

From the Minister's Desk**Withdrawing Fellowship
from the Devil**

Orpheus Heyward

In the context of Ephesians 4, Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, provides moral instruction for the chosen people of God. After having informed them that they are a redeemed people (Eph. 1:7), he desires for them to behave as a redeemed people. This is clearly articulated in verse 17 where Paul emphatically says, "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth walk not as other gentiles in the vanity of their minds". The saints are encouraged to have a different walk because they are new creatures in Christ. However, in order to cease an immoral walk, you must withdraw fellowship from the devil. Paul admonishes the Christians in the region of Ephesus to stop giving place to the devil.

As we examine such a statement, it is important to understand the definition of place. The term "place" comes from a Greek term, which is "Topos". The word means to give one a position, or an opportunity. The way the Greek is constructed in this verse, it gives the idea of a previous practice that needs to stop. Therefore the indication is that these Christians were providing Satan with an opportunity to operate in their lives. Many times we as Christians provide Satan with an opportunity to work. As a result he is able to destroy relationships, churches, and families. Peter gave him place, and he mistreated gentile Christians. Judas gave him place, and he betrayed Jesus. The disciples collectively gave him place, and they all forsook him. If Christians are going to be progressive, then we must break fellowship with Satan. Peter said resist him, and he will flee. If we resist him, we will not gossip about one another, but rather encourage one another.

If we resist him, we will forgive one another. If we resist him, we will forbare one another. If we resist him, we can love one another. The leadership at West End admonishes you to join us in withdrawing fellowship from Satan. He may be a roaring lion, but we have the strength of the lion of the tribe of Judah. He may be the god of this world, but we have the God who created the World. He may have some power, but Jesus has all power. Hallelujah unto the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world!

Youth Retreat News**SIGN UP CLOSED**

The sign up period for the youth retreat is now closed. A full list of participants and chaperones will be published here next week. Mark your calendars for Sunday July 13 as there will be a mandatory youth retreat orientation/info meeting for all participants and their parents.

T-SHIRT CONTEST UPDATE

The three finalists for the youth retreat t-shirt design contest will be named later this month, followed by an announcement of the winner in early July.

CHAPERONES MEETING

All those parents and adults that have signed up to be chaperones for the Youth Retreat should plan to attend a chaperones meeting on Wednesday, June 25 in the brick annex building. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and will probably run into a portion of bible class. See David Bishop with any questions.

SPONSORSHIPS COMING IN!

Thanks to those who have so graciously provided full or partial youth retreat sponsorships. Additional donations 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).

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 Frazier (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.

There's Gonna Be a Wedding - Please join Radiah Mack and Wesley Allen for their wedding ceremony set for July 12, at 1 p.m. at West End. A private reception will be held afterwards at another location but everyone is invited to attend the wedding ceremony. For more information, contact La Tanya Harris at 404-484-7439.

The **Financial Stewardship Class** is underway and there is room for you. Classes are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon every other week. There is a sign up list in the rear foyer or contact Avery Pitts (404-328-9090).

Bus Trip – The Golden Voices are sponsoring a bus trip to the Johns Island CofC in Charleston, SC), July 12-13 for their Homecoming festivities. This is an overnight trip and the cost of the bus trip is \$40 per person. Hotel info is forthcoming. If you are interested, contact Robin Knox at 404-484-4528. The bus deposit is due by June 15.

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

YOUTH AND SINGLES

June Youth Outing: Sign Up Begins Today - Sunday, June 22 is the monthly youth outing to the Cusseta Road CofC in Columbus, GA for grades 5 through 12. This will be a one-day trip with a 7:30 a.m. departure time. Lunch will be provided for us by Cusseta Road, but all should have money for snacks and to provide a donation to them for providing food – perhaps \$5 each. We will return to West End during 6 p.m. worship service. Sign up on the list in the lower level of the educational building. See David Bishop with any questions.

AREA EVENTS

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.

Andrea Meadows
Beulah King
Betty Hayes

Sara Harris
Mackay Luther
The Tabetando Family

Rosa Okpara
Matthew Ledford

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

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.

**West End
Vacation Bible School
& Picnic**
JULY 7-12!

Baptisms

6/1 – James Welleano – Atlanta

Placed Membership

6/1 – Kimberli Stone – Atlanta

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)

Stewardship
Time | Talent | Treasure

Open a FREE Checking
Account and SunTrust Will
Donate \$100 to West End's
Building Fund

Call Juan Mena at SunTrust (404-629-2552) to learn how your time can translate into an automatic treasure for West End's building fund.

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

**Account(s) must be opened by
June 30**

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. Corene Woods – 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.