

From the Assistant Minister's Desk



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God's Power to Save the Sinner

God is an omnipotent God. He is all-powerful. He demonstrated his power in creation. Only God could call forth something out of nothing. Only God could cause nowhere to become somewhere.

This is because God is an all-powerful God. In his omnipotence, he was able to split the Red Sea as Israel walked forward on dry land. He was able to cause water to come forth from a rock, and rain manna from heaven above. He was able, in the person of Jesus, to arrest the law of gravity, and walked upon the surface of the water. He changed water into wine at a wedding, and fed five thousand in Galilee. God is a powerful God, who manifests power in a plethora of ways. However, when it comes to salvation, the power that God uses is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul said that God saves through the power of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16). Let us take a look at this text to understand the dynamics of the Gospel. According to this text, the nature of the gospel is "power." This word power is from a Greek term, from which we receive our English word dynamite. Paul describes the Gospel as being explosive in nature. In addition, the source of the Gospel is God. This is why Paul said "it is the power of God." The gospel is from God. Therefore, God is the source from which it is derived. Furthermore, its purpose is salvation. This explains Paul's statement that it is "unto salvation." Besides this, the scope of the gospel is everyone. God's desire is for everyone to be saved (1 Tim. 2:3-4). This explains Paul's statement in the examined text, "to everyone." Paul extends his thought further by providing us with the requirement of the Gospel. The requirement is belief. This is not merely a mental exercise, but a faith that obeys what God commands (Romans 1:5, 16:25-26). This thought is present in the text when Paul says, "To everyone that believeth." God's power to save the sinner is the Gospel. God is the source. Salvation is the purpose. It is extended to everyone. The requirement is belief. Thank God for the Gospel, which is able to save! The question is have you been saved? Has your faith been obedient? Have you experienced God's power to save through the Gospel? If you want to be saved, today is your day. Listen to the message as the preacher tells you how you can be saved.

MANDATORY YOUTH RETREAT CHAPERONES MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a 90-minute mandatory Youth Retreat chaperones meeting on next Sunday (July 9) starting at 12:45 p.m. in the brick annex. All listed chaperones are urged to get lunch nearby and have it with you at the meeting.

Elders/Deacons Meeting
today at 4 p.m.

Mandatory Youth Retreat Meeting July 16

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.

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE NEWS

The **New Convert Retention Committee** is sponsoring a dinner in honor for all of our new converts who were baptized since January 2006. This dinner is for West End to individually introduce themselves and encourage their new brothers and sisters through fellowship. Although this is a dinner specifically for the new converts and their immediate family members, all are certainly invited to stop by and greet them on your way home. The event will be held on July 9 in the Fellowship Hall in the educational building. Please stop by to officially welcome them to the one true church and to the West End congregation.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

The next **Exhale Prayer Service** will be held this 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

A revised **youth retreat participants/chaperones list** is posted in the foyer and on West End's web site.

Start 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

Support Southwestern Christian College – All are invited to "A Matinee and a Meal" on Saturday, July 15. This event includes tickets for the play, "Rejoice", at the Woodruff Arts Center in conjunction with the National Black Arts Festival and Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company, as well as a fellowship meal at the Greenbriar CofC. The play will be at 2:30 p.m. with the meal following. Tickets are \$27 with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Atlanta Area SwCC Alumni Association. Payment is due TODAY. See Keith Daniels (404-444-5116) or Jeanette James (404-392-0017) for more information.

Greentown Heights CofC, Manchester, GA, will have their **Annual Homecoming and Gospel Meeting** beginning Sunday, July 16 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.



July Calendar Now Available
Don't forget to pick up a copy of the July church calendar from the foyer.

Baptisms

- 6/25 - **Eric Barnes**
1228 Simpson Rd., Atlanta, GA 30315
404-909-6460 D.O.B. 12-18-68
- 6/25 - **Tykiesha L. White**
1277 Greenwich St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30310
404-622-4311 D.O.B. 6-25-83
whitetykiesha@yahoo.com
- 6/25 - **Mack Harrison**
308 Bald Eagle Dr., McDonough, GA 30253
770-320-9069
- 6/23 - **Natasha N. Johnson**
2657 Lenox Road #108, Atlanta, GA 30224
404-841-8642 D.O.B. 10-12-73
email: ejohns@emory.edu

- Prayer List**
- Opal Chase
 - Ruth Moneke
 - Phillip Folkes
 - Randolph McKinney
 - Doris H. Morgan
 - Betty Hayes
 - Christine Colley
 - Debra Harding
 - Ellen Smith
 - 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. Anrenea Johnson – 2025 Highpoint Trail, Atl., GA 30331. 404-344-1010.

BEREAVMENTS

West End mourns the recent passing of Doris Griggs. She was funeral here at West End this past Friday.