



### **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:  
"Reasons for Hope  
in Suffering"  
Exodus 3:7-9

PM Sermon:  
"The Shrewd Steward  
of Worldly Wealth"  
Luke 16:1-13

### **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:

### **"TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE" (Part 1 of 2)**

The word of the Lord recognizes how much we need each other. The church was purposed in the mind of God before time because the All-wise saw the need for it in human relationships. Loneliness can be a terrible and destructive thing. Other human contact, especially if it is with like-minded people with a desire to do the right thing, can be entirely wholesome and good. This is what the church as an organization and agency in human society is mostly about. As the Scripture says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and hath not another to lift him up" (Eccl. 4:9-10).

So, two are better than one because when one falls, the other can help him again to stand. We must remember this, when we consider why the church must be a part of our lives, and why we must not let this precious cooperative relationship slip from us by abandonment.

Two are better than one because one may help to bear the burden of another. How many times have you heard someone say, "This is almost more than I can bear." Often we can sympathize that what they must bear is nearly more than one person can deal with alone. But the wonderful thing is that we never ought to have to bear our burdens alone. Of course, we know the Lord helps us at such times. But it is a great boon to our souls to know that we have brothers and sisters in Christ who share our grief and pain, and help to love us through those trying times. As Paul wrote: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Observing the law of Christ involves sharing the burdens so heavy upon our fellow Christians.

Two are better than one because the prayers of one may benefit another. Those who pray for us are our "helpers." They may be confined to a bed or wheelchair, but if they are supportive of the work we are doing through their prayers, then they are friends of the first order. Paul spoke of the prayers which the Corinthians uttered on his and his fellow laborer's behalf, with fond appreciation and deep love: "Ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf" (2 Cor. 1:11).

Bro. Gene Cooper  
*If God be for us, who could be against us....*

**“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”**

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE— 1 THESSALONIANS

#50 Paul, Silas, and Timothy established the church at Thessalonica, capital of the Roman province of Macedonia, on Paul’s second missionary journey (recorded in Acts 17:1-9). Upon his arrival, the apostle sought out a local synagogue and taught the gospel. Initial success was followed by strenuous opposition. Having left the city under duress, Paul sent Timothy back. When Timothy later rejoined Paul, the apostle wrote First Thessalonians in response to Timothy’s good report. In the letter, among other things, he discussed his own circumstances, encouraged the church, answered false allegations, emphasized the need for purity, and condemned the sluggard lifestyle.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

**WORSHIP LINE-UP**

**AM**

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

**PM**

Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	R. Fuller
Scrip Reading	R. Fuller
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	K. Wall
Assist	O. Eaton
	S. Keaton
Giving	K. Wall
Benediction	W. Ford

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Welcome to the family!** Renika Smith was baptized Sat., July 11!
- Singles’ Quarterly Business Mtg, TODAY.** After AM services.
- Men’s Leadership Class, TODAY @ 3:30PM.** “The Costs of Leadership” Part 2
- Mid-Atlantic Lectureship, 7/17-7/19 @ District Heights coC.** “The Holy Spirit.”
- Fundamentals of the Faith Class, Sun, 7/19, 3:30PM.** “Worship in the Church.”
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 7/20-7/24 @ 7PM.** Bring kids and youth each night! Classes for all ages.
- Singles’ Kickball & Picnic, Sat, 7/25 @ 2-5PM.** See Kamal or Ahmand for details.
- HU Bible Studies, Thursdays @ 7PM, Bus. School #548.** Lawrence has details.
- Food Pantry.** Please don’t forget about the pantry when you’re shopping.
- Cleanup.** Please straighten your area before leaving. Thank you.
- Singles’ Service Weekend, 8/7-8/9.** See Letitia for details or to request help.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**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**

July 5, 2009

Sunday Class: 39 AM Worship: 78 PM Worship: 43 Wed Class: 51

**Cleaning:**

Mark Davis & LaRon Hayes

**Communion:**

Shirica Farr & Letitia Mosby

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