



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 Works of
 Pergamos"

Revelation 2:12-17

PM Sermon:
 "Awakening a
 Sleeping Conscience"
Genesis 42:21

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:

How to Deal With Discouragement?

Discouragement is universal. No one is exempt from the dark cloud it casts over our lives. Great men of God -- David, Job, Jeremiah, and even Jesus -- became discouraged. Discouragement can take many forms and be caused by many things, i.e. family matters, financial issues, moral failures and spiritual matters.

As shocking as it may seem, faithfulness to God and His word do not guarantee that one will not become discouraged. As a matter of fact, the more one is involved in the work of the Lord, the greater, at times, his discouragement may be. Those who endeavor to teach God's truth or live faithfully as a Christian encounter many and varied discouragements. What faithful teacher and Christian has not asked himself at one time or another, "What's the use?" when his efforts to teach others and to set a proper example seem not only to accomplish nothing but also seems to be unappreciated. Discouragement also comes to preachers. The pulpit provides no insulation from it.

We must remember that others before us have had their disappointments and discouragements also. Jeremiah was met with almost unimaginable discouragements, Jer. 9:2. Yet, in spite of all his longings to leave, he stood at his post of duty through the weary years, faithful to God even to the last. Jesus and His apostles faced many discouragements. So must we. Discouragement will come. We must know how to deal with it.

Jesus is our perfect example as we live our lives before God (1 Pet. 2:21), the proper standard for conduct and attitudes. The apostle Paul encouraged the members of the church in Corinth to imitate him as he imitated Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

While He was on the earth, Jesus had to face discouragements. We must ask, "How did Jesus handle His discouragements?" In learning how He dealt with them, we can learn how we ought to react to those discouragements that come our way. The following are some ways that Jesus dealt with those things that disappointed and discouraged Him.

- He Did Not Give Up. Jesus recognized that the key to any situation was in Him, not in the obstacles He faced. Discouragement, you see, is a condition of mind not one of outside circumstances. Happiness does not depend upon where you are but upon what you are. Keeping in good spirit is not a question of circumstances about us but, rather, a question of what we are within ourselves.

- He Took a Wider View. The higher up you are, the farther you can see. Jesus saw things from the Godward side and that side is not discouraging. He encouraged His disciples to have that same perspective. In John 4:35 He told them to "lift up your eyes." No matter what happens in our lives, all will ultimately turn out well if we are faithful in doing the Lord's will. The promise is made to faithful Christians in Romans 8:28 that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

- He Kept Working. When He was blocked in one direction, Jesus patiently looked in another. When nothing was left for Him to do but to die, He went to the cross willingly and confidently. Sometimes in life, things may not turn out as we have planned or as we would like them to and we may feel like giving up. Whenever you feel that way, look to Jesus and follow His example. Keep doing the will of God. Persevere with all your heart.

- He Always Prayed. When faced with a crisis situation, Jesus gained strength through prayer unto His Father (Matt. 14:23; Luke 5:16; 6:12; Matt. 26:36-42). We must be people of prayer (Luke 18:1; 1 Thes. 5:17). In times of despondency, discouragement and disappointment, prayer is the answer.

In the midst of many discouragements, Jesus calmly, serenely and thoughtfully, kept right on proclaiming the great truths of heaven, doing the will of God and living the proper life. So must we. "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE— 2ND CORINTHIANS

#45 Second Corinthians is at least the third (see 1 Co. 5:9), and perhaps the fourth (see 2 Co. 2:4), letter that Paul wrote to Corinth. It was written after false teachers had stirred many against Paul, who had been accused by some Corinthians of being, among other things, fickle, unimpressive, and unqualified to be an apostle. This letter, written with thanksgiving to the repentant majority and to entreat the rebellious minority, contains significant biographical data about the apostle because he dedicated much discussion to his ministry and apostleship.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nursing Home Visitation, TODAY @ 2PM.** See Letitia for more information.
- Fundamentals of the Faith Class, TODAY @ 3:30 PM.** Bro. Otey will be discussing “Three Keys to Better Understanding the Bible.”
- Mid-Atlantic Lectureship Registration.** We encourage all to register today. There is no cost. Details on the bulletin board. See Bro. McQuirter to register.
- Marriage Ministry Gathering, Fri, 6/12, 7PM.** @ the Eaton home.
- Woodlawn coC bldg. dedication, Sat, 6/13 @ 12PM.** Details on bulletin board.
- Women of Virtue Potluck/Q&A Rap Session, 6/14, after AM services.** @ Sis. Otey’s home. Ladies, get Bible answers to your question! Submit questions to LaTeisha, Ivy or Jamia by 6/7, and don’t forget to sign up to bring a dish.
- Men’s Leadership Class, 6/14 @ 3:30PM.** “Leading w/o Elders” Part 2
- Men’s/Women’s Classes, Wed, 6/17 @ 7PM.** The separate class will be moved up one week. We will have a guest speaker on Wednesday, 6/24.
- Single’s Bible Talk, Fri, 6/19 7:30PM.** “A Lifetime of Work, Yet Still Single.” @ Ahmand’s home. Brian have details or transportation info.
- Men’s Monthly Gathering, Sat, 6/20, 2PM.** @ Bro. Ford’s home. “Never Compromise Christ For Your Job.” See you there brothers! Omar has details.
- HU Bible Studies, Thursdays @ 7PM, Bus. School #548.** Lawrence has details. Support by your attendance and bring your friends.
- Polishing the Pulpit.** Think about it: www.polishingthepulpit.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	C. Bingham
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	R. McQuirter
Scrip Reading	R. McQuirter
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	L. Clemons
Assist	M. Thweatt
	B. Crutcher
Giving	L. Clemons
Benediction	R. Fuller
Usher	O. Eaton
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	D. Morris
Scrip Reading	D. Morris
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	S. Keaton
Assist	M. Davis
	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

STATISTICS

May 31, 2009

Sunday Class: 37 AM Worship: 63 PM Worship: 71 Wed Class: 35

Cleaning:

Lawrence Clemons & Ka’mal Wall

Communion:

Jennifer Hannah & Ivy Johnson

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Canned fruit,