



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: "The Example of
Jesus' Baptism"
Mark 1:9

PM: "The Patience of
the Patients"
James 1:1-4

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 Go and Talk to Them...

Do you have a proclivity to gossip? Have you ever been a victim of gossip? Gossip is sinful. It is a tiny thing that can end in disaster. Its damage can be likened to a lighted match thrown into a dry forest. **Gossip** shatters friendships, breaks hearts and disrupts churches. Many of us may have been victims of it and perhaps more of us have been a party to it.

Gossip can be cultivated into a fine art. There is the blunt approach. It is stated we don't like a person and here are the reasons why. We might even add, "I'd say it to his face, too." The fact is we are hiding behind our **gossip** rather than facing the one that has irritated us. Then there is the subtle approach. We say, "Yes she is a nice person but it's too bad about her habit of" We then spend twenty minutes or more running her down.

We should be very careful how we use our tongue. We should frequently review James 3:1-6. Special notice should be taken of some phrases in verses 5 and 6. "So also the tongue is a small part of the body . . . how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire . . ." Few scriptures apply more on a daily basis. Did you know the Bible places a **gossip** on the equality with a drunk? At Titus 2:3 older women are told "not to be malicious **gossips** nor enslaved to much wine." In the mind of the Holy Spirit one is as bad as the other. Putting others down hurts us in at least two ways: First, others lose confidence in us. Second, we become abnormally conscious of how others are critical of us and extra sensitive to the opinions, of others. The result is mutual distrust.

There are reasons why people indulge in **gossip**. Some find a degree of enjoyment in discussing the faults of other people. Proverbs 26:22 suggests, "the words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels." Newscasters have long known that "scandal makes news." Why is it pleasurable to them? It brings about an unconsciousness of our faults. Pulling others to pieces make them feel better about themselves.

Some folks just love to create a sensation. "Small minds love to bring large news and failing a load will make one." One can momentarily be a center of attention with gossip. Likely there are other psychological mechanisms for **gossip** but the basic reason is a lack of love. When we love people, we do not constantly pick flaws. "Love covers all transgressions" (Prov. 10:12). We don't advertise sins of people we love any more than we would advertise our own. If we love someone we are slow to believe wrong about them.

Gossiping can be and must be done away with! "For lack of wood fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down" (Prov. 26:20). If one comes bringing a "news too hot" for them to hold on to, simply tell them, "Since it is so important to you, let's go and talk to that person." If there are no gossipy ears, there will be few gossiping tongues.

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE – DANIEL



#25 A captive of noble birth in Babylon, Daniel became a high ranking government official. In fact, with God’s help, he became the second most powerful man in the single greatest empire of his day. Among other things, he was a man of faith, prayer, and wisdom. The book that bears his name is relatively short, but it is filled with rivoting accounts and fascinating prophecies about both earthly and heavenly kingdoms. One unique feature of Daniel is that the book is written in two languages, Hebrew (the language of the Jews) and Aramaic (the official language of diplomatic discourse). Key words in this book include “dream” and “vision.”

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Family! Placed Membership: Dionna McMillan (1/07) and Demetrius and LaKisha Morris (1/11). Please be sure to greet them!

Wash. Center for the Aging Visitation, TODAY, 2PM. 2601 18th St., NE.

Singles’ Min. Bible Study, Fri. 1/23, 7:30-9PM. “Wise in Thine on Eyes.”

Door Knocking, Sat, 1/24, 9:45AM-12:00PM.

Men’s Leadership Class, Sun, 1/25 @ 3:30PM.

Singles Service Wknd, 1/30-2/1. Please see Lawrence if you would like to volunteer or have services rendered during this timeframe.



Food Pantry. Items of the month: canned poultry, beans, and oatmeal.

Women of Virtue Potluck, Sun, 2/8. Meeting at the Otey home immediately following AM worship. Please let Sis. Williams know what dish you will bring.

Managing God’s Money, Sat, 2/21, 10AM-1PM. @ the building. More info. to come!

PRAYER REQUESTS

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	R. McQuirter
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	O. Eaton
Scrip Reading	O. Eaton
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	M. Williams
Assist	M. Davis
	S. Keaton
Giving	M. Williams
Benediction	K. Wall

PM

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	R. McQuirter
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	L. Hayes
Scrip Reading	L. Hayes
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	A. Brown
Assist	M. Davis
	B. Crutcher
Giving	A. Brown
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

January 11, 2008

Sunday Class: 35 AM Worship: 53 PM Worship: 47 Wed Class: 38

Cleaning:

A. Brown, I. Johnson & L. Clemons

Communion:

Pauline Armstrong & Anna McCorvey