



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:

"The Declaration of Independence"
Romans 7:1-6

PM Sermon:

"How to Handle Temptation"
1 Corinthians 10:12-13

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:

This Treasure In Earthen Vessels

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (2 Corinthians 4:7.)

At least twice the Savior compared the gospel to a treasure or something of great value. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy therefore goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." (Matthew 13:44-46.)

The gospel is the greatest of all treasures. It involves the salvation of that which is immortal - the soul of man. According to the apostle Paul this treasure has been conveyed to "earthen vessels." A vessel is a utensil that is used for transporting something. The term "earthen" refers to that which is connected with the earth. Man was created from "the dust of the earth." God then has placed the treasure of the gospel with man.

In Acts chapter 9 Ananias was informed that Saul of Tarsus was coming to see him. Ananias was apprehensive. Saul was viewed by him as an adversary of Christianity but the Lord said, "He is a chosen vessel unto me to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel." (Acts 9:15.)

When a survey of the New Testament is made it is observed that in every case of conversion there was someone (an "earthen vessel") to relay the message of the gospel.

Even angels were not permitted to present the message of salvation. An angel directed Phillip the evangelist to the Ethiopian in Acts chapter 8. But Phillip was the one who "preached unto him Jesus." An angel instructed Cornelius to send for Peter who would tell him what he ought to do. (Acts 10:6.) Cornelius informed Peter that he had gathered his household to hear from him "all the things that are commanded thee of God." (Acts 10:33.) Peter, the "earthen vessel" proceeded to tell of how God "anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power who went about doing good.... The Jews slew him and God raised him up the third day." (Acts 10:38-40.)

Jesus did not directly tell Saul of Tarsus how to be saved when he appeared to him on the road. Instead, he was told to seek out Ananias who would tell him what he must do. (Acts 9:6.) Ananias, in this case was the "earthen vessel."

There are some places that have a bad reputation. The hometown of Jesus was like that. A proverb had developed, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" In a town viewed with disdain the Savior of the world grew in "stature, wisdom and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52). I am glad that a poor boy from "up the hollow" is privileged to be a proclaimer of this Savior's treasure. He too was one of the "earthen vessels" into which God has placed the treasure of the gospel.

Now that we have this treasure in earthen vessels, let us be conveyers of it in carrying out the great commission (Matt 28:18-20).

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE—COLOSSIANS

#49 Colossians, along with Ephesians, Philippians, and Philemon, is one of Paul's prison epistles. It seems that the apostle never visited Colosse (Col. 1:4, 2:1), a large town in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), about 100 miles east of Ephesus. The city was mainly Gentile, but contained a large Jewish settlement. The church there was plagued both by Jewish legalism and pagan mysticism. Paul's letter to the church emphasized the superiority and sufficiency of Christ in all things. It has been said that this book which presents the “Christ of the Church,” is somewhat parallel with Ephesians, which presents the “Church of Christ.”

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome!** Cornel & Christal Pendergrass placed membership 6/28.
- Fundamentals of the Faith Class, TODAY @ 3:30 PM.**
- Marriage Ministry Gathering, 7/10, 7PM.** @ the Morris home. Please RSVP.
- Emergency Preparedness Workshop, 7/11 @ 11AM.** See bulletin board.
- Singles' Quarterly Business Mtg, 7/12.** After AM services.
- Mid-Atlantic Lectureship, 7/17-7/19 @ District Heights coC.** “The Holy Spirit.”
- Vacation Bible School, 7/20-7/24 @ 7PM.** Bring those kids and youth each night!
- Singles' Bible Study, 7/24 @ 7:30PM.** “Failure to be a Witness”
- HU Bible Studies, Thursdays @ 7PM, Bus. School #548.** Lawrence has details.
- Ladies Day Out Fellowship** will be rescheduled.
- Ladies' Pray Without Ceasing Session** will resume in August.
- Polishing the Pulpit.** Consider just the weekend: www.polishingthepulpit.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

STATISTICS

June 28, 2009

Sunday Class: AM Worship: PM Worship: Wed Class:

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

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

Mark Davis & LaRon Hayes

Communion:

Shirica Farr & Letitia Mosby

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