

From the Minister's Desk



Wesley R. Brown

Serving Christ is Not A Lost, But A Gain!

This is what Paul said to the saints at Philippi. "Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ." (Phil. 3:8) Paul felt that worldly honors could not compare with those spiritual honors found in Christ. He gave up worldly things. Worldly riches used for worldly purposes cannot be translated into heavenly blessings. Worldly riches used for spiritual purposes can be translated into heaven treasures.

What we lose in this world by serving Christ will be replaced by better benefits in the next life. "For godliness with contentment is great gain." (1 Tim. 6:6) It is a great gain because it has the approval of God. And our whole purpose in this life is to please God. Those who work, and labor to please self will be disappointed at the end of time. For life is not about self, but about others. Remember the words of Jesus, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. (Matt. 16:24)

The things that we gain in Christ are life, liberty, and we will dwell in the light of eternal bliss. We will have fellowship with, and a reunion with loved ones who used to be with us, and those that we have read about in the word of God. Abraham, Job, Jonah, Peter, Paul, and many others who fought the good fight of faith. Yes, there is great gain in serving Christ. "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. (Jno. 12:26) What a great future we gain in Christ. And don't forget that baptism puts us into Christ. (Gal. 3:26,27)

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

Annual Spring Banquet

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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. The Golden Voices and Gospel Messengers are scheduled to perform at this very special event. Tickets are only \$28 and can be purchased from Helen Baker, Barbara Brown, Clemmie Brown, Gayron Johnson, Dorothy Griffin or Cynthia Mitchell.

West End Ladies Inspirational Day 2006

"The Journey of a Christian Woman"

Saturday, April 22 • 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Sarah Woods

Theme colors: Pink & Turquoise

All ladies are invited and visitors are welcomed to attend.

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

T The **Christian Retention Committee** will meet today in the brick annex building in the first room on the right. Those interested in working with this committee are encouraged to attend and volunteer for some very important work with retaining and developing our new converts. The meeting will start 20 after the end of our 10:45 worship service. See Dwayne McNeil or Spencer Iverson with any question.

The **Zone 1 Committee** meets every third Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the brick annex building at West End. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 15.

ZONE 4 MEETING

This month's Zone 4 meeting will be held at the home of Ed and Gale Gaines on Saturday, April 15 from 2- 4 p.m. For food items, please call 770-981-4635.

ZONE 2 EVENT

Zone Committee 2 will be meeting for their community service project on Saturday, April 15. All Zone Committed 2 members and others in the congregation are invited to participate. Contact co-chairs, Albert Hines (678-643-9321) or Girard Sampson (770-310-0805) for more details or if you have any questions.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

Graduates – All West Enders that are graduating/have graduated from high school, college, vocational school, graduate school, or technical/medical school in 2006 are asked to please sign the Graduate's List located in the foyer. Parents of graduates are directed to sign your children's name on the list. We will be hosting a Graduates Recognition event very soon and need this important information so that no one is left out. See Denise West (404-798-6452) or David Bishop with any questions.

West End Ladies' Retreat – All Ladies who are interested in attending the Ladies' Retreat August 18 and 19 at the Fieldstone Resort & Conference Center in Hiawasee, Ga., Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the greeters table in the foyer.

Donation of cribs and other children furniture are needed, for several members who will be providing homes to foster children in the near future. If you have anything you can donate, please call Anita or Tyrone Jamison at 770-603-0649.

West End is planning to enter a golf **team** in the 2006 Georgia AGAPE golf fundraiser tournament. The tournament will be held May 15 for the benefit of foster and adopted children hosted by Georgia AGAPE in Atlanta. A good number of West Enders are Georgia AGAPE adoptive and foster parents. If you are interested in participating in this event and want to sign-up, please see Bill Moore.

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.

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

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.

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.

Attention All Men – The Bouldercrest CofC will host a Men's Empowerment Conference on June 9-11 at the Westin Airport Hotel in Atlanta. The registration fee is \$100 before April 30 . Hotel accommodations are available for an inclusive price. For additional information contact Wyndel Harris at 770-806-1090.

West End Students to Note

West End high school student, **Carmen Williams**, recently traveled to Australia on a missionary trip with other students from Greater Atlanta Christians School. Carmen is the daughter of our elder Floyd and Carla Williams. Keep up the good work Carmen!

West End high schooler, **Elyse Othieno**, has been nominated for inclusion in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Elyse also qualifies for numerous scholarship awards. Elyse is the granddaughter of Sis. Harper. Congratulations!

West Ender **DeAnna Spencer** has earned a spot on the Dean's List at Kaplan University, where she is an adult student with a 3.65 grade point average. Congratulations!

Cascade Elementary School student and West Ender, **Marc Houston, II**, completed a school project that was entered into the Atlanta Public School's One Fair competition. He competed for the Cloverleaf District Project Achievement Fair sponsored by the Fulton County 4-H District. Marc is the son of Marc and Daisy Houston. Congratulations, Marc!

Baptisms

3-31 **Edwin S. Baker**
1045 Thorn Woods Lane
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
678-754-0261 D.O.B 9/23/62
cablemon-7@msn.com

4-2 **Quiandre M. Powell**
2471 Ebenezer Rd., SE
Conyers, GA 30094
1770-785-9438 D.O.B 4/05/82
Quiandre@cashflowmail.com

Placed Membership

4-2 **Tarra Daniel**
3920 Club Dr., #712
Duluth, GA 30096
770-806-9493

4-2 **Elwyn & Lorianna Mapp**
147 26th St. NW #4114
Atlanta, GA 30309
404-892-0125

Ladies' Bible Class

Next Sunday @ 4:30

All ladies are encouraged to attend.

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Former West Ender, Woody Wyatt – Oakview Nursing Home, 119 Oakview St., Waverly, GA 31831. Elnora Bethel is 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. 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.