

How A Local Church Edifies

One of the greatest ways that a local church has the power to build up and strengthen itself is by assembling together to worship our Lord. There are two great reasons why we assemble together. The first is obvious and must be our primary focus: to worship God. We must come together in an effort that is not selfish, but to bring praise, honor, and devotion to our great Lord. But while we are accomplishing this purpose, our second reason why we are assembling together is also accomplished—that is the strengthening and building up of one another. We are being built up and strengthened when we sing songs together with words that our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. When we can sing songs about turning to our Savior, about our assurance of forgiveness of sins and a home with God.

We may wonder why we have Bible studies on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. We may wonder why there is an assembling together again on Sunday night, even though we have already been here on Sunday morning. One of the purposes is edification, that strengthening that each of us needs to hold fast to the Lord. This is the purpose of my lessons, so that we can be equipped and strengthened to be of service to the Lord. I believe this is the point Paul was making in 1 Corinthians 14:26 that all things were to be done for edification. What we do needs to concentrate not only on our great Lord, but needs to be done in such a way so that we are all strengthened and built up.

This places a heavy weight upon all of us who participate in the services. It is not just a matter of leading a song simply because that is what we do. It is praise to God and needs to be done in a way that we as singers are built up and the words that we are saying are building us up. When we pray, it is not just a matter of spending a minute or two saying some words because that is what God wants. This is our opportunity to pray for one another. When the talk is given for the Lord's supper, it is not just saying some words that we think God wants to hear. We are glorifying the work he has done and building each of us up to focus and dedicate ourselves as a reminder each week for what the Savior has done. A sermon is not a thirty minute time filler so that we can have an hour of services. It is not to be an entertainment program or a comedic act at the Improv. This is to be words of truth that will strengthen us so that we can be better servants. We must all place great time and effort into making sure that what we are doing is going to edify those who are participating. "Let all things be done for edification."

Which all the more shows why we need to be here as much as possible. This exhorting and edification can only take place when we are assembling together as Hebrews 10:25 tells us. When we would rather sleep in than make it to bible studies, when we would rather watch television than assemble together, then the work of edification in your life and in mine is being hindered. It is important for us to desire to take advantage of the opportunities to assemble together. -- copied

Bible School Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, August 26, the Education Committee will host an Ice Cream Social to be held after bible study. Join us as we work on enhancing our Bible School program and promote greater awareness and participation. The specific date for our Bible School classes changeover will be announced soon. See Anderson Flewellen with any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Teacher's Training Workshop Set for August 17

The Education Committee will host a Teacher's Training Workshop on Thursday, August 17 at 6 p.m. to introduce a new curriculum - Lads to Leaders. All current teachers of college classes and below, as well as, those interested in teaching this exciting and very effective curriculum, are encouraged to attend. Parents who desire an enhanced spiritual education for their children are also encouraged to attend. The plan is to have several teachers and parents to commit to teaching only a few hours a month on a rotating basis. Please see Anderson Flewellen or Sharon Burgess for more information.

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

T *The **Training and Development Committee** will be meeting today after 10:45 a.m. service in the brick annex. The meeting will begin promptly at 1 p.m. New members are welcomed.*

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

Tim and Tara Stockdale (members at the Bouldercrest Church of Christ) are looking for **part-time childcare** for their two-month old twins (Monday-Friday afternoons) in their home. For more information, please contact Tara Stockdale at 770-819-1263.

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, David Logan, or Dorothy Reed for more information.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

You can still provide **much needed full or partial sponsorships** for West End's youth retreat participants. The cost is \$75 per person. General and specific sponsorships should be made payable to West End and put "Youth Retreat" in the memo. Give payments to David Bishop, Lisa Bishop, or Denise West. Thanks in advance!

Flashlight and Batteries at Youth Retreat - All youth retreat participants are reminded to bring a flashlight and fully-charged batteries for night walks.

AREA EVENTS

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

Bouldercrest CofC cordially invites ladies to their **Ladies' Inspiration Day** on August 5 at 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The ladies of the **Callahan St. CofC** in Rome, GA cordially ladies to attend their 8th Annual **Ladies Day** on Saturday, August 12 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Liberty City CofC in Savannah, GA will host a **Revival/Gospel Meeting** July 29 – August 4.

See the bulletin board in the foyer for more details on these events and others.

Atlanta Sound Doctrine Lectureship

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SEPTEMBER 2-7, 2006

See bulletin board or web site
for specific schedule, speakers
and registration information.

ACAPPELLA CONCERT WORSHIP DAY & EVENING SESSIONS FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST PANTY ITEMS

The requested food item for Sunday, August 6 is **chunky canned soup** and/or **canned ravioli**. Please place these items in the blue barrels located in the foyer of the main building and in the educational building downstairs next to the kitchen. Direct questions to Gregory Scruggs.

Youth Retreat Theme Be Strong and Stand Up

EPHESIANS 6:10-11

Baptisms

7/18 **Carrie M. Roundtree**
1286 Sells Ave., SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
678-499-0653 DOB: 7/23/50

7/18 **Tiara Roundtree**
1286 Sells Ave., SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
678-499-0653 DOB: 10/21/90

7/19 **Kimberly J. Simpson**
3002 Calibre Creek Parkway
Roswell, GA
770-317-2509 DOB: 11/8/72
Kimsimpson1@yahoo.com

Prayer List

Tammer Nixon
Lee Runnels and family
Lorie Moore
Angela Dillard
Sheila Avery
Terry Brown
Sheila Arrington
Brooker family
Verlence Hunter
Kevin and Joan Smith
Flora Dansby
Bertha Lee
Isabell Mitchell

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. Anrenea Johnson – 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.

BEREAVEMENTS

The family of Mary McKinney and Esther Brown mourn the loss of their brother and son Kenneth Brown, respectively. Send condolences to the family at 733 Pegg Rd., Atlanta, GA 30315.