

# It is Not a Game!

**D**o you remember how as children we used to play like we were something that we were not? We'd say, "Let's play like we're cowboys," or "Let's play like we're firemen," or "Let's play like we're policemen."

It was not strange that we as children lived in a fantasy world from time to time. There was no reason for our parents to be disturbed because we spent so much time "playing like" we were someone else.

But now that we are grown, most of us with families of our own, it is high time for us to be concerned if we are continuing to play like we are something we are not. Far too many of us approach Christianity as it were a "game" in which we can "play like" we are Christians. And it is not a serious matter because when any requirement of living the Christian life conflicts with our own desires, we quickly close our eyes, shut our ears, and simply ignore that requirement, all the while still thinking that we are good Christians. We need to remember that we can "deceive" ourselves (James 1:22).

It is evident that many are "playing like" they are Christians. When one is off and on in their church attendance, haphazard in their giving, and neglectful in their service to God, one is "playing like" he or she is a Christian. Living the Christian life is a very serious thing. Tomorrow is not promised to us (James 4:13-15). Let us be sure that we are not "playing like" we are Christians. True New Testament Christians are not deadheads, nor are they inactive, complacent, indifferent, or lukewarm. They are filled with zeal and enthusiasm for the Lord (Titus 2:11-14). The question is - are you? Don't "play like" you are a Christian - be a true one!

Let's remember Paul's admonition, "Whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23). -- copied

## Online Calendar

West End has implemented an online events calendar where West Enders can see upcoming events including dates, times, and location. Before scheduling an event, check this calendar first to avoid conflicts. To have an event added to the calendar, email Gayron Johnson at [gjohnson@thewestender.com](mailto:gjohnson@thewestender.com) or call her at 404-753-6271 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. To view the calendar, click the calendar image on the home page of West End's web site.

## Quiet & Cleared Out Please

During West End's 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 6 p.m. worship services, all are expected to be in the auditorium. Please keep the foyer clear during worship services, and be courteous to the deacons that request you to move. Collection and Lord's Supper will not be served in the foyer. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## Sorry, No Change

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.

## WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

**Zone 4/5** is hosting a **New Member's Social** on Sunday, July 12 immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship. The event will be held in the fellowship hall located in the educational building. All new converts and those placing membership in 2009 who live in Zone 4/5 are invited to attend. Please sign up on the list located in the foyer. Direct questions to Rodney Sawyer (770-907-2699) or Gwen Williams (404-767-7097). The deadline for sign up is July 5.

**Business Directory** – The Marketing Ministry is preparing the We Are One Business Directory. If you have a business or service you would like listed, see the sign up sheet in the foyer. You may email your information to Carla Williams (fjwill1@aol.com) or Roslyn Anderson (rozjabez0689@bellsouth.net). Please include your name, type of business or service, business name phone number, website address, and brief description of what you are offering.

**Married Couples Fellowship Picnic** – Following your regularly scheduled Zone meetings, on July 11 from 4-7 p.m., West End's Marriage Maintenance Ministry will host a Potluck Picnic Extravaganza at the home of Jeff and Gail Fletcher in Douglasville. This event is open to all married couples and their children. Orpheus Heyward will speak on the topic: "When 'Causing One Not to Stumble,' Has Gone Too Far.

**Monthly Birthday List** - The monthly birthday and anniversary list has been moved to West End's web site. Click the June Birthdays and Anniversaries link on the home page.

## YOUTH AND SINGLES

**Pathways to Math and Science** – The Youth in Action (YIA) youth ministry has plans underway for a spiritually-based Math and Science career program designed to highlight careers in these areas for our youth. Be watchful in the coming weeks for information and how to get your children involved. Direct questions to Larry Washington or David Bishop.

**Youth Rally at Moreland Ave.** – Mark your calendars for August 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Moreland Ave. CofC's Annual Youth Rally. The theme is "Youth Violence in Our Schools and Communities."

## AREA EVENTS

Attend the **Sims Avenue CofC Annual Homecoming** starting TODAY. The guest speaker is Martel Davis, minister of the Southside CofC in Chattanooga, TN. For those attending our 8 a.m. worship, you have time to attend Bible class at Sims Ave at 10 a.m. followed by 11 a.m. mid-morning worship. Lunch will be served at 12:45 p.m., and afternoon worship is at 2:30 p.m. There will be group singing at 3:15 p.m. The congregation is located at 1051 Sims Ave., NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. William Goolsby is the evangelist at Sims Ave.

The **National Crusade for Christ** will be held in Kansas City, Missouri June 28 - July 2. Canvassing throughout the city will take place during the day with services held nightly featuring Dr. Jack Evans, Sr. Visit [www.cofccrusade.org](http://www.cofccrusade.org) or call 773-723-8579 for registration and hotel information.

The **Cusseta Rd. CofC** in Columbus, GA hosts their **Gospel Meeting** beginning on September 27 (Sunday) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Eugene Lawton from the Newark CofC in Newark, New Jersey.

**Lectureship in New York Rescheduled** – The Harlem CofC and the Northeastern Lectureship Committee has been forced to reschedule the 28th Annual Northeastern Lectureship to now occur on September 5-8. The Apollo Theatre extends its sincere apology to all pre-registrants and individuals who were anticipating attending on the original dates of September 12-15. Visit [www.churchofchristinharlem.org](http://www.churchofchristinharlem.org) for details.

# TODAY

## Visitation with the Elderly

West End's Singles Ministry will be visiting the Arbor Terrace Assisted Living Facility located at 1001 Research Center in Atlanta (located in the same driveway access to the Home Depot at I-285 and Cascade Road. The group will assemble after Bible School classes.

## Evangelism Committee Meeting

The Evangelism Committee will meet today in the educational building after 10:45 a.m. services.

West End's Vacation Bible School will be held in July

## Children's Bible Hour Update

Children's Bible Hour will not be held effective immediately until further notice.

## Hush Little Baby

Visitors and members with infants and young children are asked to immediately take those ones that are talkative, crying, or otherwise irritated to the nursery located outside the auditorium. What may sound okay to you may be disturbing another's ability to worship properly. You may take them out at any time - even during times of congregational prayer if necessary. Thanks in advance for cooperating.

## HOUSEKEEPING

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**Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary.**  
**Thank you.**

## SICK & SHUT-IN

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

**Adam McGill's** father is very ill in a Chicago-area hospital. Adam and family are on their way to see him, and will return sometime later this week. Please keep the family in prayer. **Ronald James**, husband of **Jeannette James** is recovering from double bypass heart surgery. **Charlie Mae Gibbs** – 24 Paul St., Newnan, GA 30263 **Joyce Mapp** – Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1500 S. Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30319; 404-252-2002. **Junette Tibbs** is in South Fulton Medical Center, Room 4860. Contact her son and caregiver, Johnnie Holmes, with offers of assistance and prayer at 404-629-6563. **Annie McArthur** is home recuperating. 751 Fairburn Rd., SW #2212, Atl., GA 30331. 404-699-2939. **Larry Timberlake** is in hospice care at 5401 Old National Hwy., #2108, College Park, GA. 30349; 404-914-1083. **Ossie Porter** (mother of Bill Moore) – A.G. Rhodes Homes, 350 Boulevard, SE., A Wing, Room 102, Atl., GA 30312. **John White** – Reliable Health & Rehabilitation, 3301 Lakewood Ave., Room 115, Atl., GA 30310; 404-406-7427. **Jessie Davis** – Buckhead Health & Rehabilitation, 54 Peachtree Park Dr., NE, Room 407, Atl., GA 30309. **Carrie Lawson** – 450 Fairburn Rd, SW, #14, Atl., GA 30331. 404-696-2548. **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 Marrow** – 3060 Continental Colony Pkwy., Apt. 502, Atl., GA 30330. 404-344-9990. **Elizabeth Perkins** – 2748 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy., Apt. 121, Atl., GA 30318. 404-792-9115. **Elnora Bethel** – 3700 Potomac Dr., East Point, GA 30344. **Daneka Vickers**, daughter of Mack and Sandra Freeman. **Anreka Johnson**.