

In Support of Our Youth, Minister and Programs

By David Bishop



As Saints among the living and looking at "Kingdom Business" as West Enders, our properly placed first thoughts should be the goal of being with Jesus and meeting him in the air upon His triumphant return for us (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). Without a doubt, on that grand and glorious day, there is no place else we would want to be than with Christ. The lives we live as Christians in His Kingdom today will directly correlate to our eternal destiny. Therefore, we all should diligently strive to be obedient to the Lord's will, and do all we can to please him in our conduct, conversation, and lifestyle.

The Youth in Action (YIA) ministry, in working toward Christian service, is hosting two back-to-back weekend events in April – a youth appreciation banquet (Saturday, April 3) and Youth Lock-In (April 9-10). Both are designed for uplifting our youth and exposing evangelistically, Christ and His church to their friends and families. By attending the Youth Appreciation Banquet as a congregation, we have the chance to celebrate our youth, showcase them from a spiritual standpoint, and have them see that accolades and praise come not only secularly, but from their spiritual family. The Youth Lock-In is primarily a fun, social activity for our young people and for their friends. Those friends that attend will also become familiar with Christ and the salvation found in the one church as they participate. Marion Carswell, Jaha and Vanessa Howard, and Christopher Harris will be among the featured speakers throughout the night.

Parents, we rely, expect, count on, and need you to participate. Our young people can only get to these events with your involvement, commitment, and time.

Sufficient details for both events are located in this bulletin. Take that movie and McDonald's money and allocate it to invest in securing your tickets for the banquet today! Turn in your banquet forms, and make plans for getting to the lock-in location on April 9. We are going to have a grand and glorious time with you and our youth.

In May, look to attend our Minister's Appreciation Banquet on May 28. Tickets for that evening are also available now. Bro. Heyward is the catalyst and motivator in his vision for West End and his service to the Lord, and his efforts are worthy of appreciation. Listen for announcements and details today. Our Ladies Breakfast is March 27; Ladies Day is April 24; and the Ladies Retreat is August 20-22. Finally, our Second Annual Youth Gospel Meeting is coming in June 5-8 with the theme, "How to Get Your Christian Swag: On to the Next!"

YOUTH APPRECIATION BANQUET FACTS

- Saturday, April 3 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. – Douglasville Conference Center; 6701 Church St., 30134. Web site is www.ci.douglasville.ga.us/index.aspx?nid=80
- Pick up, complete, and return the Banquet Recognition Form
- Tickets are \$12 each – cash or check payable to West End (youth banquet in the memo)
- Sponsors are lining up to help with families with multiple children or attendees
- Purchase tickets TODAY from the Youth Representatives in the foyer
- Serving a full course, sit-down dinner.
- Speakers: Justin Davis, Christopher Harris, Carmen Williams
- Entire membership and family members are welcome

YOUTH LOCK-IN FACTS

- 7 p.m. on Friday, April 9 to 7 a.m. Saturday April 10
- Location is Arlington Christian School in Fairburn, GA (www.arlingtonchristian.org/aboutus/directions.htm)
- Cost is \$7 per person (pay upon arrival) Sign up TODAY in the foyer or online at www.thewestender.com/youth.htm
- Food available for most of the event (pizza, hot dogs, chips, drinks, etc.)
- Chaperones are needed

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

This Friday all married and engaged couples are invited to **Marriage Maintenance Ministry's Date Night**. All couples are encouraged to participate in this night out for bowling and fellowshiping. The bowling will be held at the Midtown Bowling Alley on Piedmont Circle in Atlanta. The cost is \$10 per couple. Start time is 9 p.m. sharp. For More detail see Rodney or Jai Sawyer.

Minister's Appreciation Banquet – Mark your calendars for Friday, May 28 at 7 p.m. Event will be held at the Atlanta Airport Marriott-Grand Ballroom, 4711 Best Rd., Atlanta. Tickets are \$25 each. Formal Attire is encouraged. Contact Lesia Harris, LaJuan Simpson, Annette Wynn, Schyla Jackson or Gayron Johnson for tickets.

Coming in May – Financial Management Workshops. More details here later. Visit West End's web site to register and for more details. See Avery Pitts with any questions.

Plans are underway for West End's participation in the **Annual Georgia AGAPE Golf Marathon** event set for May 17. Although we have a great day of golf, this event is primarily about raising funds for the children and families served through AGAPE. This is a two-month long fund raising effort culminating in a grand golfing experience. Anyone interested in participating as a team member, both men and women, contact Bill Moore (404-593-3381 or aga7043@comcast.net) and Gerald Duncan (678-794-4491).

Register now for the **Annual Marriage Retreat**. It will be held September 9-12 at the Winshape Retreat in Rome, GA. The cost per couple is \$500. The first deposit of \$100 is due now. Make checks payable to West End Church of Christ. Balance is due August 31. Register online at www.marriagesmadestronger.com. Space is limited.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Youth in Action Community Service Project – The Youth in Action youth ministry will be visiting the Arbor Terrace Nursing Home on this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Directions from West End: Drive west on Cascade, toward I-285. Go under the overpass, and make a right turn at the first gas station you come to (a library will be on your left), Arbor Terrace is about half a block down on the right, before you get to Home Depot. Parents will need to participate and provide transportation. Please sign the list in the foyer and include your phone number.

No Youth Chorus Practice Today due to today's revival activities. The next practice, in preparation for a performance at the youth appreciation banquet will be next Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the brick annex building. See David Bishop or La Tanya Harris with any questions.

West End's **free math tutoring** is available each Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on an as-needed basis. You must first sign up your child in order to participate. Parents wishing to take advantage of this tutoring should contact David Bishop (dbishop@thewestender.com or 678-643-7306). Everyone is required to have their textbooks, lessons, or study guides from their math classes in order to get tutored. Please communicate your participating beforehand.

LADIES' EVENTS

The **Ladies' Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, March 27 from 9-11 a.m. at the home of William and Gayron Johnson. Please make plans to attend.

The **Ladies Retreat** will take place Aug. 20-22 at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA. The cost is \$200 per person. See Peggy Ross, Schyla Jackson, Robin Knox, Roslyn Anderson, Gayron Johnson, Deborah Degree, Barbara Hall, or Annette Wynn for details.

Ladies are invited to the Church of Christ 25th Annual Ladies' Lectureship Retreat in Jacksonville, FL on April 22-25. Event is hosted by the Northside Church of Christ in Jacksonville. Call or visit 910-322-6724 or www.ladiesretreat.org.

The **CofC at Houston Ave.** in Macon, GA hosts their **4th Annual Ladies Retreat** on April 16-18 at Camp Hope in Fort Valley, GA. Contact: Tomeka Leary (478-321-7674) or Denise Manns (478-335-2347).

GIVING GOD *All* OF ME

Annual Ladies' Day Seminar

Saturday, April 24, 2010 • 9am-1pm
Continental Breakfast & Registration 8am

FEATURED SPEAKERS:
U.S. Ambassador
Ruth Davis and
Mikki Taylor, Beauty
Director for Essence
Magazine

AREA EVENTS

Attend the **National Association of Celebrated Seniors Conference** set for April 30 to May 2. The conference is sponsored by the Camp Creek CofC, and will be held at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. Call 404-349-2852 or email gcocae@bellsouth.net for prices and details.

The Georgia Department of Labor is offering **summer internship programs for college students**. You must apply on or before March 31. Visit https://www.dol.state.ga.us/spotlight/sp_summer_internship_program.htm for details.

Baptisms

3/14 – **Andrew Anderson** (Atlanta)
3/14 – **Destiny Kollock** (Atlanta)

**All 4:30 p.m. Bible
study classes are cancelled
for today.**



Communion Packets

If you did not receive your individual communion packet upon entering the sanctuary, you will be given an opportunity during the communion part of the service. Please wait until after the prayer before partaking.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries – The monthly birthday and anniversary list is located on West End's web site. Click the March Birthdays and Anniversaries link on the home page. Additionally, we have many new members. If you want your name listed, please send an email to dbishop@thewestender.com

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Lula Latham – Crawford Long Hospital, Room 1127. **Barbara Edgerton**. **Willie Babino** – Austell Healthcare Center, Room 134 - Long Term Care, 1700 Mulkey Rd., Austell, GA. 30106. **Opal Chase** – 1503 Temple Ave., Apt. 112, College Park, GA, 30337; 404-763-9852. **Junette Tibbs** – A.G. Rhodes Rehab Center, 350 Boulevard, SE, Atl., 30312. **Inez Wilkerson** – 3922 Memorial College Ave., Apt. 3, Decatur, GA 30021; 404-218-5757. **John White** – Reliable Health & Rehabilitation, 3301 Lakewood Ave., Room 104, Atl., GA 30310. **Bonita Favors** is home for a prolonged time recovering from surgery; 2628 Downing Park Dr., SE; Conyers, GA 30094. **Joyce Mapp** – Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1500 S. Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30319; 404-252-2002. **Ossie Porter** (mother of Bill Moore) – A.G. Rhodes Homes, 350 Boulevard, SE., A Wing, Room 102, Atl., GA 30312. **Charlie Mae Gibbs** – 24 Paul St., Newnan, GA 30263. **Annie McArthur** is home recuperating. 751 Fairburn Rd., SW #2212, Atl., GA 30331. 404-699-2939. **Jessie Davis** – Buckhead Health & Rehabilitation, 54 Peachtree Park Dr., NE, Room 407, Atl., GA 30309. **Elizabeth Perkins** – 2748 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy., Apt. 121, Atl., GA 30318. 404-792-9115. **Elnora Bethel** – 3700 Potomac Dr., East Point, GA 30344. **Daneka Vickers**, daughter of Mack and Sandra Freeman. **Anrenea Johnson**.