



### 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: "Train Up Your Children"  
Proverbs 22:6

PM: "Chastening Your Children"  
Proverbs 13:24

### 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:

### "Let's Work On The Beam"

"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." (Matt. 7:5). Why is it so easy for us to see fault in others while something glaringly is wrong in our own lives? When we feel compelled to render an unfair/harsh judgment and/or an unkind word to our brethren there is a problem with our own heart. Such behavior promotes strife and contention among Christians. 1 Tim. 6:4, Gal. 5:19-21 The Pharisees were notorious for this and we too can become entangled in this sinful attitude and behavior. These type of judgments often come in the following ways:

By being overly critical of our brother & sisters in Christ: this person seemly can not contain the criticism...they must vent it. The harsh criticism is often disguised by saying it in a joking manner and/or with a smile. This is often referred to as a "Zinger" or a subtle jab. It's the kind of comment that makes you smile and frown at the same time. You are not sure what you just heard. I compare it to someone who is in an automobile accident and they don't feel the full extent of the pain until hours later. A well phrased "Zinger" has the same effect...You wake up in the middle of the night and realize that you were insulted!

Jealousy – A critical tongue is often found in one who is envious of what others have and/or relationships that they enjoy. See Rom. 1:29-32; Titus 3:3 : Prov. 14:30

Arrogance – Some people think more highly of themselves than they should. Rom. 12:3

As a result of vengeance – Someone has offended us so we feel justified in "Punishing" them for it. There is no such liberty in Christ Rom. 12:19.

Why would a Christian engage in this type of behavior? It is certainly not to encourage them or to build them up! Gal. 5 addresses the root-cause of this problem. It is the lust of the flesh. Romans 14:19 "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things where-with one may edify another". We need to consider the beam in our own eye first. By doing so it will consume our time and prevent us from being overly critical of others. Gal. 5:16: "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh". What a blessing it is to have encouragement verses a sharp and unjust judgment made against us.

*Article borrowed from Cedar Park Church of Christ*

**“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”**  
 THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE – EZEKIAL



#24 Ezekial, whose name means "God strengthens," was both a priest and a prophet. He was taken away to Babylon as one of 10,000 captives in about 598 B.C. (2 Ki. 24:14). The prophet reminded the Jews that their desolation was the result of their own sins and emphasized the certainty of God's judgment. This book, along with Daniel and Revelation, is sometimes classified as apocalyptic literature because of Ezekial's prolific use of symbolism, imagery, visions, and allegories. The book carries overarching messages both of doom (chs. 1-24) and hope (chs. 25-48). One oft repeated phrase, which was subsequently adopted by Jesus, is "son of man."

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Men's Leadership Class, TODAY and 1/25 @ 3:30PM** . This class will meet each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 3:30PM. Brothers, we're looking forward to it.

**Singles Min. Mtg, TODAY.**

**Evangelism Primer, Wed, 1/14 and 1/21 @ 7PM.**

**College Min. Fellowship, Fri, 1/16, 7PM.** All college students are invited to attend the fellowship at the Merriweather home. Bring your friends.

**College Min. Bible Study, Thursdays @ 7PM, HU Sch. of Bus. Rm. 548.** Be sure to attend, support and bring your friends! See Lawrence for details.

**Door Knocking, Sat, 1/24, 9:45AM-12:00PM.** Come one and all!

**Food Pantry.** We're collecting canned poultry, beans, and oatmeal this month.

**"Fundamentals of the Faith" Class.** Will meet each 1st and 3rd Sun. at 3:30PM beginning in Feb. and will concentrate on the first principles of Christianity. New converts are strongly encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

**"Women of Virtue" Cooking Class, Sun, 3/8.** Sisters, this is the first in a series of *Women of Virtue Cooking Classes*. If you are interested in learning how to cook some fabulous dishes, please see Sis. Otey to sign-up.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**STATISTICS**

January 4, 2008

Sunday Class: 30 AM Worship: 37 PM Worship: 35 Wed Class: 40

**WORSHIP LINE-UP**

**AM**

Usher	L. Clemons
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	C. Merriweather
Scrip Reading	C. Merriweather
Message	M. Otey
Lord's Table	K. Wall
Assist	S. Keaton
	M. Thweatt
Giving	K. Wall
Benediction	A. Brown

**PM**

Usher	L. Clemons
Song Leader	K. Wall
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	S. Keaton
Scrip Reading	S. Keaton
Message	M. Otey
Lord's Table	M. Davis
Assist	C. Bingham
	L. Hayes
Giving	M. Davis
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

**Cleaning:**

A. Brown, I. Johnson & L. Clemons

**Communion:**

Pauline Armstrong & Anna McCorvey