

From the Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

# Set For the Defense of the Gospel

Philippians 1:17

These are the thought provoking words the apostle Paul recorded in the epistle written to the church at Philippi. While incarcerated for the cause of Christ, he speaks these words from a Roman prison to express his commitment to standing against all who would attack or reject the message of the cross. These words are exemplified in the ministry of Paul throughout all of his journeys. He fearlessly met the opposition, ferociously launched his scriptural arsenal against error, and refused to compromise the integrity of God's word.

We as Christians have been called to the same mentality, in which we must take our stand against all forms of error that undermine the word of God. We ought not be ashamed to tell the truth in the midst of a lying world. It is no secret that man continuously grows worse and worse in his moral degeneracy. It is no secret that religious confusion is at a peek, and continues to rise with the creation of new expressions of religion that do not fit the New Testament pattern. What shall the Christians do in the midst of all of this? We shall do what Paul consistently practiced, which is standing ready to defend the truth at any given moment.

This being the case, the child of God must ask him or herself certain questions. If faced with questions concerning my faith, am I able to give an answer? Can I explain the plan of salvation with clarity and simplicity? If called upon, could I articulate the identifying marks of the one true Church that is in the Bible? I want to suggest that it is time to take seriously your faith in Christ Jesus, and become equipped with ready answers to all those who may challenge your faith in Christ Jesus (1 Peter 3:15). You cannot be ready to give an answer if you do not know the answer. I want to encourage you to dedicate the remainder of this year to become a serious student of the Bible that we might turn the world upside down, and save souls to the glory of God. Now enjoy today's sermons. More than that, learn from what you hear in the sermons. Come now, and listen to a word from the Lord.

## Mandatory Youth Retreat Parents/Youth Meeting July 8

A meeting for all those planning to attend the Youth Retreat will be held NEXT SUNDAY (July 8) following the 10:45 worship service. If you are planning to send your children to the retreat, your attendance is specifically required. The meeting will be held in the main building auditorium. Have your payments or payment arrangements ready. If your child's name is on the participant's list, you and your children should attend the meeting. Families not represented or no-shows may jepordize their ability to participate. See David Bishop with any questions.

## 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.



## P R A Y E R   L I S T

Mozella Burton	Jerome & Vanessa	Tiffany Perkins	Betty Hayes
Melissa Clements	Hodge	Loria Jackson	
Bagby Family	Brad Harris	Consuelo Jackson	
Adria Morgan	Cathy Harris	Tra' Cleri Jackson	

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. 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

**The Training & Development Committee** will meet in the educational building TODAY after 10:45 service. Registration is still open for the Financial Empowerment workshops. Please sign up in the foyer or contact Avery Pitts or Reggie Rowell with any questions.

There will be a **New Converts/New Members Retention** meeting TODAY in the red brick building immediately after 10:45 AM service. All those who desire to mentor to new converts and members are welcome to attend and assist in this great work for the church.

**Zone 4 Meeting** – Zone 4 will be hold its July meeting on July 14 at the home of James and Cassandra Arnold starting at 10 a.m. Contact James and Cassandra for menu items. We will also be canvassing the neighborhood near the Arnold's prior to the meeting and follow up with a fellowship meal. All zone 4 members are invited to attend. Pick up a zone manual from the greeter's table to see the areas that include Zone 4. Directions and will be available by this eveing's service or earlier.

### WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

**West End Vacation Bible School** – All are requested to participate in West End's Annual Vacation Bible School July 9-12. 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. The guest instructor for the adults class is Cedric Thomas from the Flatlands Church of Christ, Brooklyn, NY.

**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.

All ladies, young women, growing girls and “seasoned” saints are invited to attend the Monthly Ladies Fellowship Breakfast THIS SATURDAY at Paschal's Restaurant at Castleberry Hill, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The food is great and the fellowship is even better! Make plans to attend and consider treating a friend. Direct any questions to Sierra Grigsby (678-469-5208) or Keshia Clinkscale (678-521-5484).

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.

**Marriage Retreat** – All married couples – whether you have taken the Marriage Enrichment Course or not – are invited to sign up for and attend the upcoming Marriage Retreat August 23-26 at the Winshape Retreat Conference Center in Mt. Berry, GA. Contact Robert and Stella Wilson at 404-766-0774 with any questions and to sign up or visit [www.MarriagesMadeStronger.com](http://www.MarriagesMadeStronger.com).

**West End's Ladies Retreat** – West End's Ladies Retreat is in Hiawasse, 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.

### YOUTH AND SINGLES

**Youth Retreat Sign-Up Ends on July 8** – 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. *The deadline to sign up is next Sunday!*

**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.

■ AREA EVENTS ■

**A Gospel Meeting/Revival** will be held at the **CofC at Bouldercrest**, July 22-25 (Sun-Wed). The guest speaker is Jerry Houston, minister of the East Henrietta Rd. CofC in Rochester, New York.

## YOUTH RETREAT PARTICIPANTS

The following youth have signed up for the July 26-29 Youth Retreat at the YMCA Hargis Retreat in Chelsea, AL.

Kurtis East Parys Grigsby Khaliya Ross Jabari Hardy Kizmet Witherspoon Amaris Clements Curtis Hayes Termon Brown Blake Mitchell Amari Clements Gordon Glover Todd Small Joy Mitchell Ryan Clements* Taylor Flewellen Kyle Flewellen Audrey Flewellen	Jordan Williams Brianna Smith Tiana Smith Jalen Smith* Markeita Jackson Karleigh Sledge Shemika Sledge Meyisha Sledge Freddie Sledge DeAna Wallace Tremise Ward Jonathan Bishop Larisa Bishop Alkita Jackson Stasha Martin Zachery Anderson Sariah Lomax	Marion Carswell Stephon Combs Stephen Brown Dracilia Smith Emmanuel King Justin Jester Darius Glover Kendall Glover Tyria Horton Parys Middleton Dezsjon Harrold Nakeem Middleton Victoria Glover Joirdin Cooper Diandre Brown Jacoby Williams Kris Williams	Monique Jackson Frederick Hall Aria Alexander Karon Moore Briana Wilburn Devon Daniels Dejae Daniels Raven Bates Carmen Williams Yvannie Earlington Mahalia Earlington Melanie Earlington Brianna Hall Davyon Johnson Divinity Johnson Shon Johnson Trey Johnson
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### Baptisms

6/24 - **Kalina M. Harrison**  
 396 Brownlee Rd., A-11  
 Atlanta, GA 30311  
 404-691-3603  
 DOB: 10/02/90

### 6/24 - Avis Pratcher

P.O. Box 724392  
 Atlanta, GA 31139  
 678-908-7138  
 DOB: 4/22/62  
 pratcher424@charter.net

### Placed Membership

**Rodney & Pam Jackson**  
 5271 West Fayetteville Rd., G-5  
 College Park, GA 30349  
 678-914-4539

6/24 - **Rashida Smith**  
 1502 River Lane, Atlanta, GA

### New Address:

**Keesha Chapman & son, Michael Spanks, Jr.**  
 7340 Yountville Dr., Apt. 303  
 Gainesville, VA 20155  
 703-743-9467 (hm), 571-247-2335 (mob)

## 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 Dr., 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. Anreneka Johnson.

## BEREAVEMENT

Kate Hendrix mourns the loss of her granddaughter. Irene Thrash mourns the loss of her sister.