



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: "Redeeming
the Time"

Ephesians 5:15-17

PM: "The Conclusion
of the Whole Matter"

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

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:

Happy New Year

It's that time of year again! As 2008 draws to a close, we are buying new calendars and marking the days of coming events. There is one day every one of us ought to be anticipating. But, unlike the other dates, we are unable to mark this one on our calendars. We are unable because we don't know when this day will be. I'm speaking, of course, of the day Christ will come again. Paul wrote that this day will come "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" I Cor. 15:52.. Peter wrote that Christ will come "as a thief in the night" II Peter 3:10.. Consider the words to a song we often sing, "There's a Great Day Coming," along with Matthew 25:31-46.

The first verse of the song reminds us that there is a great day coming. This day will be great because of who will appear on that day. His coming is affirmed by the angels, Acts 1:9, Peter, II Peter 3:3-12, and Paul, I Cor. 11:26. That day will be great because of why he will appear. The purpose of his coming is not to offer himself as a sacrifice, preach the gospel, establish an earthly kingdom, or give the impenitent a second chance. Christ will come to judge the world and punish the evil. It will be great because of what will take place on that day. All those who are in the graves will be raised, John 5:28-29. The heavens will pass with a great noise and the elements will melt with a fervent heat, II Pet. 3:10. All nations will be separated, as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats, Matt. 25:32-33.

The second verse of the song reminds us that there is a bright day coming. It will be bright because of the words that will be spoken (Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you – Matt. 25:34. It will be bright because of the home that is prepared for God's people, an eternal home where there is no death, no sorrow, or pain. A home where God will wipe away all tears, Rev. 21:4. It will be bright because of the reunion that will take place, II Sam. 12:18-23, I Thes. 4:17.

The third verse of the song reminds us that there is a sad day coming. It will be sad because of the words that will be spoken to the majority of those who have ever lived. "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire," Matt. 25:41. These will be words of horror, grief, and despair. It will be sad because of the home that is prepared for the devil and his angels. A home where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth, Matt. 13:42-50. It will be a home where the fire is not quenched, Mark 9:46. It will be sad because those who hear these words will be separated from the Lord for all eternity II Thes. 1:8-9.

Let us make the best of this New Year. Seek ye first the kingdom and His righteousness...

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE – JEREMIAH



#22 Jeremiah, whose name means "whom God appoints," is sometimes called "the weeping prophet." He was a heartbroken prophet with a heartbreaking message. Jeremiah prophesied during the reigns of the last 5 kings of Judah, and was a contemporary of Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Ezekial. For more than 40 years, he proclaimed a message of doom for the people of Judah before Babylon destroyed the nation. Although he was despised, threatened, and imprisoned by his countrymen, Jeremiah held to his harsh message. All the while, his prophesies were saturated with tears. The book seems to have been writing by Baruch, Jeremiah's secretary, while the prophet dictated. The main theme is judgment upon Judah and future restoration. The phrase "the word of the Lord came" occurs about 50 times in this book.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the family! Placed membership: Ahmand Brown (12.17.08). Baptized: Michael Dunn (12.21.08). Introduce yourself and welcome our new brothers.

Know Your Bible, Round 3! Wed, 12/31 @ 7PM. Let's have fun, share, and acquire Bible knowledge. Hint: review the current H2H newsletter.

Sunday Bible Class. Please read Acts 1-9 for next Sunday's class.

Introducing our Men's Leadership Class. This class will meet each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 3:30PM beginning in January to discuss the manifold aspects of Christian leadership (including the work of elders, deacons, and preachers) and help us all grow as men who understand the times and know what ought to be done (1 Chron. 12:32).

Evangelism Primer, Wed, 01/14/09 and 01/21/09 @ 7PM. Let's get 2009 started right!

PRAYER REQUESTS

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	C. Bingham
Song Leader	K. Wall
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	O. Eaton
Scrip Reading	O. Eaton
Message	M. Otey
Lord's Table	K. Wall
Assist	M. Davis
	L. Hayes
Giving	K. Wall
Benediction	S. Keaton

PM

Usher	C. Bingham
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	L. Hayes
Scrip Reading	L. Hayes
Message	G. Cooper
Lord's Table	O. Eaton
Assist	M. Davis
	A. Brown
Giving	O. Eaton
Benediction	W. Ford

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

STATISTICS

December 21, 2008

Sunday Class: 25 AM Worship: 46 PM Worship: 44 Wed Class: 29

Clean Up This Month:

Omar & Jamia Eaton

Communion:

Janisha Richardson, Jania Otey & Jennifer Hannah