



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 Sermon:
"From Prison to
Prime Minister"
Genesis 41:1-16

PM Sermon:
"Have No Confidence
in the Flesh"
Philippians 3:7-9

Schedule of Services

<i>Sun Bible Study</i>	9 AM
<i>Sun AM Worship</i>	10 AM
<i>Sun (1st and 3rd) "Fundamentals"</i>	3:30 PM
<i>Sun PM Worship</i>	5 PM
<i>Wed Bible Study</i>	7 PM

Our Ministers

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

VALUING ONE ANOTHER

In a number of places in the scriptures we find God has commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves. In order for us to fulfill this command we need to learn how to love ourselves. How can we love our neighbor if we cannot love ourselves? And how can we love ourselves and our neighbors in a way that pleases the Lord? In **John 12:20-26** Jesus teaches us that we must hate our lives in the world to follow him. But we need to love the life that he has given us in the kingdom! In the world a person's self love or self-esteem is usually based on their physical attractiveness, abilities and or their achievements in life. In the Lord we must not fall into these trappings. We need to love ourselves for very different reasons. Read **I Peter 2:9-ff.** how does God describe you in verses **9-10**? How did He show you how valuable you are to Him (read verses **24-ff**)? Read **Romans 8:15-17**. As adopted children of God we cry out 'Abba' (Daddy), Father!! The Lord has adopted each of us to be his own and he is our Daddy, our Father!! As his children we are blessed to share in his sufferings and in his glory!! Esteem (value) yourself because God loves you. Think of a particular passage, which helps you understand this. Call a brother or sister and encourage them with it today. And praise God, our loving Father, we are valuable because He loves us!!!

Today let's focus on how we can love others better. How can we have the loving relationships the Lord desires for us? Read **Col 3:12-14** carefully. How does God address us? If you were to look at this as a recipe for perfect unity what would the essential ingredients be? What is the main ingredient? Now read the chapter from beginning to end. The keys to great relationships are here. As you read, notice your need to remember whom you were whom you are now in the Lord and how we are to be different! If we have the ingredients as described in verses **12-14** then we can successfully fulfill verse **18-ff**.

The scriptures tell us about the power of the tongue. Let's look at the power of our words in light of our relationships. Read **Eph 4:29-ff**. Only wholesome words should come out of our mouths. Do you see the ingredients for unity (great relationships) in these verses? Very similar to what we read in Colossians, isn't it? Notice that we need to know what each others needs are in order to build one another up!! This is absolutely key to having great relationships. The opportunity for true loving relationships has been given to us!! Combine your words with action read **John 13:1-17** and seek to imitate the Lord's love today. Look at **verse 34** as well and notice the results of our love for one another. It is the most powerful testimony to the world that we are truly Jesus' disciples!!

The Lord can use us to build one another up in awesome and powerful ways when we yield to him and follow the recipe for great relationships which he has given us. In the same way, when we don't follow his instructions we can destroy our relationships and do tremendous damage to one another. Read **Proverbs 18:19-21**. What are some ways that you offend your brother, sister, son, daughter, husband or wife? What are the results? What does **verse 21** say about the power of the tongue? Read **Col 3:18-21** again.. Wives ask yourself, "am I submissive to my husband as is fitting in the Lord or do I put my own needs before my husbands and offend him with my words and attitudes?" Husbands ask yourselves, "am I loving my wife (like Jesus loves the church) or am I offensive in my words and actions and harsh with her?" Children ask yourself, "am I obedient to my parents and pleasing the Lord or am I offensive by being disrespectful and disobedient?" Fathers ask yourself, "am I embittering my children and discouraging them by being unloving?" Reread verses **12-14** as a reminder of the ingredients we need to have for loving relationships and repent to those you need to repent to. With repentance come times of refreshing from the Lord (**Acts 3:19-20**)!!

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE – MARK



#39 The book of Mark is the shortest and simplest of the gospel accounts. Written primarily to a Roman audience, it emphasizes Jesus’ actions and presents Him as the authoritative Son and Servant of God. Mark wrote in a direct, fast-moving style and used the word "straightway," or "immediately," very liberally. While he discussed the entire 3.5 years of Jesus’ public ministry, about 40% of the text is devoted to the last eight days of His life. While the author did not identify himself in the text, it was consistently attributed to Mark in the second century. He was a close companion of the apostle Peter (1 Pet. 5:13), and the content is generally understood to have been influenced by Peter.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	C. Bingham
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	C. Merriweather
Scrip Reading	C. Merriwaether
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	L. Clemons
Assist	O. Eaton
	M. Thweatt
Giving	L. Clemons
Benediction	S. Keaton
Usher	C. Bingham
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	S. Keaton
Scrip Reading	S. Keaton
Message	M. Williams
Lord’s Table	C. Bingham
Assist	O. Eaton
	M. Davis
Giving	C. Bingham
Benediction	W. Ford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Singles' Quarterly Business Mtg. TODAY.** Immediately after AM worship service.
- Song Leader Practice, TODAY @ 1:30PM.** @ the bldg. See Brian for details.
- Singles' Quarterly Singles' Service Wknd, 5/1-5/3.** See Candi for details and to sign up for assistance.
- Women's Pray Without Ceasing Session, 5/2 @ 10:30AM.** @ the Church bldg. Sis. Otey is asking sisters to stay after and help set-up for Kids Sunday.
- Kid's Sunday! 5/3 @ 9am.** There will be a special class for children. See Jamia for flyers to hand out.
- Lifelines Ministry, "New Converts and New Members Meet and Greet" 5/3.** Following the AM services. All are encouraged to attend. See Antoine for details.
- Marriage Ministry Gathering, 5/8, 7PM.**
- Men's Community Service Day, Sun, 5/16.** See Omar with questions & suggestions.
- Mid-Atlantic Lectureship, 7/17-7/19.** Mark your calendars. No registration costs.

PRAYER REQUESTS



STATISTICS

April 19, 2009

Sunday Class: 37 AM Worship: 62 PM Worship: 38 Wed Class: 47

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

Cleaning:

Pauline & Denise Armstrong

Communion:

LaTeisha Williams & Shirley Glaze

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Dried cereals, jarred applesauce, powered milk, peanut butter, & canned fruit