

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.

Attention All Youth Retreat Parents

Your children are scheduled to return from the Youth Retreat today before the end of 10:45 worship services. Please remain at the building to pick up your children upon our arrival. Call David Bishop at 678-643-7306 after 10:45 services if you wish to know our arrival status.

Sermons Online

Visit West End's website. We are beta testing sermons online that you can play on your computer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS**Teachers' Training Workshop Set for August 17**

The Education Committee will host a Teachers' 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.

■ 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 sisters' 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 – 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 Johnnie Stephens at 404-243-1139 or Esther Brown at 404-696-3941. 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.

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.

■ AREA EVENTS ■

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 from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

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 at 773-723-8579; John H. Dansby at 318-221-8120; or Harold J. Rodriguez at 813-541-6523.

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

AUGUST PANTRY 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.

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 (678-270-8992), Cynthia Mitchell (770-322-1072) or David Bishop (770-306-7462). Please plan in advance so your information won't be left out.

Atlanta Sound Doctrine Lectureship



SEPTEMBER 2-7, 2006

See bulletin board or web site for specific schedule and other information.

ACAPPELLA CONCERT WORSHIP DAY & EVENING SESSIONS FELLOWSHIP

Registration: \$45 per family
Includes souvenir booklet and an audio copy of all lectureship sessions.

SEPTEMBER 2

The Atlanta Acappella Gospel Fest
at West End Church of Christ, 6 pm

SCHEDULED TO PERFORM:

- Southside Singers (Rogersville, AL)
- Committed Acappella Chorus
- Chris Turner

SEPTEMBER 3-7

Scheduled Speakers

W.F. Washington
Jamel Hamilton
Leroy Butler
Cedric Thomas
Stafford North
Jerry Houston
Lloyd Harris
Peter Martin

Cornelius Heyward
Michael Crusoe
Eugene Lawton
Gerald McGill
Jack Evans, Jr.
Samuel Pounds
R.C. Wells

Baptisms

7/23 - **Grady Moore Jr.**
2278 G-Dunwoody Crossing
Atlanta, GA 30338
770-455-9415 DOB: 2/27/46
Gmoorj@yahoo.com

7/23 - **Anwon Willis**
1093 West Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30315
404-840-7999 DOB: 3/31/84

Prayer List

The Gayton family
William Lee
Alicia Green
Thomas & Opal Chase
Betty Hayes
Doris Morgan
Tammer Nixon
The Runnels family
Lorie Moore
Angela Dillard
Sheila Avery

Terry Brown
Sheila Arrington
The Brooker family
Verlence Hunter
Kevin & Joan Smith
Flora Dansby
Bertha Lee
Kasey Price
Melanie Patak
Kelly Patak
Doyle Fitzpatrick

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.