



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: "Encountering
the Presence of God"
Isaiah 6:1-4

PM: "A Certain
Creditor Which
Had Two Debtors"
Luke 7:36-50

Schedule of Services

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

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

CULTURE SHOCK

Throughout this land in which we live, a belief has pervaded our churches and our Christian education: A teaching that worship must be bent to society. To please God, the opposite is true. Paul said, "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2.

Our godless and profane society continues to tell us that abortion is a woman's choice, that homosexuality is a different lifestyle, that women are the same as men, that schools should develop a child's morals, that abstinence is unachievable, and that God is not allowed outside the church building. Are we to bend to this?

Did Noah give in to his culture when it was full of immorality; did Lot when he lived in Sodom ; or Daniel when a captive to Babylon ? Some theologians say we must be "progressive" in our approach to society, if we are not bringing in the masses, then we are failing; if that logic is true then Noah was a failure, Lot was a failure, and even Jesus was a failure. The Bible is full of examples of godly people who opposed society. The most noticeable are the persecuted Christians of the first century. The Bible also has examples of people who gave-in to their culture. Society told Eve that if it feels good, do it.

Noah did not give-in to his culture, and he saw it destroyed. Lot did not give-in to his culture, and he saw it destroyed. Daniel did not conform to the Babylonian lifestyle, and he was exalted to a high position. Babylon later fell. The New Testament Christians were persecuted by their culture, the Roman Empire. It too fell. Whenever a culture ignores God, it soon falls. Russia used to be atheistic; it now allows religion to be taught in its schools. We should not be overly influenced by our culture, but to influence our culture towards God. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matt. 5:14-16.

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE—THE NASB

#18 The complete New American Standard Bible (NASB) was first published in 1971 and most recently revised in 1995. It is a formal equivalence, word-for-word translation produced by more than 50 mostly conservative scholars; in fact, it is one of the most literally translated of all modern English Bibles. The NASB publishers endeavored to preserve the scholarship and accuracy of the ASV while “incorporating recent discoveries of Hebrew and Greek textual sources and by rendering it into more current English.” Because of its literalness, good notes, and use of less archaic language than the ASV, the NASB is an excellent study Bible and is commonly used in colleges and seminaries for in-depth study.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women’s Ministry: Women of Virtue Workshop/Potluck, TODAY. @ the Richardson/Mosby/Edlow home. Immediately following worship, all ladies welcome.

“Women of the Word” Home Bible Study, Tues 2.12.08, 7PM. Ladies, let’s study the word together. For add’l info., please see Sis. Mosby, Edlow or Richardson.

Youth Ministry: Lock In, Friday, 2.15.08, 7PM. Parents, if you have not done so, please complete the permission slip and return to Sis. Crump today.

Single’s Ministry Bible Study, Fri, 2.15.08, 7:30-9PM. @ 4310 28th Place, Apt. 5, Mt. Ranier, MD 20712 (home of Bro. A. Johnson, 202-607-3798 or ajon-sun@hotmail.com). “How to Search the Scriptures Daily” Acts 17:11.

Single’s Ministry Fellowship, Sat, 2.23.08, 7:30PM. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater ballet at The Kennedy Center. (www.alvinailey.org). Cost: \$35-\$68. Contact: Sis. D. Davis (danielledavis50@hotmail.com) or Bro. Crutcher. Please RSVP asap (no later than 2.17.08) so that we can have an accurate number and try to purchase the tickets all at once. Tickets are going fast!

“Fishers of Men,” Thur, 2/28/08, 7PM. “Conducting the Home Bible Study.”

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

February 3, 2008

Sunday Class 39 AM Worship: NC PM Worship: 39 Wed: 45

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	L. Clemons
Scrip Reading	L. Clemons
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	M. Williams
Assist	I. Thompson

D. Rogers

Giving M. Williams

Benediction N. Burkett

PM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	I. Thompson
Scrip Reading	I. Thompson
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	T. Porter
Assist	C. Bingham
	O. Eaton
Giving	T. Porter
Benediction	K. Wall

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:

M. Moore, A. Crump & S. Johns

Communion:

D. Davis & S. Merriweather 7