



Welcome

Welcome to the assembly of the church of Christ that meets at Georgia Avenue, where we strive to follow God's plan for the New Testament church as closely as possible. Thank you for coming. We are encouraged by your presence and invite you to search the scriptures with us.

Sermon Text & Title

AM: "A Biblical View of Suffering"
1 Peter 4:12-19

PM: "Three 'Nots' That Need Tying"
Matthew 7:1-5

Schedule of Services

<i>Sun Bible Study</i>	9 AM
<i>Sun AM Worship</i>	10 AM
<i>Sun New Converts</i>	4 PM
<i>Sun PM Worship</i>	5 PM
<i>Wed Bible Class</i>	7 PM

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

"Biblical Repentance"

Repentance follows after a heart that has the sense of being guilty and the sorrow that comes with it. Before a person can repent, they must come to the conclusion that they have done wrong. This sense of guilt has to be strong enough so that it motivates a person to go out of his way to make things right.

"And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 'If a person sins and commits a trespass against the Lord by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely; in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins: then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, and give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering'" (Lev. 6:1-5).

Too many times people are only sorry because they got caught, not because what they have done is "against the Lord". When a person realizes they have done this evil against God, they are to "make restitution".

But God felt that this was not enough — they needed to add one-fifth to what ever harm they have done. Finally, after restoring it to their fellow man, they were to present a "guilt offering" before the Lord.

This is what God required in the Old Testament, which is almost always more specific than what is stated in the New Testament. The New Testament states the rule or principle, "Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need." (Eph. 4:28). The gospel takes a man from a life of stealing to a life of working and sharing. At your leisure read, Luke 3:1-14 and notice how John the baptizer clearly outlines how repentance will manifest itself in those he was speaking to. There you'll find at least three groups John was talking to.

Our American legal system will sentence a man, fine a man or imprison him. The end result is that the law only punishes a crime; it is powerless to change the heart. In contrast to that, the gospel has the power to change a thief into someone who is a hard worker, and is happy to share his things with those in need. Jesus tells us all, "I tell you, nay; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3). You say that you don't have the motivation to repent? Then who is motivating you to perish?

Bro. Gene Cooper

If God be for us, who could be against us...

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”
BIBLE STUDY TOOLS - AUDIO BIBLES

#16 Instead of listening to secular music at home, at work, in your vehicle, on the train, or in the shower, try listening to the Bible on CD, on your ipod, or on the internet. You can listen to it while you Bible readings of various versions are readily, and in many cases freely available on-line. You might be surprised at how much more familiar you can become with the word of God by listening to it read aloud, even passively, if you do so consistently. Moreover, by listening to the Bible instead of something else, you protect your mind from pollution. Instead of memorizing songs that glorify sin from the radio, you might instead memorize word's that glorify God without even trying.

Bro. Melvin Otey

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marriage Ministry Gathering, Fri, 8/8, 7PM.** @ the Merriweather home.
- Door Knocking, Sat, 8/9, 9:45AM-noon.** Your help is appreciated. If you are able to prepare some of the door knocking materials, please see Bro. Otey.
- Marriage Ministry Movie Day, Sat, 8/09, 12PM.** @ the Merriweather home.
- Summer Send-Off, Sat, 8/9 @ 5PM.** @ the Merriweather home. Help us send our summer college students off in sweet (ice cream) style. You're encouraged to bring your favorite flavor.
- Women in the Word, Sat, 8/9 & 8/23, 12:30-1:30PM.** Sisters, bring your friends for a study on salvation at 766A Princeton Place NW. If you plan to attend, please contact Sis. Johnson or Mosby the preceding Friday by 3 pm.
- Singles Bible Study, Fri, 8/15, 7:30PM.** "While I Am a Single" by Bro. Wall at the home of Bro. L. Hayes (2803 Park Center Dr., Alexandria, VA 22302).
- Nursing Home Visitation, Sun, 8/17, 2PM.** at Wash. Center for the Aging.
- Youth Ministry Lock-in, Fri, 8/29, 7 p.m. to Sat, 8/30, 8AM.** Please let Bro. and Sis. Williams know if your child will participate. Youths, please invite your friends. Everyone, encourage other youths (10-17yrs.) to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS

R. Davis & Family. Pray for them as they relocate to S. Carolina on Monday morning. **D. Rogers.** Prayers of strength and encouragement for my mom. **K. Campbell.** Please pray for me as I transition to Alabama for school on Friday morning. I also want to thank GA Ave. for everything since I have been here. Thank you so much. **O. Eaton.** Pray for LeAndre and Katrina Johnson. They gave birth to a son, Xander. Pray for my evangelism efforts with my cousin, Joel, also. Travel grace for my family relocating to Florida. **G. Cooper.** Please pray for all the efforts at Georgia Avenue. **E. Fisher.** Prayers that I read my Bible more frequently and be a better imitator of Christ. **B. Crutcher.** Prayers for Sis. Genette Jackson as she and her family grieve the loss of her uncle a few days ago.

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM	
Usher	D. Rogers
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	L. Clemons
Scrip Reading	L. Clemons
Message	G. Cooper
Lord's Table	I. Thompson
Assist	C. Merriweather
	M. Davis
Giving	I. Thompson
Benediction	R. McQuirter
PM	
Usher	D. Rogers
Song Leader	R. McQuirter
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	C. Bingham
Scrip Reading	C. Bingham
Message	G. Cooper
Lord's Table	M. Williams
Assist	B. Crutcher
	M. Davis
Giving	M. Williams
Benediction	L. Hayes

God's Plan of Salvation
Hear the Gospel. Rom 10:17
Believe in Jesus. John 8:24; Heb. 11:6
Repent of Sin. Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
Confess Christ. Rom. 10:9-10
Be Baptized. Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38
The Lord adds you to the church. Acts 2:47
Live Faithful Unto Death. Rev. 2:10

Clean Up This Month: A. and I. Johnson
Communion: S. Merriweather and D. Davis

STATISTICS

July 27, 2008

Sunday Class: 33 AM Worship: 50 PM Worship: 36 Wed Class: 19

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