



**Welcome**

We welcome you to the church of Christ that meets at Georgia Avenue, where we strive to follow God's plan for the church as outlined in the New Testament. We are glad that you're here. You are invited to worship with us in spirit and in truth and search the scriptures daily.

**Sermon Text & Title**

AM: "Divorce For Every Cause?"  
*Matt. 19:1-12*

PM: "The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart"  
*Ex. 7:12-14*

**Schedule of Services:**

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

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**FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:**

**HOLD YOUR POSITION**

Regardless of how dim it gets, HOLD YOUR POSITION. Satan wants you to let go. It is his endeavor to bring you back, but HOLD YOUR POSITION. There is a struggle between the spirit and the flesh, but HOLD YOUR POSITION. If God be for us, who can be against us? Paul said, we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Brother and/or Sister, I urge you to HOLD YOUR POSITION.

Notice what happened with just trumpets and jars and with men HOLDING THEIR POSITIONS: *The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled (Judges 7:20-21).*

In this well-known story about God giving Gideon and the Israelites victory over the Midianites, it is interesting to note what the 300 men God had chosen did. They surrounded the Midianite camp, smashed jars, blew trumpets and then held their position around the camp. It would have been easy for the men to say, "I'm not doing anything important." They could have said, "I'm just smashing a pot and blowing a trumpet, why do I need to stand in this spot all night? However, because they remained faithful in their duty, no matter how odd or meaningless it might have seemed, God unleashed a great victory because of their willingness to, "Hold their position."

Oh sometimes things don't seem that important to us. Tasks people rarely think about or aren't glamorous are often overlooked – that is until they are not performed and we see how truly important they are! What is great about this is that it allows everyone to work together to benefit the Church. There are a multitude of things we can do to profit the Church and give glory to God at the same time, when we are willing to hold our positions.

*As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable... But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it (2 Corinthians 12:20-22 & 24b-26).*

Gene Cooper, Minister

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**“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”**  
TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE—THE ASV

#17 Interesting features of the ASV include its use of the word “Jehovah” instead of “Lord” (which made it very popular amongst Jehovah’s Witnesses for many years prior to their production of the New World Translation) and “Holy Spirit” instead of “Holy Ghost.” It is widely respected, if not widely circulated, and has served as the foundation for several 20<sup>th</sup> century versions, including the Revised Standard Version in 1952 and the New American Standard Bible in 1971. Today, Star Bible (www.starbible.com) is the sole publisher of bound, printed copies of the ASV. However, the text’s copyright has expired and it is widely available online (www.ASV1901.com).

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GA Ave Picture Day, Sun, 2/3.** Sis. Alford will be taking pictures of members, families and ministries immediately following AM service.

**“Women of the Word” Home Bible Study, Tues 2/5/08, 7PM.** Ladies, let’s study the word together. For add’l info., please see Sis. Mosby, Edlow or Richardson.

**Life Lines Ministry Mtg, Tues, 2/5/08, 7PM.** For add’l info., see Bro. Antoine Johnson.

**Marriage Ministry Fellowship, Fri, 2/8/08, 7PM.** @ the Eaton Home.

**Youth Ministry Fireside Chat, Sat., 2/6/08, 1–3PM.** For add’l info, please see Bro. & Sis. Williams.

**Women’s Ministry: Women of Virtue Workshop/Potluck, Sun, 2/10/08.** @ the Otey home immediately following worship, all ladies are welcomed to attend. Please see Sis. Davis for add’l info.

**Youth Lock-In, Fri, 02/15, 7PM–Sat, 2/16, 9AM.** Want your children to spend quality time with good Christian role-models? Or just want to get rid of them for one night? Either way, bring them to the first GA Ave lock-in for a safe, edifying good time. GA Ave youth can invite their friends. Parental consent forms required.

**March Special Interest Class.** “Marriage, Divorce and Re-marriage.” Questions about the Bible’s teachings on this subject? Please submit them to Bro. Otey in writing or by e-mail as soon as possible. We’ll try to answer all questions submitted.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**STATISTICS**

January 27, 2008

Sunday School: 48 AM Worship: 65 PM Worship: 62 Wed Class: 34

**WORSHIP LINE-UP**

AM

Usher	L. Clemons
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	T. Porter
Scrip Reading	T. Porter
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	B. Crutcher
Assist	M. Thweatt
	D. Rogers

Giving	B. Crutcher
Benediction	K. Wall

PM

Usher	L. Clemons
Song Leader	K. Wall
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	C. Bingham
Scrip Reading	C. Bingham
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	I. Thompson
Assist	L. Clemmons
	O. Eaton
Giving	I. Thompson
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.** Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ.** Rom. 10:9-10
- Be Baptized.** Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38
- The Lord will add you to the church.** Acts 2:47
- Live Faithful Unto Death.** Rev. 2:10

**Clean Up This Month:**

M. Moore, A. Crump & S. Johns

**Communion:**

D. Davis & S. Merriweather