



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: "A Closer Look at the Tower of Babel"
Genesis 11:1-9

PM: "The Wisdom of Ants"
Proverbs 6:6-11

Schedule of Services

<i>Sun Bible Study</i>	9 AM
<i>Sun AM Worship</i>	10 AM
<i>Sun "Fundamentals"</i>	3:30 PM
<i>Sun PM Worship</i>	5 PM
<i>Wed Bible Study</i>	7 PM

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

Growth Principles

A man selects a site on his property for a garden.. He does not till the soil. He just scatters the seed and walks away. No fertilizer is placed with the seed; no watering is done. The man, however, expects a large crop of vegetables. Is he being realistic? The answer is obvious, No. The principle is: **IF IT'S NOT FED (cultivated, nourished), IT WON'T GROW (flourish).**

A young man hears about a party his friends are having. He accepts an invitation and shows up--only to find that it is a poker party. Since celebrities are playing poker and it is on so many TV channels, it must a cool way to have fun and "make a quick buck," right? The young man, however, knows that it is gambling, and is well aware of the tragic consequences of sin. He walks away from the party, resolving not to gamble, even if it means his friends will be disappointed. He's more concerned with pleasing God. The principle is **IF IT'S NOT FED, IT WON'T GROW.**

A man has been married for several years. He loves his wife and believes their marriage is good, but he is a little bored. At work, he spends a lot of time around a single young woman. She is attractive and personable. Most of their contact is work-related and, so far, he has kept it that way. He knows, however that she would "see him" outside of work, if he would but ask. After thinking it over, he resolves to work on his relationship with his wife, to be more attentive, and to liven up their marriage with better communication and more romance. He resists the urge to build a deeper relationship with the woman at work. **IF IT'S NOT FED, IT WON'T GROW.**

A young man and woman in their early twenties have dated for several months and are "serious" about each other. There is a real possibility that they will get married. They love each other and express it in verbal and non-verbal ways. However, they are Christians and have resolved to avoid fornication and save themselves sexually for marriage. Thus, they have set definite limits on their physical displays of affection. They could give in to lust, like so many have chosen to do, but they don't.--**IF IT'S NOT FED, IT WON'T GROW.**

I think the point is clear. If it's not fed, it won't grow. How can we make specific application to you and I? This is a new year, and we should be feeding and feasting on the word of God. We are told to give attendance to reading. We are told to study to show ourselves approved unto God. We are told to be holy because God is holy. We are told to be perfect just our father in heaven is perfect. We are told to grow in grace and knowledge... We have some serious spiritual eating, we must do. The principle is clear already ...**IF IT'S NOT FED, IT WON'T GROW.**

Let's ensure we take every advantage to eat good, sound spiritual food that we will grow in the Lord!

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE – LAMENTATIONS



#23 Lamentations, likely written soon after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC, is the shortest book of major prophecy. It records a separate poem of sorrow for the fallen city of Jerusalem in each of its five chapters. Although the book does not name its author, it has been assigned to Jeremiah’s pen by both Jews and Gentiles. The writer laments as he watches the intense suffering of God’s people and the utter devastation of the city and the temple. The prevailing tone is one of grief and resignation; however, there are rays of hope throughout. In the middle of the suffering, Jeremiah celebrates God’s faithfulness and unfailing love.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marriage Ministry Gathering, Fri, 01/09, 7PM.** @ the Johnson home.
- Door Knocking, Sat, 01/10 and 01/24, 9:45AM-12:00PM.** Let’s hit the street!
- “Women in the Word” Bible Study, Sat, 01/10, 12:30-1:30PM.** @ Sis. Mosby’s home.
- Men’s Leadership Class, Sun, 01/11 and 01/25 @ 3:30PM.** This class will meet each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 3:30PM. Brothers, come one and all.
- Evangelism Primer, Wed, 01/14 and 01/21 @ 7PM.**
- College Ministry Fellowship, Fri, 01/16, 7PM.** All college students are invited to attend the fellowship at the Merriweather home.
- Food Pantry.** This month, we’re collecting canned poultry, beans, and oatmeal. If you would like to contribute, please see Maurice, Roderick, Charlie, or Jamia.
- “Fundamentals of the Faith” Class.** This class will meet each 1st and 3rd Sunday at 3:30PM beginning in February. All new converts are strongly encouraged to attend, and the entire congregation is welcome.

PRAYER REQUESTS

STATISTICS

December 21, 2008

Sunday Class: 25 AM Worship: 42 PM Worship: 26 Wed Class: 25

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

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

PM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	A. Brown
Scrip Reading	A. Brown
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	R. McQuirter
Assist	S. Keaton
	K. Wall
Giving	R. McQuirter
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

Clean Up This Month:

A. Brown, I. Johnson, L. Clemons

Communion:

Pauline Armstrong & Anna McCorvey