

From the Assistant Minister's Desk



“The Faith”  
Once Delivered To the Saints

**F**requently in the inspired text we read of a peculiar phrase called “the faith.” Often times this phrase is misunderstood and misapplied by the religious community. When the Bible mentions “the faith,” it is in reference to the Christian belief system. “The faith” is what is believed rather than the act of believing. When belief is used without the definite article, it is the act of believing. When the word faith has the definite article, it refers to the truth that is believed. The faith is a distinctive body of truth that must be obeyed, and governs the behavior of Christians in the house of God known also as the church. The scriptures provide some relevant information in regards to the faith.

Orpheus Heyward

The faith is to be obeyed (Acts 6:7). To obey “the faith” is synonymous with obeying the Gospel, the Christian belief system. Notice that the text does not say they were obedient to “faith,” but it says obedient to “the faith.” To obey “the faith” is to obey a specific body of truth. Furthermore, “the faith” can be preached (Gal. 1:23). If it is not preached, it cannot be obeyed. Paul after his conversion began to preach “the faith.” In addition, one can depart from “the faith” (1 Tim 4:1). Those who abandon the Christian belief system in word or practice have departed from the faith. Moreover, Christians can continue in the faith (Acts 14:22). Those of us who are Christians must remain faithful to “the faith” by continuing in the apostle’s doctrine (Acts 2:42). A comparative study of Acts 14:22 to Acts 2:42 will reveal that “the faith” and the “Apostles doctrine” are synonymous. Finally, Christians are to contend for “the faith” (Jude 3). We must be willing as children of God to meet any and all challenges to the faith in hopes of exposing error.

Let us be ever mindful of the importance of the faith. It is that body of truth, which governs the practices of all Christians. If it can not be found in “the faith,” then it is not divinely authorized. May it be when the Lord descends from the bosom of Heaven that we can echo the words of the Apostle Paul while he was in the final stages of life, “I fought a good fight, I finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

**Worship Service Training this Saturday  
All brothers are encouraged to attend a worship service  
training session this saturday, March 11at 10 a.m.  
in the main building.**

Upcoming Canvassing Events

SPONSORED BY THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

- Mar 11**  
10a.m. - noon      **Monthly Neighborhood Canvassing**  
AREAS: West End neighborhoods and MARTA stations
- 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  
AREAS: Downtown Atlanta, MARTA stations and surrounding areas
- Apr 22**  
8 a.m. - noon      **3rd Annual Congregational Canvassing**  
To promote West End’s spring gospel meeting  
AREAS: West End neighborhoods and surrounding areas and MARTA stations

*Be Commissioned To Go!*

## MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

**T** The **Training & Development Committee** will meet next today after 10:45 service in Room 14 of the educational building.

### WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

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 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@thewest-ender.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

**Attention Parents** - If you have a mature 9th to 11th grader that would like to become a part of West Ends S4L (Singing for the Lord), talk with your children about it then please see or call David Bishop. Parental support will be needed from you for scheduled practices. The first practice is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 12.

**Date Correction for Youth Rally** - Today is the deadline to sign up for the Youth Rally that will be held this Saturday, March 11, at the Piedmont Road CofC from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person, payable upon our arrival. This event is for ages 10 and up. Van transportation will be provided based on the number to sign up. At least five chaperones/parents are needed to sign up. The sign up list is located in foyer. See David Bishop with any questions.

**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.

### 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.

## Health and Safety Professionals Needed

The Training and 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.



## West End Centennial Anniversary DVD/Video

COPIES STILL AVAILABLE!

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.

### 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. The previously used binders are now replaced by the use of the ordering envelopes. Thanks for your cooperation. Direct any questions to Anthony Nixon or Alfanette Garvin, co-chairs of the Audio/Video Committee.

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

### Military Addresses

**SPC Anthony B. Grogan**  
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Camp ARIFJAN, Kuwait  
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### March Events/Birthday Calendar Now Available!

Don't forget to pick up your copy  
from the table in the foyer.

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Anita Banks is recovering from surgery. 607 Charlotte Place, Atl., GA 30318. 404-799-5156. Daneka Vickers, daughter of Mack and Sandra Freeman, was admitted into 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. Anrenea Johnson – 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.