



### 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: "She's Not The Woman She Use To Be"

Joshua 2:1-5

PM: "So Great Faith"

Luke 7:1-10

### 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:

### Take Your Burdens To The Lord

Cast your **cares** on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall (Psa. 55:22). Cast all your anxiety on him because he **cares** for you (1 Pet 5:7).

Paul faced the internal trouble and infernal trauma of fightings without and fears within (2 Cor. 7:5). We all have. We all do. We all will. Therefore, the next time you are tempted to feel as though you are the "only one" who suffers in this way, remember, you are not alone. Though it will not help solve your problems, others suffer, too.

Consider Lot. His soul was grieved by the ungodliness that enveloped him (2 Pet. 2:8). Consider Joseph. Oh, what tortures of mind and torments of heart did that young man endure. Injustice, indeed! Not until we consider Job do we see such agony and undeserved suffering (Gen. 39, 40). Whatever your pain, your curse, does it exceed that of those beloved brethren? Then, consider Jesus (Heb. 12:2; 1 Pet. 2:22-24; 4:1).

This is not to deny nor diminish your ills. They are real. Whether self inflicted or not, they hurt; they frighten; they intimidate; they make you hesitant, indecisive, ashamed. They are 21st century demons that often defy exorcism. We know. We care. We want to bear and to share your burdens, but we cannot do so, at least, not fully, not completely.

Know this, though, the Lord knows, he cares, and he can bear and share your weight of woe. Remember the old song, "Does Jesus Care?" "O, yes, He cares, I know he cares. His heart is touch with my grief; When the days are weary, The long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares." What we must do, then, is to cast all our care upon him, "for he careth for you" (1 Pet. 5:7).

This is perhaps our greatest failing. We fail to cast our fears upon him. He will not lift them without our consent. He stands at the door and knocks, but he does not open (Rev. 3:20). That is our duty. He has knocked oft before, but a lack of faith and self pity may have dulled our ears to his approach and appeal. Let us cast off the doubts that threaten to drown us in mental misery and simply open the door. He stands there, and, "if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." That is the divine promise.

Yes, there are fightings without, but there is also a faithful Father without--"I stand at the door and knock." Yes, there are fears within, but there is also a loving, living Lord within those who keep his word (John 14:21-23). The question is not, "Hast thou fightings and fears?" The question is, "Hast thou faith?" Without that faith, the fightings rage, the fears increase. With that faith, the door is opened, the world is overcome, and the music of faith vanquishes our foes and soothes our fears (1 John 5:4, 5).

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

**“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”**

## BIBLE STUDY TOOLS - TOPICAL BIBLES

#3 A topical Bible is a comprehensive digest that groups verses by ideas and topics. Consequently, it groups scriptures that do not necessarily use the same word, but nevertheless discuss the same subject matter. Topical Bibles usually include a cross-reference system and the full text of cited verses, which means that they don't have to be looked up independently. Nave's is by far the most popular tool of this nature. It has more than 20,000 topical entries and 100,000 scriptural references. This is a very useful tool for assembling most of the scriptures on a particular Bible study, which is always necessary when studying Bible topics.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Two AM Worship Services, Sun., 5/11.** Please remember that we will have two AM worship services next week. The first will be at 8AM. Those who will attend that service are asked to please sign up for it today.

**Dollar Drive.** We will have an 2nd collection today to support our adopted family. All who are able are encouraged to contribute \$1 to the 2nd collection.

**Lifelines Ministry Mtg, Tues., 5/6, 7PM.** Please see Bro. Johnson for details.

**Marriage Ministry Mtg, Fri., 5/9, 7PM.** @ the Mathis home.

**HU Commencement Ceremonies, Sat., 5/10.** Those who are able to attend in support of our graduating college students are encouraged to do so.

**Youth Min. Fireside Chat, Sat, 5/10, 1-3PM.** For info., see the Williamses.

**Mother's Day, Sun., 5/11.** Don't forget to honor all of our mothers.

**Reminder re: Bldg.** Keeping the bldg. clean is all of our responsibility. Please straighten your area and place the song books and Bibles back in the chairs before leaving.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

## STATISTICS

April 27, 2008

Sunday Class: 38 AM Worship: 61 PM Worship: 47 Wed Class: 37

## WORSHIP LINE-UP

## AM

Usher	C. Bingham
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	L. Clemons
Scrip Reading	L. Clemons
Message	G. Cooper
Lord's Table	S. Pierre
Assist	M. Davis
	D. Rogers
Giving	S. Pierre
Benediction	W. Ford

## PM

Usher	S. Pierre
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	I. Thompson
Scrip Reading	I. Thompson
Message	G. Cooper
Lord's Table	D. Rogers
Assist	M. Davis
	J. Green
Giving	D. Rogers
Benediction	N. Burkett

**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:**

Brian Crutcher & Kamal Wall

**Communion:**

Ivy Johnson & Lateisha Williams