

## From the Assistant Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

### The Head Man in Charge, Jesus Christ

While there are many denominational churches in existence today, we are thankful that the Lord's church still can be identified in the midst of this religious confusion. So many individuals are confused as to which church is the right church. It is my conviction that there is only but one church (Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:4, Romans 12:4-5), in which the alien sinner can be saved today (Ephesians 5:22-23). That church is without question the Church of Christ (Romans 16:16), which was established on the day of Pentecost after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This church was founded by Christ, and can be biblically identified. This week, we want to establish that he is the Head of the Church, which means all things done in the Church must be authorized by the head.

### The Head

Certainly Jesus is the founder of the Church, but he is also identified as the head of the church. He holds the superior position, in which he is the final authority in matters of doctrine and practice. Colossians 1:18 states, "and he is the head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." In this particular context, the apostle Paul identifies Jesus Christ as head. This would eliminate the present and past popes that claim to be the earthly heads of the Church. Furthermore, this would eliminate the Catholic Church from being the church in the Bible because they do not have the right head. However, the church in the Bible has an infallible head that is seated on the right hand of the father. It is clearly taught in Scripture that the head of the church also fits other descriptions. If a man can be the head of the church, then he would also fit the other descriptions that identify the head. Notice how the head is described in the book of Colossians:

- Died for our sins – vs. 14
- The image of the invisible God – vs. 15
- The firstborn (preeminent) of every creation – vs. 15
- Creator of all things – vs. 16
- Before all things – vs. 17
- Sustainer of all things – vs. 17
- Firstborn from the dead – vs. 18

The same individual that is the head also fits these other descriptions. If an individual claims to be the head of the church, then they must also claim these other descriptive qualities. Where is the man that would dare say he died for our sins? Where is the man that would claim that he is the very image of the invisible God? Where is the man that would claim he is the creator of all things? Where is the man that would claim he is before all things? Where is the man that would claim he is the sustainer of all things? Where is the man that would claim he is the firstborn from the dead? In order to be head, one must fulfill these other descriptions. This is simply impossible. Jesus is the only qualified head of the church. One ought not to be a member of a church in which Jesus is not the head.

## It's Bible Bowl Time on Saturday, April 1

West Enders are invited to join West End's Junior and Senior Bible Bowl teams as they compete in the Annual East Point Church of Christ Bible Bowl on Saturday, April 1 at 9 a.m. at the East Point Church of Christ. Lunch will be provided at approx. 12 noon from Chick-Fil-A). Last year's Bible Bowl ended around 2 p.m. The ending time will vary based on the number of teams participating.

**Our Senior team members are:** Anthony Carswell, Savion Carswell, Kamron Luke, LaShana Brown, and Kiana Brown

**Our Junior team members are:** Brianna Smith, Myers Hines, Jordan Williams, Raven Bates, Tiana Smith, Brandon Iverson, Kris Harding, and Marion Carswell

Please encourage our teams when you see them and pray that our study efforts will lead us to victory! See coordinators, Isacque Nixon or Carla Williams with any questions.

## 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.*

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### WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

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**Wedding Engagement** - West Enders, Vanessa Beckett and Vincent Harville announce their engagement. The wedding date will be announced later. Congratulations to the happy couple.

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 Rd., College Park, GA 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 now.

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 Sunday April 30. The sign up sheets for the different food items needed 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 immediately after the dinner has completed. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Direct any questions to Joan Smith.

**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.

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### YOUTH AND SINGLES

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**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.

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### AREA EVENTS

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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.

# 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

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## 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](mailto: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.

**Hush Little Baby** - Visitors and members with infants and young children are asked to immediately take those ones that are talkative, crying, or otherwise irritated to the Nursery located outside the auditorium. What may sound okay to you may be disturbing another's ability to worship properly. You may take them out at any time - even during times of congregational prayer if necessary. Thanks in advance for cooperating.

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### Baptisms

3/19 **LaShana R. Brown**  
6378 Greenock Dr.  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087  
770-498-1180  
[shanabrown@comcast.net](mailto:shanabrown@comcast.net)  
D.O.B. 06-11-1991

3/19 **Rodney I. Sawyer**  
1000 Duluth Highway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
770-868-9023  
[rodney.sawyer@Equifax.com](mailto:rodney.sawyer@Equifax.com)  
D.O.B. 4-8-70

Placed Membership  
2/22 **Robert E. Fitzgerald**  
Morehouse College  
830 Westview Dr., SW  
Unit #141697  
Atlanta, GA 30314

### 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

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## 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.

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Former West Ender, **Woody Wyatt**, is in St. Francis Hospital, Room 303 in Columbus, GA, 706-596-4000. He will be released to Oakview Nursing Home, 119 Oakview St., Waverly, GA 31831  
**Elnora Bethel** as of late last week was in Piedmont Hospital. 3700 Potomac Dr., East Point, GA 30344. **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. **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

Carlis Bender mourns the recent passing of her mother. Condolences may be sent to Darnell and Carlis at 419 Paytn Court, Stockbridge, GA 30281. 770-506-1988.