

From the Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

God's Desire for a Purpose-Driven Church

God has always desired the church to be purpose driven. To be purpose driven is but to imitate the God we serve. Throughout scripture God is presented to us as a God of purpose. God purposed a people in Christ before the foundation of the world. He purposed our salvation before the foundation of the world. He purposed our ultimate arrival in heaven before the foundation of the world. God is a God of purpose. If God does a thing, it is because it was carefully planned. Therefore, the body of Christ needs to be an institution of purpose.

We as a congregation of people must consistently be aware of the purpose God has placed in our possession, which is to bring everybody into the same body by the gospel of Christ (Ephesians 3:6). This being the case, every decision made by the leaders of a particular congregation should be centered on this purpose and how we can most effectively maximize our impact. The implementation or lack of implementation of a decision, program, or ministry should be determined by whether or not it fits the biblical purpose.

The thing that can hinder being purpose-driven is a self-centered attitude that only considers one's own comfort. Christianity has never been about our comfort. It is always about God's purpose. There were numerous times in scripture where the church had to sacrifice its own comfort in order to maximize purpose. If Israel only considered their own comfort, they would not have made it to Canaan. If Nehemiah had considered his own comfort, the walls of Jerusalem would never have been rebuilt. If the three Hebrew boys would have considered their own comfort they would have bowed down to Nebuchadnezzar's idol. A godly purpose removes the attention from us and places it on God.

Let us deny ourselves and focus on the purpose of God that His will is ultimately accomplished through us as we proclaim the unadulterated gospel of Christ without fear or favor.

Congregational Meeting Today

There will be Quarterly Congregational Meeting TODAY following 10 a.m. services in order to update everyone on our efforts where we communicated our short- and long-term goals. Make plans to be in attendance.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.	No 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship Services, O. Heyward, Speaker
Approx. 11:15 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, O. Heyward, Speaker

MINISTRY / COMMITTEE / ZONES NEWS

The Training & Development Committee is starting a zone mentoring program for adult men and women (ages 18 and up). The goal of this program is to help facilitate the training, guidance, and spiritual advice mentioned in Titus 2:4-8. Through this initiative older women can teach the younger women and older men can teach the younger men by building personal relationships with each other outside of the church building. If you are interested, please fill out the form and place it in the box in the foyer. Mentors/Mentees will be assigned in early September. We also need two people in each zone to serve as zone mentor program leads. Please let Mike Wells or Reggie Rowell know if you are interested in serving as a lead for your zone.

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, EstherBrown at 404-696-3941, Angela Dillard (midnit626@yahoo.com), or Nettie Fanning at 404-696-9104. 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.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

Annual Health Fair Preparation - All healthcare, wellness, and fitness professionals interested in participating in the 2007 Health Fair on September 29, should sign up in the foyer or contact Robin Knox (404-484-4528) or Michael Wells (404-277-3430).

Sorry, No Change – 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.

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 **East Broad St. CofC** in Athens begins a Gospel Meeting today through Thursday concluding with a marriage seminar on Friday. Nightly services and the seminar begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Ladies of **Southside CofC** in Valdosta, GA invite all to their **Ladies' Day** on Saturday, August 18 at 8 a.m. Billie Hill and Tonya Pointer will speak on the theme "Roses Among Thorns".

The **Hillcrest CofC** will host the **2007 Evangelism Seminar & Gospel Meeting** beginning August 25. An intensive training seminar will begin at 9 am on August 25. Worship will be at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on August 26. Charlie McClendon from Northside CofC, Jacksonville, FL will be the guest speaker August 27-29.

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Help the lost souls you know find the Truth

Take part in West End's Congregational Canvassing and Letter Writing Campaign. Pick up a flyer from the table in the foyer, and fill it out with the names and addresses of up to 10 of your friends, family members and/or co-workers that you'd like to invite to our Fall Gospel Meeting. A paperless form is also available to fill out electronically on West End's web site. Start turning in those names TODAY!

PRAYER LIST

H. Jean Gray
Beulah King
Stella Wilson

Nizalean Dyre
Hattie Roberts
Bill Moore

Betty Hayes
Corine Wood
Opal Chase

Doris Morgan
Angela Dillard

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. You can also contact Angela Dillard at midnit626@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.

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

8-5 **Janice A. Dillard**
5280 Peachtree Ind. Blvd.
Suite 310
Chamblee, GA 30341
678-805-3400 ext. 310
DOB: 8/29/55

Placed Membership

8-5 **Angela Boyd**
3492 Highway 5, Apt. 103
Douglasville, GA 30135
770-942-8086

New Phone Number
Ronald and Sheila Arrington
404-259-0958

Reminder

The Second Annual Leadership Retreat is
October 19-20 at Stone Mountain Park for
all elders and deacons.

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Anita Banks has been released from Grady Hospital and is at home recovering. Elizabeth Perkins is in Crawford Long Hospital, Room 5229. Thomas Chase is in Grady Hospital, Room 6B, 44 Bed 2 as he recovers from recent major surgery. 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

Bill Moore (husband) and Ritzy Stover (daughter) and families mourn the passing of West Ender, Lorie Moore. Sis. Moore was funeralized here last Friday at 12 noon. Condolences to Bill Moore at 388 Poplar Chase Ct., Ellenwood, GA 30294, and to Ritzy Stover at 311 Trenton Cir., Ellenwood, GA 30236.