

From the Minister's Desk



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# A Squeak in the Pulpit

Recently, I read of an entry found in an old church record of a business meeting. It stated: A committee was appointed to investigate the squeak in the pulpit. Upon reading this, I couldn't help but think that today's world, even today's church, desperately needs more than a squeak coming from the pulpit. Now, as much as ever, we need the clear tones of the gospel resounding from our pulpits.

We are hearing far too much about churches who are selling out to the culture. The distinctive preaching of New Testament Christianity is seldom if ever heard in some pulpits. Sermons that challenge our morals, expound our doctrine, question our ethics, and rebuke our mediocrity are exchanged for sermons that have an air of religiosity, but are lacking in substance.

In 1 Chronicles 12:32, it was said of some of God's children that they "understood the times." There remains a multitude of God's children who understand the times. They understand that now is not the time for a squeak in the pulpit. There are many godly elders, and godly Christians who are demanding to hear more than a squeak from the pulpit. They have not bought into the idea that distinctive preaching has harmed the church. They want substance over style and flair. They want truth over entertainment. They want biblical authority over pragmatism. And they would rather have the sometimes bitter truth over a watered-down gospel. To put it in the words of John MacArthur, they realize that the weakness of the pulpit today does not stem from frantic cranks who harangue about hell; it is the result of men who compromise and who fear to speak God's Word powerfully, with conviction.

There are many challenges that face the church today. If we are to rise up to the occasion and defeat our adversary, we must have a strong pulpit; Pulpits that will speak the truth in season and out of season, with all the love it can muster; Pulpits that will not compromise the truth; Pulpits that do more than just squeak! – copied

## As you cheerfully give as you prosper this Lord's Day,

please be prepared with the exact amount you have determined to contribute. Our ushers are unable to "make change" during the collection or afterwards. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

### Family & Youth Devotional

The June Family & Youth Devotional will be held on June 24 at 4 p.m. in the main building. Please make plans now to be in attendance.

### P R A Y E R   L I S T

Corine Wood  
Kendrick Glover  
Olympia Billings  
George Odum  
Octavis Royals

Monique Maynard-  
Nixon  
Barbara Edgerton  
Wynn Robinson &  
Latisha

Randolph McKinney  
Kirh Folker & Gene  
Folker  
Christa Crump  
Pam Ray

Flora Dansby  
Sid Reed  
Willette Neal  
Lazelle Jones, Jr.  
Mary Harrison

**To have your name removed from the bulletin prayer list, please contact Doris Morgan 404-346-1372 or e-mail her at [dhmor30331@yahoo.com](mailto:dhmor30331@yahoo.com). To preserve space in the bulletin from time to time, names appearing for three consecutive weeks will be removed. You can resubmit the names again if you wish to do so.**

## MINISTRY / COMMITTEE / ZONES NEWS

**1** **The New Convert Retention Committee** will meet today after 10:45 a.m. worship service in the red brick building next door. All those interested in serving on this committee are welcomed to attend. Contact Dwayne McNeil or Randy Clinkscale with questions.

**Zone 3** will be canvassing Saturday June 23 in the 30310 zip code area that immediately surrounds the church building. We will meet at 10 a.m. in the educational building to distribute materials and map out the streets that will be covered. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Call Steve Langford (404-349-5419) or Elwyn Mapps (404-775-7622) with any questions.

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### WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

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**West End Vacation Bible School** – All are requested to participate in West End's Annual Vacation Bible School. Join us as we examine the role of newspapers, magazines, TV, movies, music and technology and their impact on the daily lives of the young and old Christian. We will be discussing each media outlet from a biblical perspective. You will not want to miss this exciting week of hearing speakers from the media and entertainment fields, interactive learning and fellowship for all ages! Invite your family, friends, neighbors and enemies.

**Want to teach a VBS Class or Help in Another Capacity?** If you are interested in teaching or helping with Vacation Bible School please call or tell Sherron (Burgess) Smart or Anderson Flewellen right away.

**Greeters' Meeting** – There will be a meeting of all ladies working on the greeter's table next Sunday, June 24, after 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to sign up greeter's for July and August schedule and discuss other matters related to the greeter's table. Please contact Schyla Jackson for further details.

A member of the church is moving to Atlanta next month with her 9-year old son and is seeking **temporary housing** (apartment, home, or room) to rent. If you are able to provide housing, or have information to assist, please contact West Ender, Donald Berry at 202-246-7997, or see him today or any Sunday or Wednesday.

**Church of Christ Day at Six Flags** will be held on Friday, June 29. West End is going to purchase tickets as a group for \$25 per person. The deadline to make your payment is **THIS WEDNESDAY, June 20**. Make your check payable to West End and put "Six Flags" in the memo. Give your payments to David or Lisa Bishop TODAY today. Your pre-paid tickets will be provided to you at the front entrance to the park. Anyone from West End can participate by paying \$35 at Six Flags on the day of the event and proceeding to the special ticket window at the park as long as the tickets last. Parking is included in the price as well as an admission voucher for another ticket on a different day. Come out with your family and enjoy the day. Your ticket price also includes an all-you-can-eat lunch at a designated location. Season pass holders can pay \$10 at the special ticket window to be included in the all you-can-eat lunch.

**West End's Ladies Retreat** – West End's Ladies Retreat is in Hiwassee, GA, August 17-18. All Ladies are encouraged to attend. There will be horseback riding, a picnic on the lake, games and fun. Please see Deborah Degree or Barbara Hall for payments or for more information.

The **Membership to Discipleship** group meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the brick annex. See J.P. Collier, David Logan, or Dorothy Reed for more information.

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### YOUTH AND SINGLES

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**Summer Tutoring** - If you would like to receive tutoring in writing, grammar, or mathematics during the summer break, see or call David Bishop (770-306-7462). We will work to match you with a tutor in the specific area needed.

**Youth Retreat Sign Up Continues** - Youth ages 7-18 should sign up today for the Annual Youth Retreat to be held July 26-29 at Hargis Retreat in Chelsea, AL. Payments are now being accepted by David Bishop. Sign up is for youth only – no chaperones at this time.

**Youth Retreat Sponsorships and You** – Thanks to those that have already provided sponsorships! There are numerous ways to provide sponsorships for the \$90 fees for the youth retreat. 1.) You may offer to provide a full or partial sponsorship for a specific

youth. Please see the parent of the youth you wish to sponsor. 2.) A youth may approach you about sponsoring them for the retreat – coordinate with parent. 3.) You may provide funds to a general pool of funds to be distributed to those needing assistance to make up for balances due towards the deadline. Give those funds to David Bishop. Put “youth retreat” in the memo if you are writing a check. Check donations are tax deductible.

**Youth Jamboree '07** – West End is participating in an area-wide Youth Jamboree' 07 hosted by the Bouldercrest CofC. This event is for 7th to 12th graders only, and will be held on Sunday, July 15 at the Clayton County International Park in Jonesboro, GA (just off Highway 138). There will be a worship service at the park starting at 11:30 a.m. followed by food, fellowship and games up to 4 p.m. This event does not include any swimming or water activities. If you are interested in attending, please sign the list located in the foyer. See David Bishop with any questions.

## YOUTH RETREAT

The following youth have signed up for the July 26-29 Youth Retreat at the YMCA Hargis Retreat in Chelsea, AL. Sign up continues through the end of June. After June or when capacity is reached, a waiting list will be implemented.

Kurtis East	Jalen Smith*	Parys Middleton	Carmen Williams
Parys Grigsby	Markeita Jackson	Dezsjon Harrold	Yvannie Earlington
Curtis Hayes	Jonathan Bishop	Nakeem Middleton	Mahalia Earlington
Termon Brown	Larisa Bishop	Victoria Glover	Melanie Earlington
Blake Mitchell	Alkita Jackson	Joirdin Cooper	Brianna Hall
Joy Mitchell	Stasha Martin	D'andre Brown	Davyon Johnson
Ryan Clements*	Zachery Anderson	Kris Williams	Divinity Johnson
Taylor Flewellen	Dracilia Smith	Monique Jackson	Shon Johnson
Kyle Flewellen	Emmanuel King	Frederick Hall	Trey Johnson
Aundrey Flewellen	Justin Jester	Aria Alexander	
Jordan Williams	Darius Glover	Karon Moore	
Brianna Smith	Kendall Glover	Briana Wilburn	
Tiana Smith	Tyria Horton	Raven Bates	



### Help Promote Vacation Bible School

Pick up a large handful of the colorful VBS postcards from the Greeter's Table and hand them out to everyone, mail them out, leave at places you visit throughout the metro Atlanta area.

### Baptisms

6/10 - **Candace A. Warren**  
 2237 Flat Shoals Rd., Apt. 26  
 Atlanta, GA 30316  
 678-668-1452 DOB: 4/12/89  
 C\_andrew@yahoo.com

6/10 - **David B. Brown**  
 825 Cascade Knoll Dr.  
 Atlanta, GA 30331  
 404-696-4180 DOB: 7/17/88  
 davidbrown@valdosta.edu

Placed Membership  
 6/10 - **Christopher Smith**  
 3427-L North Druid Hills Rd.  
 Decatur, GA 30033  
 404-840-4431

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Joyce Mapp is at home ill. 3371 Hyland Drive, Decatur, GA 30032. 678-668-4562. 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 is at home ill. Robert Fuzell – 10413 Southhampton Ct., Jonesboro, GA 30238, 678-479-7942. 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 – 1392 Maynard Rd., NW, #31, 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. Anrenea Johnson.