



### 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:  
"Three Reasons That Jesus Performed Miracles"  
*John 2:11*

PM Sermon:  
"Help For The Iron Gates"  
*Acts 12:1-12*

### 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:

### Man Must Not Live By Bread Alone

We know that life has material requirements. A person has to sleep some. We have to eat and drink. A little exercise is also good. This is basic stuff. But and if we attempt to live on an altogether material basis, we will fail. Jesus was being tested by. The Devil. (Matthew 4:1-11). The first temptation had to do with. Hunger. The Lord had fasted forty days and nights (not the more frequently practiced dawn to dusk fast). He was therefore hungry. The Devil said, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." Jesus could have done this. Indeed He could have done anything that suited Him and His purposes. But He had in mind a rebuke for the Devil and a lesson for us. So He answered and said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Notice that Jesus began by saying "It is written." He used this verbal formulation also in verses seven and ten. This expression "It is written" is neither accidental nor ornamental. It is instead full of rhetorical power.

The power of these three words is revealed by a study of the context from which Matthew 4:4 is taken. We look back into the Old Testament, remembering that whatsoever things written aforetime were written for our learning (Romans 15:4) and see that the quotation is from Deuteronomy 8:3. In this "second law" Moses rehearsed some things with Israel. He reminded them of their history. He reminded them of the Law. And he reminded them that God has taken care of them and blessed them spiritually. But Moses also taught the people. They had been tested with forty years of wandering in the wilderness. The purpose of that test was "to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not" (Deuteronomy 8:2).

As a part of that testing God humbled these people and allowed to become hungry. Then He fed them with manna, a substance previously unknown to them. This was designed to teach them that "...man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord." In addition they saw that their clothing lasted much longer than one could expect and that their feet held up in a remarkable fashion (Deuteronomy 8:4). God took care of them. Their physical needs were met by God in a situation that would have without His help, spelled doom for them all. So, the lesson becomes clear. Just as it is the case that man cannot live without the physical requirements of life, neither can man live without the spiritual requirements of life. The lesson is also that God meets both our physical and spiritual needs. Man needs bread; God provides it. Man needs spiritual bread, the truth. God provides it. We need what has been written. But we are remarkable creatures in our ability to reject blessings out of a stupid need to exercise autonomy from God. Some people believe that we, that is, humankind, feed ourselves physically. They say, well, we farm, we ranch, we have chicken houses.. we do it all. Do we really? Last I looked, nobody can replicate the process by which one grain of corn becomes three ears. Do we make the chicken lay the egg, or were they made that way? Don't miss it. ..God feeds us. And God also provides that spiritual food we need in and by His Word. Men reject this, too, just as did Israel in the wandering (Hebrews 3:7ff.). Yes, we need bread. But even more we need the Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. God humbled Israel to teach them this. May we humbly appreciate our absolute need for God in everything and therefore diligently study His Word (2 Timothy 2:15).

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

**“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”**

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE – ZEPHANIAH



#34 Zephaniah was one of the last prophets of Judah before the nation went into Babylonian captivity. It is generally believed that he was related to the royal line, and his ministry seems to have corresponded to the early reign of King Josiah, the great reformer. Zephaniah focused on the coming judgment upon the nations, including Judah. Yet, he also promised a wonderful future to those who humbled themselves, sought the Lord and lived righteously. Key words include “day of the Lord” and “desolation.”

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

**WORSHIP LINE-UP**

**AM**

Usher	L. Clemons
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	C. Merriweather
Scrip Reading	C. Merriweather
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	C. Bingham
Assist	O. Eaton
	M. Thweatt
Giving	C. Bingham
Benediction	S. Keaton
Usher	L. Clemons
Song Leader	A. Johnson
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	S. Keaton
Scrip Reading	S. Keaton
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	L. Clemons
Assist	O. Eaton
	M. Davis
Giving	L. Clemons
Benediction	W. Ford

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Men’s Worship Training, TODAY, 3:30PM.** “The Elders’ Work”

**Men’s/Women’s Classes & Meeting, Wed, 3/25, 7PM.**

**Door Knocking, Sat, 3/28, 9:45AM-12:00PM.** Let’s hit the street!

**OPEN HOUSE, Sun, 3/29, 1-4PM.** Come and help us welcome our neighbors.

**Ladies Pray Without Ceasing Session, Sat 4/4, 10:30AM @** Sis. Moore’s home. All sisters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**“The Gift of Gab Comes with a Tab,” Sun 4/5.** Join us for good food and great discussion at the *Women of Virtue* Potluck! See Sis. Williams for dish sign-up questions. @ Otey home immediately after AM worship.

**Mid-Atlantic Lectureship, 7/17-7/19.** Mark your calendars!

**College Min. Bible Study, Thursdays @ 5PM, HU School of Bus. Rm. 548.**



**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

**Cleaning:**

Jody Hestick & Jewellisa Bolden

**Communion:**

Mary Moore & Danielle Davis

**STATISTICS**

March 15, 2009

Sunday Class: 36 AM Worship: 72 PM Worship: 42 Wed Class: 42

**Food Pantry Items of the Month:** Canned tuna, chicken, fruit, and vegetables. Also, powdered drinks.