

From the Assistant Minister's Desk



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## Five Sure Things about Judgment in a World Full of Maybes

**W**e are living in a time when people are unsure about many things. We are unsure as to what tomorrow will bring. We are unsure as to the state of world affairs from day to day. We are unsure of what point we shall have our meeting with death. It is a reality that death can be in the next street, around the next corner, or in your own home. Therefore, this world is full of unsure things. However, I want to emphatically declare that there are some things in which we can be sure. We can be absolutely sure about judgment. Here are five sure things about the final judgment of God.

**Judgment is Inalienable** - This means that the final judgment of God cannot be avoided. The apostle Paul makes clear that it is sure (Romans 2:2).

**Judgment is Inescapable** - Judgment is not something that can be escaped. Every one shall be present on that great day (Romans 2:3). There is a saying that you can run, but you can't hide. This would seem fitting in regards to the judgment of God.

**Judgment is Inclusive** - Regardless of ones ethnicity or status in the world, he or she will stand shoulder to shoulder with the entire human family (Romans 2:6).

**Judgment is Indiscriminate** - God is no respecter of person. There shall be no big "I" and little "you" at the final judgment. Every man shall be held accountable for that which he has done, or has not done (Romans 2:11).

**Judgment is Insightful** - God shall judge the very secrets of men. It is impossible to deceive God. He is everywhere at the same time all the time. He sees all time at one time. He knows where you are going before you get there. He has answers before the question. He is a God that knows all. We call it omniscient.

Are you ready for the final judgment? Remember it is absolutely sure. So let's get ready before that day gets here.

### MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

**T** The **New Convert Retention Committee** will have a brief meeting at the end of 10:45 a.m service today in the brick annex. The meeting will begin 15 minutes after dismissal prayer and will last 20 minutes. We hope to see all committee mentors and other faithful West Enders willing to participate in this great service.

#### Zone 1 Meeting

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

#### Zone 2 Meeting

Zone 2 will meet at the home of Cassandra and James Arnold on Saturday, May 20. They can be reached at 770-489-5514 for directions and menu items

### PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH

**T** The requested food item for the month of May is **Chunky Soup (any variety)**. Please look for the two blue barrels located at the door (inside) of the sanctuary today. One barrel will be located in the educational building next to the kitchen. Today is the only day donations will be accepted.

**Food Items needed for West End event** – All members are asked to participate in the upcoming relationship abuse awareness event, “Within Thy Walls: Pursuing Peace in the House of God,” by donating specific food and beverage items. Please sign up to assist this effort in the foyer, or see Mareba Mack-Collier. Most needed are: cans of soda, bottled water, and snack-packs of cookies and chips.

**High Museum Quilts Exhibition** – The Seniors Committee is planning a visit for the ladies, to the High Museum of Art to see The Quilts Exhibition on Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m.–noon. Discounted pricing is available for groups: Adult groups \$12 each; college/senior groups \$10 each. Those who are interested please sign your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer and take a flyer for a description of this amazing exhibition. We will meet at the church building at 9 a.m. sharp, depart at 9:30 a.m., and the exhibition starts at 10 am. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Sledge at 770-498-6251.

West End's **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** is scheduled for June 19-23. Information on the theme for this exciting week will be announced later. See Fred Hall, Bill Moore, or Tyrone Jackson if you are interested in being a VBS teacher.

**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 the sign up sheet on the greeters table in the foyer.

West End is planning to enter a **golf team** in the 2006 Georgia AGAPE golf fundraiser tournament. The tournament will be held tomorrow, 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.

**Marriage Enrichment Cruise to Bermuda** – Make plans today to sail away Sunday, October 15 through 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.

■ YOUTH AND SINGLES ■

**Youth Retreat Update** – West End's Annual Youth Retreat will be held at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, GA (approx 66 miles north of West End). The dates will be Thursday, July 27 through Sunday, July 30 and is for ages 7-18. Those under age 7 will need an accompanying adult age 21 and over. The price will be somewhere between \$65 and \$75 per person and includes transportation, meals, lodging, and all activities. Sign up today on the list in the foyer.

**Youth Retreat Chaperones and Sponsors Needed** - Adults ages 21 and over are needed to serve as chaperones for our annual Youth Retreat on July 27-30. There is a separate Chaperone Sign Up sheet located in the foyer. Many families appreciate the generosity of West Enders providing full or partial sponsorships for our youth retreat participants. You can provide a general use sponsorship by writing a check payable to West End for up to \$75, or provide for a specific youth you wish to sponsor. Write Youth Retreat in the memo area of your check. Give your check to David Bishop, Denise West or Lisa Bishop. See David Bishop with any questions.

Area youth are invited to a **Youth Gospel Meeting at Bouldercrest CofC** set for June 11-14. The speaker for the week is Chris Turner of Southside CofC in Durham, NC. There will be a special program on Sunday afternoon (June 11) at 2 p.m. consisting of an afternoon worship service followed by a Youth Chorus Songfest.

**Instructors are needed** for study sessions with Singles Ministry. If you want to teach, please contact La Tanya Harris or Steve Langford to be added to their 2006 calendar.

■ AREA EVENTS ■

On Saturday, May 20, **Old National CofC** in College Park, GA will conduct a **Parent and Child Seminar**. All ages are welcomed to attend. Please call 770-996-3865 or 678-817-1037 to RSVP.

The **Bremen CofC** ladies invite you to join them on Saturday, May 20 at 9 a.m. for their Ladies' Day program. The guest speaker, Cindy Colley, will speak on the theme "Finding Peace in Today's World".

Registration for **Vacation Bible School Camp** at **Hillcrest CofC** is now underway. The camp runs June 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with before care starting at 7:30 a.m. and after care until 6:30 p.m. For registration information, cost, and other questions call Hillcrest at 404-289-4573.

The **Bouldercrest CofC** will host a **Men's Empowerment Conference** on June 9-11 at the Westin Airport Hotel in Atlanta. The registration fee was \$100 if paid before April 30. Call for current registration fee. Hotel accommodations are available for an inclusive price. You may also support this event by purchasing a souvenir ad page in the conference booklet. For further details please contact Wyndel Harris at Bouldercrest Church of Christ 404-622-4212 (church office) or 678-481-7550 (cell). *All advertisements must be submitted by tomorrow May 15.*

<p><b>Within Thy Walls:</b> Pursuing Peace in the House of God</p>	<p>A weekend of liberating biblical instruction on relationship abuse! June 2-4, 2006 West End Church of Christ See bulletin board or web site for schedule of events.</p>
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## Super Students

**Marc Houston** has attained Star Student status for his academic excellence and superior citizenship at Cascade Elementary School. He received straight A's in all his subjects. Congratulations Marc!

**Reginald McKinney**, a student at Douglas High School will be recognized May 17 at an Honor's Convocation for being in the top 10% of his class. He was also named as a participant in the National Student Leadership Conference - State Leadership Workshop. Congratulations Reginald!

**Amaris Clements**, a high school junior, has been awarded the 2006 Georgia Certificate of Merit from the University of Georgia based on her being academically in the top 5% of her class. Congratulations Amaris!

Elementary school student, **Khaliya Ross** is a West End Star Student for her straight A work at Knollwood Elementary School in DeKalb County. Congratulations Khaliya!

First grader, **Betty Jackson** is a West End Star Student for her straight A work in all subjects at Eagle's Landing Christian Academy. Congratulations Betty!

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Ellen Hart Smith is in ICU at Crawford Long Hospital. 6208 Newberry Lane, Riverdale, GA 30296. 770-907-0167. Christine Colley is in Grady Memorial Hospital. 435 Joseph E. Lowery, Blvd., Atl., GA 30310. 404-755-8856. Carrie Henderson Jones is in Crawford Long Hospital in Room 6119. 1258 Winsor Pkwy. Atl., GA 30319. 404-255-1210. Former West Ender, Woody Wyatt - Oakview Nursing Home, 119 Oakview St., Waverly, GA 31831. Elnora Bethel is home recuperating. 3700 Potomac Dr., East Point, GA 30344. Opal Chase - 490 Glenn St., #C272, Atl., GA 30012. 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. Anrenea Johnson - 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.