



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: "Loved, As His Own Soul"
1 Sam 18:1-4

PM: "A Step Between Me and Death"
1 Sam 20:1-3

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:

Friends

Few words in the English language are as beautiful and as meaningful as the word "friend." Friends are there to share our joys and help us through our struggles. They give us our sweetest memories and our strongest hopes. In short, having friends is one of the things that make life worth living. Friends are some of the greatest blessings we have from God. Let's consider some things that the Bible has to say about friends.

Friends give us unconditional love. "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Prov. 17:17). Some people will "love" us as long as they can profit from us in some way. The Prodigal Son lost his friends when his money ran out (Luke 15:14-16). True friends stick by us regardless of the circumstances. In fact, moments of adversity show us who our true friends really are. It is at such times that they become like brothers to us.

Friends watch out for us. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful" (Prov. 27:6). Remember the old anti-Drunk Driving slogan: "Friends don't let friends drink and drive." What does one do when he sees his friend headed for trouble? He tries to stop him, even if the effort hurts his friend's feelings. None of us likes to hear that we have made a mistake, but isn't it better to hear it from a friend? A friend's criticism may at first be painful like a wound, but the love shown in his action soon turns the pain into gratitude.

Friends shape our character. "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" (Prov. 27:17). Those whom we trust and with whom we spend the most time will have the greatest influence upon us. In this manner, our friends sharpen our countenance. They provide a sounding board for our ideas. They give us encouragement and advice. They pick us up when we are down, as well as calm us down when we are upset.

Friends give us strength and companionship. "Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Eccl. 4:9-12). Few things are worse than being alone in this world. A man with friends never has to stand alone.

Who is your friend?

Gene Cooper, Minister

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE—THE ASV

#16 The American Standard Version (ASV), published in 1901, is a formal equivalence, word-for-word, translation. It was produced by a team of approximately thirty, mostly conservative scholars and has been called “the most accurate translation in the English language.” For many years, the ASV served as the standard Bible for many seminaries. Although the English used in this translation is somewhat archaic, it is sometimes easier to understand than the KJV. In fact, it may be the most readable literal translation ever produced. Still, because it is so literal, it is a bit difficult in places. Of course, no translation is perfect, but the ASV is a highly recommended study Bible.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Georgia Ave coC Open House, TODAY, 2–4PM. Let’s make this a success!
“Women of the Word” Home Bible Study, Tues 1/29, 7PM. Ladies, let’s study the word together. For add’l info., please see Sis. Mosby, Edlow or Richardson.
Congregational Song Practice, Wed 1/30, 7PM. Let’s learn a few new songs of praise.
College Ministry Fellowship, Fri, 2/1, 7PM. For add’l info., see the Merriweathers.
Women’s Min. Prayer Circle, “Pray Without Ceasing,” Sat, 2/2, 10:30AM. @ the Oteys. Do you need prayer? Then pray with us. We need prayer. Come pray with us.
GA Ave Picture Day, Sun, 2/3. Sis. Alford will be taking pictures of members, families and ministries immediately following AM service. Let’s be ready and cooperative.
Life Lines Ministry Mtg, Tues, 2/5, 7PM. For add’l info., please see Bro. A. Johnson.
Marriage Min. Fellowship, Fri, 2/8, 7PM. @ the Eatons. See Bro. Otey 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 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.
6th Annual Youth Conf. on Abstinence, Sat, 03/08, 10AM-3PM. @ PG Co. coC. Please see the Williamses for details.
Quarterly Special Interest Class. “Marriage, Divorce and Re-marriage,” in March.

PRAYER REQUESTS

STATISTICS

January 20, 2008

Sunday School: AM Worship: PM Worship: Wed Class:

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	D. Rogers
Scrip Reading	D. Rogers
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	O. Eaton
Assist	C. Bingham
	R. McQuirter

Giving	O. Eaton
Benediction	N. Burkette

PM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	S. Pierre
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	K. Wall
Scrip Reading	K. Wall
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	C. Bingham
Assist	R. McQuirter
	I. Thompson
Giving	C. Bingham
Benediction	L. Clemons

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:

Brigette Winbush & Chikara Saunders
Communion:
 Roslyn Davis