

From the Minister's Desk



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Who Then is a Faithful and Wise Steward?

Stewardship is an important subject that every Christian should know. God intended for His people to be faithful and wise stewards. Last Sunday, we began to explore the subject as it is revealed in the scriptures. Thus far, the Bible declares that we are managers of what God has placed in our possession. The Christian must recognize that God is the source of all that we have, and therefore should be used to his honor and glory (Deut. 8:1-18, Psalms 24:1, Psalms 50:10-12).

As members of the Church of Christ, we must be good stewards of our time, talent, and treasures. God provides us with time and it must be properly managed. When time is mismanaged we often end up neglecting God. It is not that we do not have time. The truth is, we mismanage the time we have. As a child of God, I must make time for my local church. The first day of the week is a time to which I must be committed. That time must be a fixed time within my schedule. Wednesday night Bible class is a time to which I must be committed so that I can be fed the word of God in a collective setting. My zone ministry meetings are times to which I must be committed so that I can participate in the work of the Lord. In addition, God's people should make personal time for study and devotion to God. God made time to save our souls by sending his Son, Christ, to die in our place. Making time for God, then, is the least we can do.

Likewise the talent that God has put in our possession must ultimately be used for His glory. Every child of God has some level of talent. This being the case, the Christian should ask him or herself, "what talent do I possess that can be used for Kingdom business?" Some of us dedicate our talents to our employer who can provide us a weekly pay check, but not to God who can give us eternal life in Heaven. To this point, every miraculous gift in the first century was for the expressed purpose of edifying the church. Should it be any different when it comes to our natural gifts?

Our treasures must be properly managed, for it is God that gives us the power to get wealth (Deut. 8:18). The scriptures teach that Kingdom business is funded by kingdom people (1 Cor. 16:1-2, Acts 4:34-37). Therefore, we must take the time to manage our finances so as to have God in our budget. God has given us the greatest gift of His Son. What is that worth to us?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

West End's Spring Gospel Revival & Celebration of History ...

will be held April 27 – May 2. **Arnelious Crenshaw** and **Olu Shabazz** will be the guest evangelists during that week. There will also be a gospel concert on April 26. More details and schedules to be provided soon.

Golden Voices Rehearsal

The Golden Voices will hold its first rehearsal of 2008 on April 6 following 10:45 a.m. worship services. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the singing group should plan to be in attendance.

P R A Y E R L I S T

Brad & Cathryn Harris	Betty Hayes & Family	Brooke Moore	Harold Heard
Keith King	Beulah King	Jasmine Herndon	Rakisha Pettis
Rubye Moore	Curtis, Janet &	Ashley Fennel	Josephine Hill & Family
Terry Almond	Madeline Livingston	Breauna Moore	Jerome & Vanessa
Adria Morgan	Kurtis East	Lazelle Jones, Jr.	Hodge
Susan Hodge & Family	Bagby & Shell Hendrix	B. Moore & Family	

If you have a desire for prayer, or know someone who does, please forward your request to dhmor30331@yahoo.com, or call Doris Morgan at 404-346-1372. You can also contact Esther Brown at 404-696-3941, Angela Dillard (midnite626@yahoo.com), Nettie Fanning at 404-696-9104, or Tonya Sykes at 678-469-9105 (tmsykes2003@yahoo.com). In order to avoid duplication, names that are currently listed on the Sick and Shut-In list will not be added to the Prayer List.

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE / ZONES NEWS

Zone 4 (College Park, Fairburn, Union City, Riverdale, Rex, Morrow, Stockbridge, Jonesboro, East Point) will have its zone meeting and canvassing at the home of Knox and Twanda Bates at 8207 Tupelo Trail, Jonesboro, GA 30236. Contact Knox and Twanda at 770-256-0954 with any questions.

Zone 3 (Fulton County North of the Airport) will have its March Zone Meeting, Saturday March 15 at 10 a.m. It will be hosted by Sid Reed at 629 Atwood St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30310. Please contact Elwyn Mapps at 404-775-7622 or Steve Langford at 404-349-5419 with any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

Men's Monthly Breakfast – Brothers, make room in your schedules (and stomachs) for some fellowship over food! Let us further strengthen our relationships, especially with our new converts and new members, while enjoying a cup of coffee or plate of pancakes. This month, we will meet and eat in Paschal's Restaurant at Castleberry Hill (<http://www.paschalsrestaurant.com/castleberryhill.htm>) from 9-10 a.m. on March 29. Contact Otis Smart (404-423-8503) or Alvin Simmons (678-698-5125) for details.

Duel Baby Shower – Welcome Home Babies! Please come out and celebrate the birth of Micah Mychele, daughter of Caren and Christopher Lightfoot and the adoption of Grayson Marcus, son of Angie Taylor. The celebrations will be held at the home of Lorraine Jackson on Saturday, March 15 at 2 p.m. Let's fill the piggy banks with Wal-Mart and Target gift cards and monetary gifts, as these new parents experience the joys of purchasing diapers, diapers, diapers and additional baby supplies! Lorraine's address and phone number is 1997 Sand Lake Dr., Atlanta, GA 30331; 404-344-9684.

All married couples are invited to sign up for and attend the upcoming **Marriage Retreat** August 21-24 at the Winshape Retreat Conference Center in Mt. Berry, GA on the grounds of Berry College, near Rome, GA. Cost is \$470 per couple and includes all meals and lodging. A non-refundable deposit of \$125 is now due. A second deposit payment of \$172.50 is due on May 1. A final payment of \$172.50 is due on August 1. Make all checks payable to "West End Church of Christ" and put "marriage retreat" in the memo. The retreat facility requires a comprehensive head count as soon as possible, **so if you are even CONSIDERING going, PLEASE tell Robert or Stella immediately!** Contact Robert and Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774 with any questions and to sign up.

The **Membership to Discipleship** weekly meetings are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Monthly Youth Outing is NEXT SUNDAY (March 16). Sign up continues today for the Monthly Youth Outing to the Westside School Road Church of Christ in Newnan, GA. Cost is \$10 per person for lunch. Sign the list in the lower level of the educational building. After attending Bible class and morning worship, we'll go to lunch nearby and return to their church building for canvassing in the nearby neighborhoods.

Singles Activity to Hawks (pigeons) Game – The West End Singles will be attending Philadelphia 76ers vs. Hawks on April 4. The group ticket price is discounted to only \$25 per person. Please see Rodney Sawyer or call him (770-868-9023) immediately to hold your position.

AREA EVENTS

A **Mental Stress Relief Workshop** will be held at Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Schaffer Rd. CoFC at 554 Schaffer Rd., Marietta, GA. Learn spiritual and practical solutions to cope more effectively. There will be separate sessions for men, women, and those with extraordinary stresses. West End's own J.P. Collier and Dorothy Reed will lead the men's and extraordinary stress session respectively. RSVP today to srocohealth@bellsouth.net or call 770-437-9047. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Proverbs 31, Atlanta Wide Single Women's Ministry, is hosting a Goal Setting Workshop on Saturday, March 29 at the Avondale Church of Christ from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please join us for this interactive event to help Christian women develop Christ-centered goals for the present and future. West End's own Carla Williams is one of the four featured speakers. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Please contact Shaneil Wilkins for more information at 803-322-3249 or RSVP to AboveRubies2004@yahoo.com.

United Christian Women of the Churches of Christ presents its 5th Biennial Fall Conference, Sept. 26-28, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport. The registration fee is \$130, and registration forms and flyers are available in the foyer. See West Enders, Dorothy Griffin (404-696-5113) or Sheryl Holland with any questions.

64th Annual National Lectureship for the Churches of Christ will be held March 24-27, 2008 in Birmingham, Alabama. This year's theme is "Standing at the Crossroads" where the contemporary issues facing the church will be examined. To register call 205-925-4041 or visit www.bham64nl.com.

Baptisms

3/3 - **Mondrael & Christina Barnes**

4375 Demooney Rd.

Fairburn, GA 30213

404-431-6913

DOB: 11/3/78 (Mondrael)

DOB: 11/3/78 (Christina)

3/3 - **Keandra Brannon**

1032 Creekside West

Roswell, GA 30076

404-790-4539 DOB: 2/20/81

Placed Membership

3/2 - **Craig Joyner**

1081 Azalea Circle

Marietta, GA 30062

404-406-5209

3/2 - **Dana Walton**

5100 Welcome All Rd., Apt. D2

College Park, GA 30349

404-768-3281

3/2 - **Misty Walton**

751 N. Indian Creek Dr., Apt. 198

Clarkston, GA 30021

678-698-4993

3/2 - **Antoine & Shantel Jackson**

4093 Shica Dr.

Douglasville, GA 30135

678-401-7255

Got Baptized or Placed Membership from Another Church of Christ?

All individuals and families placing membership with West End from another Church of Christ, or those that have been 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. Contact elder, I. David Logan (404-755-1016) with any questions about the orientation class. 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) or any elder or deacon with any questions.

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Alicia Green has been released from Emory University Hospital and is at home recovering. Please remember her in your prayers. Linda Poole – 400 Ralph McGill Blvd., Atl., GA, 404-215-9201. Athaniel and Juliette Hill, 2276 Leslie Brook Dr., Decatur, GA. 404-286-1038. Joyce Mapp – 3371 Hyland Dr., Decatur, GA 30032. Corene Woods, Arbor Terrace Assisted Living Center at Cascade, 1001 Research Center Atlanta Dr., Atl., GA 30331, 404-696-0432. Cressie Lawson – 450 Fairburn Rd, SW, #14, Atl., GA 30331. 404-696-2548. Thomas Chase is in Crestview Nursing Home located at 2800 Springdale Rd., Atl., GA 30315, 404-616-8100. Lillie Tyler – 419 Crossing Dr, Lithia Springs, GA 30122, 770-732-8914. Annie Glaze – A.G. Rhodes Home at Wesley Woods, Room 421, 1819 Clifton Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30329. Barbara Edgerton – 2469 Baywood Dr., S, Atl, GA 30315; 404-438-6659. 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 – 3502 Maynard Ct., NW, #452, 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. Anreneka Johnson.

BEREAVEMENT

Maxine Long mourns the recent passing of her sister. She is traveling to New York for the funeral. Condolences to Maxine at 1965 Childress Dr., SW, Atl., GA 30311.

Edmund Walton mourns the recent loss of this mother. The funeral was held yesterday in Mabelton, GA. Calls of condolence to Edmund at 404-286-5443.