

What's Love Got to do With It?



Orpheus Heyward

This is a famous song by Tina Turner that we have all heard at one time or another. Certainly it has impacted the music industry in a major way. However, the question is relevant to the subject of salvation. What does love have to do with our salvation? Well, without God's love, there would be no salvation (John 3:16). Love was the motivating factor in the salvation experience. It was Jesus who said, "Greater love hath no man that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Love is the root of God's operation in our lives. This love is to be emulated one toward another. Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34). The term "one another" is a term of reciprocity, which indicates that the action should be performed by all parties involved. Therefore, the love that is practiced in the church should not be one-sided. It should be shared and experienced by all. In addition, love is the motivating factor in one's obedience to Christ. Christ said "if you love me keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

What does love have to do with it? It has everything to do with it. Do you love Him this morning, then obey His commandments. Do you love Him this morning, then sing with grace in your hearts. Do you love Him this morning, then give as you have purposed and prospered. Do you love Him this morning, then partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of his death.

Mandatory Youth Retreat Meeting Today

A mandatory meeting for all parents of youth, chaperones, and youth attending the youth retreat will be held following the 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 16 in the main building auditorium. Parents are required to provide copies of their health insurance card, payments or payment arrangements, and be prepared to complete health and permission forms. We will also preview photos of the camp facilities, go over rules, introduce chaperones and discuss transportation. The meeting will be approximately 40 minutes long. Those missing the meeting without providing prior notice may be excluded from participation. Parents, please make sure your children are in the meeting and not outside or in the foyer.

Congregational Canvassing This Saturday!

Please join the Evangelism Committee in our efforts to go out, once again, to share the unadulterated Gospel of Christ. On Saturday, July 22, thousands upon thousands of sincere individuals will be partaking in one of the nation's largest religious conferences here in Atlanta. Let's go out and put the Truth in their hands! So, grab your West End tote bag from one of our previous canvassing events and join us in our seed sowing effort.

■ WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO ■

Sister's Outing to New York Planned – Stephanie Combs is planning a sister's fellowship trip to New York from October 6-9 to see a play, fellowship and attend worship services. If you are interested in learning more, contact Stephanie at 770-478-3139 for more details. The time to start planning is now.

The **Exhale Prayer Service** is held every Friday from 7-8 p.m. at West End. Come sing songs, have prayer, and relieve your heart of the troubles of the week.

West End Ladies Retreat will be held August 18-19 at the Fieldstone Resort & Conference Center in Hiawasee, GA. Please sign the sign up sheet on the greeters table in the foyer.

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.

Prayer Ministry – A sheet is located on the rear table in the foyer for those wishing to write names of members who are in need of prayer. You may also forward your request to dhmor30331@yahoo.com or contact Doris Morgan at 404-346-1372. Those interested in working with this ministry should contact Sis Morgan.

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 ■

Continue Youth Retreat Payments – Everyone is urged to begin making youth retreat partial or full payments starting today. The cost is \$75 per person. General and sponsorships for specific should also begin now. Make checks payable to West End and put "Youth Retreat" in the memo. Give payments to David Bishop, Lisa Bishop, or Denise West. July 27-30 will be here before you know it, so plan your funds accordingly and in advance!

Fashion Show/Talent Show Sign Up – Youth Retreat participants wishing to showcase their spiritual talents in poetry, song, performances or group skits; and those wanting to be in the fashion show, please sign the list located in the foyer.

■ AREA EVENTS ■

Greentown Heights CofC, Manchester, GA, will have their **Annual Homecoming and Gospel Meeting** beginning today and nightly beginning Monday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. A song fest is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 16 at 3 p.m. at Manchester Middle School. The Sunday worship service will also take place at the school beginning at 11 a.m. Alvin Daniel of Delray, FL will be the guest speaker .

Camp Counselors Needed – The Atlanta Inner City Ministry has need of counselors (teens and adults,) a certified lifeguard, and a nurse for this year's Camp Wetoga trip to North Georgia, which take place July 24-28. If you have any questions, please call Bo Davenport or Rachel Ryan at 404-622-7931, aimbo@bellsouth.net or rachel.ryan@faulkner.edu.

Jefferson Avenue CofC in Cookeville, TN will host Outreach University August 4-6. Outreach University is an intense weekend of study on the subject of evangelism, specifically designed for high school students. The keynote speaker will be Lonnie Jones. A complete list of classes and teachers can be seen at www.outreachuniversity.net. The cost is \$30 per person and housing will be provided by local congregations. The deadline for registration is July 1.

The **Azalea Drive CofC** in Charleston, SC is hosting a **Songfest** on August 4-6. Call 843-744-1082 for details.

The **2007 Crusade for Christ** will be June 24-28, 2007 in Tampa, FL. The Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk, 800-325-3535 and the Wyndham Harbor Island Hotel 800-996-3426 will be providing accommodations for the event. For additional information contact Daniel Harrison (773-723-8579), John H. Dansby (318-221-8120,) or Harold J. Rodriguez (813-541-6523).

Bulletin Announcements

If you want an announcement in the Sunday bulletin, your information must be e-mailed by noon on Monday to announcements@thewestender.com. E-mailing is the preferred method. Written or telephoned announcements should be directed to Tawania Thigpen (678-363-6100), Cynthia Mitchell (770-322-1072) or David Bishop (770-306-7462). Please plan in advance so your information won't be left out.

Youth Retreat Theme
Be Strong
and Stand Up
EPHESIANS 6:10-11

Baptisms

7/9 **Tia R. Steele-Garnett**
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LilTeBone@aol.com

New Addresses

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Piedmont Road Highrise
3601 Piedmont Rd., NE, #905
Atlanta, GA 30305
404-869-9357

Elizabeth Mapp
Piedmont Road Highrise
3601 Piedmont Rd., NE, #705
Atlanta, GA 30305
404-848-9225

West End Centennial Anniversary DVD/Video

See Mike Wells (404-277-3430), Clark Brown (770-222-9550), or Helen Baker (404-349-5698) today to purchase this must-see souvenir historical documentary. The cost is \$10.

Prayer List

Opal Chase
Ruth Moneke
Phillip Folkes
Randolph McKinney
Doris H. Morgan
Betty Hayes
Christine Colley
Debra Harding
Anita Banks
Kevin and Joan Smith

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Willie Mae Morrow is in Crawford Long Hospital, Room 2115. 3060 Continental Colony Pkwy., Apt. 502, Atl., GA 30330. 404-344-9990. Elizabeth Perkins is also in Crawford Long, Room 5232. 1392 Maywood Rd., NW, # 31, Atl., GA 30331. 404-691-0268. – Buckhead Health & Rehab Center, Room 205, 54 Peachtree Park Dr., Atl., GA 30309. 770-997-6282. Carrie Henderson Jones – 1258 Windsor Pkwy. Atl., GA 30319. 404-255-1210. Elnora Bethel is home recuperating. 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. 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. Anreneka Johnson – 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.

BEREAVEMENTS

West End mourns the passing of Ellen Smith. She was funeralized here at West End on yesterday. Condolences may be sent to the family at 1302 Poplar Pointe Dr., College Park, GA 30349.

Former West Ender Belinda (Abrams) Harrison mourns the recent passing of her mother, Ms. Mary Abrams. Condolences may be sent to Belinda and Kenneth Harrison at 6579 Shepherd Oaks Rd., Lakeland, FL 33811.