



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:

"Add to Your Faith"
2 Peter 1:1-11

PM Sermon:

"The Root of Bitterness"
Hebrews 12:14-15

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

Gene Cooper
703.380.6008 (c)

Melvin Otey
202.345.4528 (c)

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

Be Ye Angry and Sin Not

Some of our emotions can be overwhelmingly powerful. We can be literally consumed by emotions like love, anger, jealousy, joy and pain. They can turn our lives upside-down. They are seemingly not under our control, but rather, often control us. Is it ever alright to be angry? The answer is clearly yes. The bible tells us to be angry and sin not. Anger is a normal emotion, even God displayed this emotion.

God was provoked to anger many times in the Bible by people's hearts going astray (Heb 3:10), or following other god's (Deut 6:11), or idolatry among his people (the Golden Calf, Exo. 32:9-10). Again and again people's sin provokes God to anger, and even to wrath. Likewise, Jesus was provoked to anger by the stubborn hearts of the Pharisees. In Mark 3:1-6 Jesus wanted to heal a man on the Sabbath, but they were more concerned about their own laws than about God's compassion. The bible says Jesus looked round at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, healed the man. On another occasion Jesus drove the moneylenders out of the temple with a whip because they were defiling his Father's house. Jesus had just cause to be angry, and, being Jesus, He expressed it appropriately.

Other people are rightly angry in the Bible as well. For example, when reading Galatians, it's hard to miss Paul's anger about the false teaching in the church. There is a theme here: There are things it is right to be angry about 1) the same things that angers God and 2) the things that dishonor Him. In each case of righteous indignation, the result was constructive.

The Bible seeks to warn us about the danger of uncontrolled anger in Eccl. 7:9 when it says, "Don't be quick-tempered, for anger is the friend of fools." Paul tell us in Eph. 4:26-27 "Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down upon your wrath, nor give place to the devil." People who fly into a rage almost always make a bad landing. It's been said, "He that strives not to stem his anger's tide, Does a wild horse without a bridle ride" No ruler on earth could measure the harm that is done in our world by uncontrolled anger. Friendships are ruined, individuals battered, lives lost behind dealing with one with a short fuse..

How do we control our own anger in a fit of rage? Some would suggest that we count to ten, but the Bible would direct us to look to the cross. As the hostile, rage-filled men who orchestrated His death blasphemed and insulted Jesus, Luke 23:34 tells us He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." The Roman soldiers who crucified Jesus did not kill an angry man. Jesus shows us the way to deal with our anger as we live in a world of rage. The power to cool down doesn't come from counting to ten or from flying off the handle - it comes from focusing on the Prince of Peace. Let us pray for the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding. The peace of God will keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Then we can do as the scripture tells us, "Be angry, and sin not sin; do not let the sun go down upon your wrath, nor give place to the devil."

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE—HEBREWS

#56 Authorship of the book of Hebrews still remains a mystery. Many people that Paul is the author, but, if he is, he does not specifically claim authorship as he did in all of his other epistles. The book was written as an encouragement to suffering saints who were considering returning to Judaism and demonstrates the superiority of Christ’s person and His work, as well as the superiority of the Christian walk of faith. Jesus offers, among other things, a better revelation, position, priesthood, covenant, and sacrifice. The words perfect, better, heaven, and eternal are prominent.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teachers Wanted. Come one, come all. Teachers for all grades. Anyone interested in teaching any grade level including adults, see Bro. Cooper.

Men’s Leadership Class, TODAY @ 3:30 PM.

Singles’ Bible Training, Fri 8/28 @ 7:30PM. See Brian for details.

Singles Day Trip to NYC, Sat 8/29. Cost \$40-90. See Brian for details asap.

Individual and family photos starting Sun, 8/30. For a member’s board.

Nursing Home Visitation, Sun, 9/6 @ 2PM. See Letitia for details.

HU Bible Studies, Thursdays @ 7PM, Bus. School #548. See Lawrence.

Toddler Worship Training. Sundays in August @ 9AM.

2nd AM Service @ 7:45AM beginning 9/13.

Women of Virtue Cooking Classes. Resuming in October. Let Sis. Otey know if there are any dishes you want to learn how to cook. More info to follow.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	M. Davis
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	M. Williams
Scrip Reading	M. Williams
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	C. Pendergrass
Assist	C. Bingham
	L. Clemons
Giving	C. Pendergrass
Benediction	M. Thweatt

PM

Usher	M. Davis
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	R. McQuirter
Scrip Reading	R. McQuirter
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	A. Johnson
Assist	O. Eaton
	K. Wall
Giving	A. Johnson
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. 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

STATISTICS

August 16, 2009

Sunday Class: 43 AM Worship: 70 PM Worship: 52 Wed Class: 53

Cleaning:

Letitia Mosby & Janisha Richardson

Communion:

Visa Farrell & Sheila Merriweather

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Canned fruit and vegetables; dry beans and pasta.