



## 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: "Life on the Jericho Road"  
*Luke 10:25-37*

PM: "The Perils of Pride"  
*Proverbs 16:18*

## 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:

### Is It Really That Bad?

Have you ever formed a negative opinion of another person based solely on what you heard others say? But then, after you met that person and got to know him (or her), you realized your previously formed opinion was not really accurate? Is it possible the same is true of death? People often have a negative connotation of death because of what they have heard others say.. Consequently, they refuse to think about death, much less talk about it. But when we study what the scriptures say about death, we learn that, to a faithful Christian, death is not an enemy, but a friend.

First, the scriptures speak of death as going to sleep. Jesus said Lazarus was asleep. Jesus' disciples, mistakenly thinking Jesus was referring to physical sleep, told Jesus that Lazarus would get well. Jesus then plainly told his disciples, "Lazarus is dead" (John 11:11-14). Jesus' reference to death as sleep reminds us that death is only temporary. Our physical bodies will one day be raised as spiritual bodies (I Corinthians 15:52-54).

Second, the scriptures speak of death as taking a trip. Paul wrote, "I am now ready to be offered, the time of my departure is at hand" (II Timothy 4:6). When a person departs he does not cease to exist but merely goes from one place to another. Likewise, when we die we do not cease to exist. We simply go from one place to another, either to an eternity in heaven or to an eternal punishment in hell.

Third, the scriptures speak of death as a change of residence. As Christians, we long for a better country (Hebrews 11:8-16). Upon death, we move from a temporary dwelling (a physical, corruptible body) to a permanent dwelling (a spiritual, incorruptible body).

Fourth, the scriptures speak of death a gaining an inheritance. Paul wrote that to live is Christ but to die is gain (Philippians 1:21). Christ died in order that we may have a hope of an inheritance in heaven (I Peter 1:3-5). However, there is a difference between gaining an earthly inheritance a gaining an inheritance in heaven. We gain an earthly inheritance when someone else dies. But, in order to gain our heavenly inheritance, we must die.

Death may be a topic we choose to think less of, and care not to discuss, but when we look at it through spiritual eyes, is it really that bad?

Gene Cooper, Minister

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

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

#15 Even if one primarily reads the KJV, the NKJV is a highly recommended addition to the serious Bible student’s library. For those who are hindered by the use of pronouns like thee, thou, thy, thine and ye in the KJV, they will find easier, more modern pronouns in the NKJV. As an interesting side note, Batsell Barrett Baxter, the now deceased Chairman of the Department of Bible at David Lipscomb College and member of the church of Christ, was part of the N. American Overview Committee that set the guidelines for this translation and played a major role in its development.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**“Fishers of Men,” Thurs 1/24/08, 7PM.** “Going House to House.” See Bro. Otey for additional information.

**Youth Ministry Movie Night, Fri 1/25/08, 7–9:30PM.** See Bro. Williams for details.

**Ladies New Year’s Tea, Sat. 1/26/08, 1-3PM.** All sisters are invited to attend a holiday tea at the Merriweather home. RSVP by Jan. 19 to Sis. S. Merriweather or B. Winbush.

**Capital coC 8th Annual Winter Youth Conference, Sat 1/26/08, 8AM–4PM.** Cost: \$10 Youth/Adult. Address: 1790 Lincoln Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401.

Contact: (410) 269-0788 for additional information.

**Georgia Ave coC Open House, Sunday, 1/27/08, 2–4PM.** Invite your neighbors, friends, family, & co-workers to learn more about Georgia Avenue.

**“Women of the Word” Home Bible Study, Tues 1/29/08, 7PM.** Ladies, let’s study the word together. For add’l info., please see Sis. Mosby, Edlow or Richardson.

**Singles’ Service Wknd, Thurs 1/31/08 – Sat, 2/2/08.** For add’l info., see Bro. Crutcher.

**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**

**WORSHIP LINE-UP**

AM

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Usher         | C. Merriweather |
| Song Leader   | A. Johnson      |
| Announcements | M. Otey         |
| Invocation    | M. Williams     |
| Scrip Reading | M. Williams     |
| Message       | M. Otey         |
| Lord’s Table  | I. Thompson     |
| Assist        | S. Pierre       |
|               | K. Wall         |
| Giving        | I. Thompson     |
| Benediction   | D. Rogers       |

PM

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Usher         | C. Merriweather |
| Song Leader   | M. Williams     |
| Announcements | M. Otey         |
| Invocation    | O. Eaton        |
| Scrip Reading | O. Eaton        |
| Message       | M. Otey         |
| Lord’s Table  | B. Crutcher     |
| Assist        | L. Clemons      |
|               | R. McQuirter    |
| Giving        | B. Crutcher     |
| 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

**STATISTICS**

January 13, 2008

Sunday School: 39 AM Worship: 58 PM Worship: 43 Wed Class: 47

**Clean Up This Month:**

Brigette Winbush & Chikara Saunders

**Communion:**

Roslyn Davis