

Add to Your Faith...

Simon Peter, having failed his Lord at a strategic time, lived to recover and become a powerful force for Christ and His church. In a thrilling letter to his brethren, those of "like precious faith," he declares: "His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory and virtue," 2 Peter 1:3.

The verses that follow provide us with motivation to be loyal to the source of that "faith."

Faith - The foundation upon which all the following qualities rest is the faith that comes from hearing God's word (Romans 10:17). Without that faith no one can please God (Hebrews 11:6).

Virtue - The word is defined as moral excellence; strength of character. This is the means by which our faith is made known to the world. Without virtue, genuine faith cannot be seen or known to others.

Knowledge - This is literally a seeking to know; an inquiry. In Matthew 5:6 we read, "Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Without this, faith is lost and replaced with human opinion.

Temperance - This term includes self-control that requires the ability to discern good from evil. It is a learned quality of controlling one's appetites and passions and then putting into practice that which is learned by knowledge. The apostle Paul kept his body under control so that his efforts in preaching would not be compromised, 1 Corinthians 6:12, 9:27. Temperance here is not dabbling in wickedness, but not going to extremes. It is having the will to say "no" to Satan and his devices.

Patience - Synonyms for this term include endurance, steadfast, and perseverance. This quality is attained by having a goal for life, determining to reach that goal, and doing what it takes to achieve the goal. When pressed by an opponent, patience does not give up, does not quit until the goal is reached. Jesus told His disciples they would be tested and proved, even to the point of death, John 16.

Godliness - Words like holiness, inner piety, and goodness are often associated with this term. These are not just a facade or a fake religion, but true, genuine spiritual strength. Jesus is the best example of godliness, for in His own words He stated that, in regard to God's will, "I do always those things that please Him," John 8:28-29.

Brotherly Kindness - In its English letters, the term is philadelphia, or love for brethren. In Romans 12:10, we read a similar description: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. As we read in 1 Peter 1:22, that love is to be a genuine love and concern for others in Christ. Jesus said their love would be the means by which others would know they are His disciples. -- copied and adapted

No Individual Zone Meetings in August

As announced last Sunday, the Evangelism Ministry will be conducting a "Back to School Rally" on Saturday, August 8 as an evangelism tool to reach friends, family, and the local community. This event will replace the regularly scheduled zone meetings. Details of how each zone will participate in the rally are forthcoming.

WEST END ACTIVITIES & INFO

The **Spanish for Beginners course** registration deadline is August 23. Orientation is August 25. This class is held on Tuesdays. An new Intermediate Spanish course will be held on Thursdays. Classes meet at 7 p.m. An audio recorder is required for this course. A certificate will be awarded upon the completion. Tutoring is also available for all grades and professional levels. Sign up in the foyer or via email to Elsa Earlington at speakinginatongue@yahoo.com, or call 404-761-5995 or 770-875-9176.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries – The monthly birthday and anniversary list has been moved to West End's web site. Click the August Birthdays and Anniversaries link on the home page. Additionally, we have many new members, so if you want your name listed, send an email to dbishop@thewestender.com.

Veiwing and Scheduling Events – Visit West End's web site where you can see upcoming events including dates, times, and location. Before scheduling an event, check this calendar first to avoid conflicts. To have an event added to the calendar, email Gayron Johnson at gjohnson@thewestender.com or call her at 404-753-6271 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. To view the calendar, click the calendar image on the home page of West End's web site.

YOUTH AND SINGLES

Youth Chorus and Drama Team Practice Today – Drama Team practices immediately following 10:45 a.m. services. Youth Chorus practices at 3 p.m. in preparation for the Moreland Ave. Youth Rally on August 15. Parents - please provide lunch of your child or give them \$6 each for lunch.

AREA EVENTS

The Moreland Ave. CofC will have someone doing **repairs to motorized wheel chairs** at no cost. Call Wesley Brown at 404-241-9662 for specifics and times.

The **Cusseta Rd. CofC** in Columbus, GA hosts their **Gospel Meeting** beginning on September 27 (Sunday) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday – Wednesday at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Eugene Lawton from the Newark CofC in Newark, NJ

Lectureship in New York Rescheduled – The Harlem CofC and the Northeastern Lectureship Committee has been forced to reschedule the 28th Annual Northeastern Lectureship to now occur on September 5-8. The Apollo Theatre extends its sincere apology to all pre-registrants and individuals who were anticipating attending on the original dates of September 12-15. Visit www.churchofchristinharlem.org for details.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

August 8 – Middle School, High School, College Orientation – In collaboration with our Family & Friends Day and the Back to School Giveaway Weekend, at 10 a.m. join Youth Peers in Middle School provide useful information for those making the transition from elementary school to grade 6. Youth Peers in High School provide info for those making the transition from Middle School to Grade 9, and high schoolers making the transition to college.

August 15 – Youth Rally at Moreland Ave – From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme is “Youth Violence in Our Schools and Communities.” The West End Youth Chorus and Drama Team will perform. Sign up now.

August 21-22 – Teens Lock-in with Snellville CofC – From 11 p.m. 8/21 through 7 a.m. on 8/22. Cost is \$20 per teen. Chaperones needed and are free. Location is the YMCA on Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. Ages 13-18 only.

August 28 - YIA Fun Fridays featuring Tyria Horton – (Peer Educator for the Grady Hospital Teen Clinic) with presentation on abstinence, along with another fellowship for all ages. Cost: \$6 per family for food.

August 29-30 – Overnight trip to the Park St. CofC in Columbia, SC For grades 6-12 (min. cost of \$25 per person). At least 10 adult chaperones/parents needed. Maximum of 50 participants. Lodging set for the Wingate Hotel in Columbia, SC. More details later.

Coming Soon – The West End Youth Patrol –You'll see them on Sundays following worship services!

Bible School Promotions Today

Promotions for students moving to the next grade level and subsequently the next classroom assignment takes place today!

Baptisms

- 7/22 – **Chiquita McCommons** (Atlanta)
Ayanna McCommons (daughter)
- 7/26 – **Vonai Jackson** (Stockbridge)
- 7/26 – **Darius Cox** (Atlanta)
- 7/26 – **Kenneth Anderson** (Atlanta)

Upcoming Congregational Events

Saturday, August 8
Combined Zone Community Outreach & Back-to-School Supply Giveaway - Continue to bring your donations.

Sunday August 9
West End Family & Friends Day:
Lunch and awards follows 10:45 a.m. worship service.

HOUSEKEEPING

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Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary.
Thank you.

Hush Little Baby

Visitors and members with infants and young children are asked to immediately take those ones that are talkative, crying, or otherwise irritated to the nursery located outside the auditorium. What may sound okay to you may be disturbing another's ability to worship properly. You may take them out at any time - even during times of congregational prayer if necessary. Thanks in advance for cooperating.

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.

SICK & SHUT-IN

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

Gunther Burnside is home recuperating from a stroke; 1197 Simpson Rd., Atl., GA 30314; 404-756-6495. **Knox Bates** has been moved from the hospital in Fayetteville to Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. Contact Twanda Bates for more information. **Larry Timberlake** was recently admitted to Grady Hospital. **Charlie Mae Gibbs** – 24 Paul St., Newnan, GA 30263 **Joyce Mapp** – Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1500 S. Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Atl., GA 30319; 404-252-2002. **Junette Tibbs**, UniHealth Post Acute Care – Brookhaven, 3535 Ashton Woods Dr., NE., Room 225, Atl., GA; 770-451-0236. **Annie McArthur** is home recuperating. 751 Fairburn Rd., SW #2212, Atl., GA 30331. 404-699-2939. **Ossie Porter** (mother of Bill Moore) – A.G. Rhodes Homes, 350 Boulevard, SE., A Wing, Room 102, Atl., GA 30312. **John White** – Reliable Health & Rehabilitation, 3301 Lakewood Ave., Room 115, Atl., GA 30310; 404-406-7427. **Jessie Davis** – Buckhead Health & Rehabilitation, 54 Peachtree Park Dr., NE, Room 407, Atl., GA 30309. **Carrie Lawson** – 450 Fairburn Rd, SW, #14, Atl., GA 30331. 404-696-2548. **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. **Willie Mae Marrow** – 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. **Anrenea Johnson**.