1001
Research Centre Atlanta Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30331

Steven and LaQuisha White
3397 Deerwood Lane
Rex, GA 30273
770-960-6898

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Opal Chase – 490 Glenn St., #C272, Atl., GA 30012. Anita Banks – 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.