



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: "Can a Christian Fall From Grace?"
Galatians 5:4

PM: "Neither Give Place To The Devil"
Ephesians 4:27

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:

Keep Them Busy

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8

Satan called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil angels, he said, "We can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the Truth but we can keep them from forming an intimate, abiding relationship in Christ. If they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to church, let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time, so they can't gain that relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do, angels. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" shouted his angels. "Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6 - 7 days a week, 10 - 12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon, their home will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear Christ speaking to them through His Word. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive. To keep the TV, VCR, CDs, and their PCs going constantly in their homes. And see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-Biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ."

"Fill the coffee table with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogues, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services, and false hopes. Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazine covers so that husbands will believe that external beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives. HA! That will fragment those families quickly!"

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week. Don't let them go out in nature to reflect on God's wonders. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts, and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy! And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotion."

"Go ahead, let them be involved in soul winning. But crowd their lives with so many "good" causes they have no time to seek power from Christ. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It will work!" It was quite a convention. The evil angels went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy, and to rush here and there.

I guess the question is: has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge! Brethren, please take heed of the message it brings: B - Being U - Under S - Satan's Y - Yoke. Are you "BUSY"?

Borrowed from Mike Riley, Montana Street church of Christ

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”
TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE—THE NASB

#19 After the tradition of the ASV, the NASB has also been called the best word-for-word translation available today. It is more widely available than the ASV and is somewhat easier to read. For example, “thou,” “thee,” and “thy” are rendered as “you” and “your.” In certain cases, where word-for-word literalness was thought to be too difficult for modern readers, a more current English idiom was used and the more literal rendering was indicated in the notes. In some cases, alternate translations and explanatory equivalents are also provided. The NASB is a highly accurate, highly readable English translation of the original texts.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Women of the Word” Home Bible Study, Tues 2/19, 7PM. Ladies, let’s study the word together. For add’l information, see Sis. Mosby, Edlow or Richardson.

Lifelines Ministry Fellowship, Fri, 2/22, 7PM. @ESPN Zone in DC. All new members of GA Ave (new converts or placed membership) and mentors are invited to this first New Member Fellowship. See A. Johnson for add’l info.

Single’s Ministry Fellowship, Sat, 2/23, 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!

GA Ave Picture Day (Make-Up), Sun, 2/24. For those who were unable to take pictures before, Sis. Alford will be taking pictures of members, families and ministries following AM service.

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

Johnson/Edlow Wedding, Sat, 3/22. All GA Ave members are invited. Please RSVP to lateishajwilliams@yahoo.com by 3/1 if you have not already done so.

March Special Interest Class. “Marriage, Divorce and Re-marriage.” Please submit questions to Bro. Otey in writing or by e-mail as soon as possible.

Our New Members. Please be sure to meet those who have recently placed membership: Sherrod Keaton, Mark Davis, Brittany Harmon, LaRon Hayes.

Rufus Johnson & Family. They will be placing membership at PG County coC.

PRAYER REQUESTS

STATISTICS

February 10, 2008

Sunday Class: 43 AM Worship: 64 PM Worship: 48 Wed Class: 40

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

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

L. Clemons

Giving C. Merriweather

Benediction M. Thweatt

PM

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Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	B. Crutcher
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Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	L. Clemons
Assist	C. Bingham
	D. Rogers
Giving	L. Clemons
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
- Live Faithful Unto Death.** Rev. 2:10

Clean Up This Month:

M. Moore, A. Crump & S. Johns

Communion:

D. Davis & S. Merriweather