

From the Minister's Desk



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Four Types of Worship

As we strive to please God, it is important to understand that the New Testament highlights four different types of worship. The kind of worship rendered to God matters to God. Even when you read of the first instance of worship in Genesis 4:1-8 concerning Cain and Abel, we find that God does not accept all worship. What are the categories? There is vain worship, will worship, ignorant worship, and true worship. Every person that worships God falls into one of these categories.

Jesus mentions vain worship in Matthew 15:9. Vain worship literally means that the worship is empty of divine significance. The Pharisees in the days of Jesus would often make their worship vain by conforming it to the doctrines of men. Whenever you exchange the word of God for the traditions of men, otherwise known as the doctrines of men, the worship becomes vain. The question becomes, "is your worship vain?" Do you worship in a way that is not in harmony with the New Testament revelation?

There is also ignorant worship which the Apostle Paul highlights to the audience at Mars Hill in Acts 17:22. Ignorant worship is when you do not know who you are worshipping, or not knowing the way you ought to worship. There are many people in the world who do not know who to worship, nor do they know how to worship. It is absolutely essential to know that only God is to be worshipped. It is equally important to understand how to worship the only true God.

Furthermore, there is will worship. Will worship is when one worships according to what they desire, while ignoring what God desires. Worship is never according to the desires of the worshipper. Worship is always according to the desires of the one worshipped. God sets the pattern of how He is to be worshipped. The concept of will worship is found in Colossians 2:23, which Paul emphatically condemns.

Last, but not least, there is true worship. This is the worship that Jesus demands in John 4:24 looking forward to the Christian Dispensation. The word "true" in the Greek text translates "reality". Therefore worship is according to the reality that Jesus would reveal through his apostles. As a matter of fact, Jesus uses the term "true" in contrast to the Old Testament worship which was a system of shadows that prefigured something to come (Col. 2:17, Heb. 10:1). True worship is the reality of the Old Testament shadows, which is revealed in the New Testament. Therefore, the worship God desires is that which is in harmony with New Testament revelation. In which category do you fit this Lord's Day?

Youth Retreat Return Today

All parents, please be here between during the 4 p.m. hour to pick up your children as they return from the Youth Retreat. Contact David Bishop (678-643-7306) sometime after 3:30 p.m. if you'd like for an update on our return.

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.

Betty Hayes
Ossie Porter
Corene Woods
Tammer Nixon
Mary Phillips
The Flucas Family
Lee Runnels and Family
Judith Timberlake

Thomas and Opal Chase
The Ford Family
The Tinsley Family
Moses Hall
Ruth Moneke
Gunther Burnside
Aria Alexander
The Bagby Family

Mark Snell
Kate Hendrix
Joshua Hensley
Octavis Royals and Family
Alonzo McWilliams, Sr.

Bible School Teachers Meeting Today

There will be a brief Bible School Teachers Meeting for all adult and youth teachers following the 10:45 a.m. worship service today. Robert Wilson, elder of the Education Ministry, will conduct the meeting. Please make plans to be in attendance, especially those that do not normally worship at the 10:45 service.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

Baptismal Certificates – If you were recently baptized and have not received your Baptismal Certificate, please see Sony Heyward.

All ladies, young women, growing girls and “seasoned” saints are invited to attend the **Monthly Ladies Fellowship Breakfast** this on Saturday at Paschal’s Restaurant at Castleberry Hill from 9 to 11 a.m. Take the time and make the effort to get better acquainted with your fellow sisters in Christ. Direct any questions to Sierra Grigsby or Keshia Clinkscale.

Quiet and 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.

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

SENIORS

The **2008 Senior Fishing Trip** to Lake Eufaula, AL is set for Saturday, August 23. More details coming soon. See Adam McGill or Verlence Hunter to sign up.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Youth chorus practice is TODAY at 3 p.m – The next West End Youth Chorus practice is today from 3-5 p.m. in the upper level of the educational building. Please be on time this afternoon. See David Bishop or La Tanya Harris with any questions.

Sleepover Fellowship – Girls ages 10 to 15 are invited out for a sleepover at the home of Gayron Johnson, on Friday, July 18. Please see Twanda Bates or Gayron Johnson for details.

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).

All ladies are invited to attend **Ladies’ Day** at the **Schaffer Road CofC** in Marietta, GA Saturday, July 26. The theme is “Choosing Worthy Shoes” with guest speaker Reba Okolo. This event starts at 8 a.m. with breakfast and lunch afterwards. Call 770-437-9047, or email yafjackson@bellsouth.net.

The Better Late Than Never School Supplies Drive

With school having started for some and starting in the next two weeks for everyone, West Enders are asked to purchase and donate school supplies starting this evening. Items most needed are backpacks, pens, pencils, spiral 3- and 5-subject notebooks, lunch boxes, loose leaf paper, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, composition notebooks, 3 x 5 index cards in small packs, hand-held pencil sharpeners, scotch tape, childrens scissors, and colored thin markers. Drop these items in the receptacle in the foyer. This drive will last for the next two weeks only. Parents and youth please see David Bishop with a written list of what you need for distribution. Please take nothing from the receptacle yourselves.

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.

Baptisms

7/15 - **Jessica A. Bryant**
Atlanta

7/20 - **Khaliya Ross** (Youth)
Decatur

7/20 - **Devin Daniels** (Youth)
Austell

7/22 - **Oscar Brown**
Stone Mountain

New Address

David & Tammie Williams
115 Ellens Ridge
Fairburn, GA 30213
770-703-7188

August Youth Activities

August 17

Youth Day at Moreland Avenue

August 24

Junior High Girls Class
Service Project

August 31

5-12 Grade Youth Outing to the
Snellville Church of Christ

August 31

Youth Devotional at 4 p.m. for entire
congregation

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Ossie Porter (mother of Bill Moore) - A.G. Rhodes Homes, 350 Boulevard, SE., A Wing, Room 102, Atlanta, GA 30312. Danny Miller, husband of Carol Head Miller, former West Ender, is in critical but stable condition at a hospital in Charleston, SC. Please send cards to 7947 Elderberry Circle, North Charleston, SC 29418. Linda Poole (sister of Margie Brooks) is in Briarcliff Nursing Home. Willie Babino - 717 Tomahawk Pl., Austell, GA. 30168. 770-726-9299. 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, Garden Wing, Room 11, Atl., GA 30312. 404-688-6731. Jessie Davis - Buckhead Health & Rehabilitation, 54 Peachtree Park Dr., NE, Room 407 (new room #), Atl., GA 30309. Viola Santos (new convert) - Alpharetta, GA. 404-484-7863. Viola Tookes - 396 Thaxton Dr., Atl., GA 30315. 404-627-9360. 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 - 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. Annie McArthur - 751 Fairburn Rd., SW #2212, Atl., GA, 30331. 404-699-2939. Anrenea Johnson.