



## 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:

"A Model of  
Motherhood"

1 Samuel 1:27-28

PM Sermon:

"Working Together  
with God"

1 Corinthians 3:9

## 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:

### Mothers: The Heart of the Family

Nations rise and fall, empires prosper or crumble and men are stirred to great accomplishments or driven to shameful failure often because of the influence of a wife or mother. The wise poet has properly said, "The hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that rules the world."

For most women, motherhood is a great privilege, a crowning joy and a sublime fulfillment. Perhaps the greatest privilege of motherhood is that of sharing and giving. No one shares and gives as a mother does. She shares her body with another in order to conceive. She shares it again with her unborn child. Then she shares her time, energy and talent with it after it is born in order to meet its needs and cause it to grow and develop. But most of all, she shares her heart and her love as she weeps, laughs, sorrows and rejoices with her child through the months and years of infancy, adolescence and youth and adulthood.

Motherhood, while being a great privilege, also involves obligation. No task on earth requires more dedication, greater skill or fuller commitment. Her responsibilities demand devotion to the highest ideals and patient perseverance over long years of time. Her task is formidable because there is no human obligation that is less adaptable to substitution than motherhood. You can substitute for the teacher, policeman, governor and almost anyone else but no one has found an adequate substitute for a mother's love.

The greatest writers and speakers of the ages have tried to capture the fullness of motherhood but all have failed to maximize it. Only in Scripture do we see the blessedness of a good mother fully described. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all.' Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:28-31).

Happy and blessed is the home and the children of a loving mother -- one devoted to her husband, children and the Lord. Let us thank God if our home is so blessed.

Gene Taylor  
from Centerville Church of Christ

**To all mothers:  
Thank you and Happy Mother's Day!!!  
May God continue to bless you!**

**“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”**

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE – JOHN



#41 Early church tradition strongly and consistently assigned the fourth gospel account to the pen of the apostle John, who identifies himself as the disciple “whom Jesus loved” throughout. John’s account, written later than the synoptic gospels, supplied a large amount of unique material. For example, he alone discussed Jesus’ early ministry in Judea and Samaria. His purpose is writing is unmistakable; he wanted people to believe that Jesus is the Christ and obtain eternal life in His name (John. 20:31). It is notable, then, that he began with a declaration that Jesus is God, and the word “believe” occurs nearly 100 times in the book of John, more than twice as much as the synoptic accounts. Key words include belief, faith, know, witness, life, and know.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations Graduates!** Victoria Aljoe, Felicia Carter, Danielle Davis, Shirley Glaze, Anna McCorvey, & Kelley Williams.

**Men’s Class, TODAY, 3:30PM.** “The Work & Qualifications of Deacons”

**Singles’ Bible Training 5/15, 7:30PM.** “Work That Glorifies God” (Jam. 1:21-27) @ home of Letitia & Janisha. Brian has details.

**“Straight Talk About Homosexuality,” 5/14, 7PM.** @ District Heights coC.

**Men’s Community Service Day, Sun, 5/16, 10AM.** Building clean-up.

**Door Knocking, Sat, 5/23, 9:45AM-12:00PM.**

**Singles’ Movie Night 5/30, 7PM.** @ home of Alisha & Jessica. Chikara has details

**Mid-Atlantic Lectureship, 7/17-7/19.** Mark your calendars. No registration costs.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



**WORSHIP LINE-UP**

**AM**

Usher	O. Eaton
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	A. Brown
Scrip Reading	A. Brown
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	L. Clemons
Assist	L. Hayes
	D. Morris
Giving	L. Clemons
Benediction	K. Wall
Usher	O. Eaton
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	S. Keaton
Scrip Reading	S. Keaton
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	A. Brown
Assist	O. Eaton
	L. Hayes
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

**Cleaning:**

Mary Merriweather & Mary Moore

**Communion:**

Shewana Skinner & Yolanda Weir

**STATISTICS**

May 3, 2009

Sunday Class: 39 AM Worship: 73 PM Worship: 32 Wed Class: 35

**Food Pantry Items of the Month:** General Non-Perishable Items