

From the Assistant Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

God's Power to Save the Sinner

God is an omnipotent God. He is all-powerful. He demonstrated his power in creation. Only God could call forth something out of nothing. Only God could cause nowhere to become somewhere.

This is because God is an all-powerful God. In his omnipotence, he was able to split the Red Sea as Israel walked forward on dry land. He was able to cause water to come forth from a rock, and rain manna from heaven above. He was able, in the person of Jesus, to arrest the law of gravity, and walked upon the surface of the water. He changed water into wine at a wedding, and fed five thousand in Galilee. God is a powerful God, who manifests power in a plethora of ways. However, when it comes to salvation, the power that God uses is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul said that God saves through the power of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16). Let us take a look at this text to understand the dynamics of the Gospel. According to this text, the nature of the gospel is "power." This word power is from a Greek term, from which we receive our English word dynamite. Paul describes the Gospel as being explosive in nature. In addition, the source of the Gospel is God. This is why Paul said "it is the power of God." The gospel is from God. Therefore, God is the source from which it is derived. Furthermore, its purpose is salvation. This explains Paul's statement that it is "unto salvation." Besides this, the scope of the gospel is everyone. God's desire is for everyone to be saved (1 Tim. 2:3-4). This explains Paul's statement in the examined text, "to everyone." Paul extends his thought further by providing us with the requirement of the Gospel. The requirement is belief. This is not merely a mental exercise, but a faith that obeys what God commands (Romans 1:5, 16:25-26). This thought is present in the text when Paul says, "To everyone that believeth." God's power to save the sinner is the Gospel. God is the source. Salvation is the purpose. It is extended to everyone. The requirement is belief. Thank God for the Gospel, which is able to save! The question is have you been saved? Has your faith been obedient? Have you experienced God's power to save through the Gospel? If you want to be saved, today is your day. Listen to the message as the preacher tells you how you can be saved.

Youth Retreat Sign Up Closes This Wednesday

The following names are recent additions to what has been the previously published list of participants. Sign the list located in the rear foyer today. Sign up closes on Wednesday, June 4

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| Bates, Twanda (chaperone) | Harris, Meeki - 8 | Joyner, Kyra - 7 |
| Bates, Knox (chaperone) | Hines, Langston - 9 | Livingston, Madeline |
| Fletcher, Centeria - 15 | Hines, Myers - 12 | Price, Alvin - 10 |
| Fletcher, Jemetria - 16 | Howard, Jamal - 16 | Smalls, Todd - 11 |
| Fletcher, Javarious - 14 | Joyner, Kira - 7 | Williams, Jacoby - 16 |
| Harris, Precious - 11 | Joyner, Jade (chaperone) | |

YOUTH RETREAT SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

Full or partial youth retreat sponsorships are needed to help cover registration fees for our young people. See the parent of any youth listed or contact David Bishop with your sponsorship. Fees are \$100, \$80 (second child from same family), and \$70 (third child from same family).

Remember to pick up your copy of the June Events Calendar from the table in foyer.

ZONE HAPPENINGS

Transportation/Carpooling Offered by Zone 6 – Zone 6 (Avondale, Clarkston and Decatur) is coordinating transportation for members in need of transportation to worship service or interested in carpooling with other members in their area. Contact Kelvin Fraser (404-307-1107) to coordinate this effort.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

There will be a New Members Fellowship for all who were baptized or placed membership in the year of 2007 and 2008 at the home of William & Gayron Johnson on Saturday, June 28 from 2 - 4 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer if you are planning to participate.

All ladies, young women, growing girls, and "seasoned" saints are invited to attend the **Monthly Ladies' Fellowship Breakfast** on Saturday, June 7 at Paschal's Restaurant at Castleberry Hill from 9 - 11 a.m. Take the time and make the effort to get better acquainted with your fellow sisters in Christ. The food is great but the fellowship is even better! Direct any questions to Sierra Grigsby or Keshia Clinkscale.

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

YOUTH AND SINGLES

West End's Youth Boy's Basketball – Our West End youth boys' basketball team won a tough game last Friday at Paul D. West Middle School against Schaffer Road. Our team record is 2-1. Our coaches are Jabari Sykes and Christopher Brown. If you are interested in playing (games are every other Friday at 8 or 9 p.m.) see the coaches or David Bishop.

AREA EVENTS

Gospel Play – La'Shaun Phillips, from Camp Creek CofC will present a gospel play she wrote and directed on June 6 at 8 p.m. and June 7 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Camp Creek congregation's building located at 2400 Merk Road, Atlanta, GA 30341. Tickets are \$15 each. Call 404-219-8925 for directions and more information.

Mark August 8-10 for the **Camp Creek CofC singles weekend** called, "Singles Keeping It Real: Do you have the Courage, Compassion and Creativity to be an Asset?" For more information, contact Carina Ashurst (ms.ashurst@gmail.com) or Timothy Brooks (timujen@juno.com).

PRAYER LIST

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.

Ruby Moore & Family
Phillip Folkes

Randy McKinney
Tinya Tabetando

Luther Mackay

BEREAVEMENT

Denise Jenkins mourns the recent loss of her sister-in-law, Felicia Jenkins. You may send condolences to Denise at 1427 Springdale Rd., Atlanta, GA 30315; 404-766-4423; and to the immediate family of the deceased to Bill, Winton, and TaMichael Jenkins at 3396 Ross Dr., East Point, GA 30344.

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.

Baptisms

5/21 – Denise Collins, Atlanta

5/25 – Danielle T. O'Donnell, Atlanta

5/25 – James Morrow, Decatur

Address and contact information for all new members and new converts are available through your Zones and Zone Leaders.

Military Address

Pvt. Robinson, Amber

3rd PLT ACO 787th MPBN

2230 Unit #17 Iowa Ave

Ft. Leonard Wood, MD 65473

(daughter of Pat Mitchell McCoy)



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West Enders have opened more than 50 accounts so far. That's over \$5,000 for our building fund!

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

John White, requests prayers and visitations – 359 Westlake Ave. Apt. 311, Atl., GA 30311; 404-406-7427. Former West Enders, Don and Liesa Akins, have provided their address for cards, letters, and calls at the illness of their son, Tai Aikens, suffering from cancer. 5303 South Kemper Lakes Court, Suffolk, VA 23435; 757-484-5392 (home) and 757-328-0127 (mobile). Corene Woods was recently moved to A.G. Rhodes Nursing home, 350 Boulevard, SE, Atl., GA; 404-688-6731. Jessie Davis – Buckhead Health & Rehabilitation, 54 Peachtree Park Dr., NE, Room 216, Atl., GA 30309. Viola Santos (new convert) – Alpharetta, GA; 404-484-7863. Ossie Porter (mother of Bill Moore) - 3880 Poplar Chase Ct., Decatur, GA, 404-243-5432. Viola Tookes – 396 Thaxton Dr., Atl., GA 30315; 404-627-9360. Thomas Chase – 2800 Springdale Rd., Atl., GA 30315, 404-616-8100. Linda Poole – 400 Ralph McGill Blvd., Atl., GA, 404-215-9201. Athaniel Hill & Julliette Hill – 2276 Leslie Brook Dr., Decatur, GA. 404-286-1038. Joyce Mapp – 3371 Hyland Dr., Decatur, GA 30032. Cressie Lawson – 450 Fairburn Rd, SW, #14, Atl., GA 30331. 404-696-2548. 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. Anrenea Johnson.