



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: "Abraham, A Model For Us All"

Gen 22:1-14

PM: "The Word of God and the Hearts of Men"

Mark 4:1-20

Schedule of Services

<i>Sun Bible Study</i>	9 AM
<i>Sun AM Worship</i>	10 AM
<i>Sun New Converts</i>	4 PM
<i>Sun PM Worship</i>	5 PM
<i>Wed Bible Class</i>	7 PM

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

"Fathers and Spiritual Headship"

As Israel stood on the plains of Moab preparing for the occupation of Canaan, Moses addressed the need of the hour. His address was a sermon, not a speech. Its emphasis was moral not military or political. One of the key issues he addressed was the need for fathers to be the spiritual leaders of their own households.

"And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Moses' charge is no new command. Male headship is implied in the order of creation, "for man does not originate from woman, but woman from man" (1 Corinthians 11:8). Male headship is formally stated with the creation of woman, "I will make him a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18) so that "indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake" (1 Corinthians 11:9). God's expectation that man be the spiritual leader of his house is further indicated by the fact that, though Eve partook first of the fruit, it was Adam who God addressed: "The Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'" (Genesis 3:9).

The apostle Paul indicates that the transgression of Adam and Eve involved the folly of role reversal. Adam abandoned his post and Eve deserted hers. Households can be saved from the mistake of Adam and Eve if men and women stay in their places and function in the rules with which God equipped them (1 Timothy 2:14-15). That not only involves women submitting to male leadership, but men exercising headship in the area most needed -- spiritual affairs. And it involves them exercising such headship in the home, not just the church.

Countless biblical examples illustrate the positive effects of male leadership in spiritual affairs and the negative impact when such leadership in the home is abdicated. Abraham understood the responsibility of leading his family in spiritual affairs. He built an altar wherever he tented (Genesis 12:7; 13:18). And built it first, I might add. However, Lot exercised leadership in seeking a materially promising abode for his family, but, in choosing the "valley of the Jordan," brought both the spiritual ruin and material disaster of his household (Genesis 13:10-11). Job offered sacrifices for his sons and daughters (Job 1:5) and Noah, taking charge of his family in a decadent age, "in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household" (Hebrews 11:7). When men lead, the family prospers. When men shirk their God-given role, the family founders.

The evidence further indicates that God holds fathers chiefly responsible when the family goes wrong. Though Eli the priest was himself a godly man, he did nothing to control the ungodly behavior of his sons and was held accountable by God for his negligence (1 Samuel 2:29). Joshua accepted responsibility, not just for himself, but for the occupants of his household when he stated, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). The book of Proverbs is the inspired example of a father fulfilling his responsibility for teaching his son "when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up" (Deuteronomy 6:7).

Fathers, we have a job on our hands. Let us continue to be the spiritual leaders God has called us to be in every way, in word, in thought and in deed, both in the home, the church, and our everyday walk.

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”
 BIBLE STUDY TOOLS - GREAT DEBATES

#9 Religious debates are an excellent tool for in-depth study of contested Bible issues. Generally speaking, debates are conducted by highly prepared persons who stand on opposite sides of a matter. Each not only presents his understanding of the scriptures in as comprehensive and persuasive a manner as possible, but also addresses and refutes the other side’s understanding. While debating is not as popular today as it once was, some of the greatest scholars in the brotherhood have confronted error from outside and inside the church through debating. Many of those debates, whether oral or written, are available in print today.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Women in the Word,” 6/28, 12:30-1:30PM. Sisters, bring your lady friends for a study on salvation at Sis. Mosby’s home. See Sis. Johnson or Mosby for details. This is an excellent learning/evangelism opportunity.

Summer Bible Class for Teenage Girls, Sun, 06/15 - 09/14. All girls (13 yrs-17yrs) are encouraged to attend this class each Sunday at 9am. See Sis. Mosby for a syllabus.

Adopt-a-Block, Sat., 6/21, 9AM. If you missed the first community clean up, then you missed a good time in the Lord! Help us keep our neighborhood clean. Bring your gloves and your Georgia Avenue T-shirt.

Nursing Home Visitation, Sun, 6/22, 2PM. We will visit the Washington Center for the Aging monthly for the remainder of the year. Please help make this outreach effort a success. We will leave from the building at 1:45pm. If you are interested in attending, please see Sis. Mosby.

Summer Series/Vacation Bible School, 7/21 - 7/25. Please plan to be in attendance each night and invite as many young people as you can.

PRAYER REQUESTS

STATISTICS

June 8, 2008

Sunday Class: 33 AM Worship: 50 PM Worship: 41 Wed Class: 32

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	D. Rogers
Scrip Reading	D. Rogers
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	I. Thompson
Assist	M. Davis
	J. Green
Giving	I. Thompson
Benediction	B. Crutcher

PM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	O. Eaton
Scrip Reading	O. Eaton
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	D. Rogers
Assist	I. Thompson
	K. Wall
Giving	D. Rogers
Benediction	M. Thweatt

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:

Rosslyn Davis and Family

Communion:

Y. Weir and B. Alford