

From the Minister's Desk



Orpheus Heyward

# Let's Get Down To Kingdom Business

**W**e as children of God are citizens of the Kingdom of God. Not too long ago, I preached that the Kingdom has come, and was established on the day of Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ. That Kingdom is the church that Jesus promised to build. This being the case, we must learn how to conduct and execute Kingdom business. In fact, if we are citizens of the Kingdom, then we must place as a priority in our lives the business of the Kingdom. Jesus had articulated some time ago to the disciples, "seek first the Kingdom of God and all his righteousness: and all these shall be added unto you". The text indicates that the Kingdom was a priority, in which the disciples were to avoid worldly distractions that would deter their minds from the kingdom of God.

The Kingdom is still a priority in that the church must be about Kingdom business. God expects His children to conduct His business on earth until the return of His Son, Jesus Christ. What is Kingdom business? Kingdom business is that which pertains to the mission of the Kingdom and the expected conduct in the Kingdom. What is the mission? The mission is to expand the King's territory. We are to work with God to expand His rule over the hearts of men throughout the world through the spreading of the King's message. It is no wonder that Jesus said, "go preach the gospel". The King's message must be spread. When individuals accept the message, it is at that point that the Kingdom is expanding.

In addition, Kingdom business includes understanding the expectations of the citizens of the Kingdom. How does God expect us to behave as citizens in His Kingdom? We as Christians must be mindful of our conduct in the Kingdom. Our misconduct can hinder our success in carrying out the mission. Therefore, if we get our conduct right among ourselves, it will promote a more effective execution of our mission to increase God's territory. Come with me now that we might get a word from the King so we can get down to Kingdom business.

## In case you missed it . . .

There was a congregational meeting last Sunday where the elders communicated West End's plans to construct a new church building on Butner Road located off of Camp Creek Parkway. A model of the new structure is located in the foyer along with a detailed floor plan and color rendering of the building exterior. Be alert for communications regarding a capital fundraising campaign as we move forward collectively in growing the work of the Lord. See any of the elders for information.

### P R A Y E R L I S T

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| Terrell & Niki Hodge<br>Jerome & Vanessa Hodge<br>Linda Hodge<br>Terri Almond | Susan Hodge & Family<br>Tony Bennett & Family<br>Shomari Mack<br>Ayana Mack<br>Betty Hayes | Beulah King<br>Stella Wilson<br>Hattie Roberts<br>Bill Moore & Family<br>Corine Wood | Opal Chase<br>Angela Dillard<br>Nizalean Dyre |
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**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](mailto:dhmor30331@yahoo.com). You can also contact Angela Dillard at [midnit626@yahoo.com](mailto: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.**

# September Family & Youth Devotional Next Sunday @ 4 p.m.

## SPECIAL EARLY DATE

The September Family & Youth Devotional will be held next Sunday, September 2 at 4 p.m. in the main building auditorium. The theme for this month is *Back to School and Staying with God*. Your entire family should plan now to attend and be prepared to participate with either your family or with a family you “put together” that afternoon. The family unit (in its many various forms) and school success for the 2007-08 year is the focus. Parents and children are encouraged to be on hand for the unique activities in store. We need to “pack the house” on September 2. Direct questions to David Bishop.

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### WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

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**West End's Next Marriage Enrichment Class Forming Now** - The next Dynamic Marriages class will begin on Monday, September 17, 2007. The class is held on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at West End, and will run for eight weeks. Over 100 married and engaged West Enders and others have enriched their marriages through this course led by Robert and Stella Wilson. Sign up now by seeing Robert (rewisfast@aol.com) and Stella (y2kstella@hotmail.com), or by calling them at 404-766-0774. You can also register online at [www.marriagesmadestronger.com](http://www.marriagesmadestronger.com). Register now as space is limited.

**Ladies' Breakfast** - All ladies, young women, growing girls and “seasoned” saints are invited to attend the Monthly Ladies Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, September 1 at Paschal's Restaurant @ Castleberry Hill, 9 -11 am. Take the time and make the effort to get better acquainted with your fellow sisters in Christ. The food is great but the fellowship is even better! Direct any questions to Sierra Grigsby or Kesha Clinkscale.

The next **Financial Empowerment Class on Budgeting** will be held September 1 not August 25 as originally stated. Interested members are reminded to fill out and turn in forms for the West End Mentoring program that were made available in last Sunday's bulletin. Members interested in participating in the upcoming health fair should 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](http://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.

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### AREA EVENTS

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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.

The **3rd Annual Teachers' Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, August 25 sponsored by the **CofC at Bouldercrest**. Registration is from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and breakfast will be served until 8:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact the Bouldercrest at 404-622-4212.

## Last Day to Submit Names for Letter Writing Campaign

To date, 764 names and addresses have been submitted by 84 West Enders. Those who have submitted names, check the greeters table for your personal letter writing package today and/or Sunday. There's still time to participate. The absolute last day to submit names is TODAY. Please continue to encourage others to participate in this effort to "pack the house" for the gospel meeting set for Sept. 8-13.

**Our Gospel Meeting begins in only 2 weeks!**

## 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.

## Baptism Certificates

If you were recently baptized here at West End and have not received a baptismal certificate, please see Gayron Johnson or call her at the church office.

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### College Address

Write to **Aria Alexander**  
at Southwestern Christian College:  
Aria Alexander  
P.O. Box 10  
Bowser Circle  
Terrell, TX 75160

### Placed Membership

8/12 - **Patricia Cooke**  
& **Kamaria Cooke** (daughter)  
1499 Hampton View Ct.  
Marietta, GA 30008  
678-354-3715

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## R E M I N D E R

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.

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.