



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:
 "Ask for the Old Paths"
 Jeremiah 6:16

PM Sermon:
 "Just Because Jesus
 Said So"
 Luke 5:1-11

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:

Our Hopes and God's Purpose (Part 2 of 2)

God Judges the Work, Not the Result. If we weigh the life of Moses by what he gained for himself, he wasn't successful. He spent forty years trying to lead Israel into the land of Canaan, then was stopped short, failing to realize his dream. But if we weigh his life by his motive and the work which he did, he was a resounding success. He did what God wanted him to do. It is our loyalty to the Lord, striving always to do His will, that wins divine approval. The Lord will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:23), to those who diligently try to accomplish His work. As Jesus said it, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). The apostle describes the judgment this way, "For we must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). Paul faithfully preached Christ in Corinth, and laid the proper foundation. He then was followed by Apollos, who built upon that foundation as he also preached Christ (1 Cor. 3:10). What of their work, and their reward for it? The apostle describes it: Notice what Paul said in 1 Cor 3:12-15. Note well the point he makes. If you do the Lord's work, God will reward you for your labor.

His Plans Can Be Halted Temporarily. Long after Moses died and was buried on Mount Nebo, he was with Elijah talking with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-3), and the saints will sing at the throne of God "the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb" (Rev. 16:3). The success of life cannot be measured within this life! When Stephen, the faithful preacher of Christ, was stoned and the door of earthly existence was closed against him, he entered the happy land "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary be at rest" (Job 3:17; Acts 7). On his second missionary journey, Paul was prevented by the Lord from going into Asia to preach Christ (Acts 16:6-7). So, led by the Lord to go into Macedonia, he found a fertile land for the gospel and gathered a golden harvest (Acts 16:8-40, 17:1-12). When one door is shut in the face of the faithful servant of God, another door is opened, usually leading to an even better field of labor.

God's Purpose. We all see our plans fail, our hopes dashed. But let us not despair or be dismayed at such temporary reversals, for it simply means that God has other plans for us. Even those things which seem to be against us are really in our best interests. As Paul wrote, "And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). No matter what happens, God can make it work to our good, according to "the eternal purpose, which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:11).

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE— 1ST CORINTHIANS

#44 Paul established the church at Corinth, a splendid commercial city located in southern Greece, during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1ff). The Roman capital in the region of Achaia, Corinth was known for paganism and idolatry. The book of First Corinthians, likely written during Paul’s third missionary journey, illustrates the problems, pressures, and struggles of a church called out of a pagan society. It features the apostle’s efforts to correct aberrant behavior in the church, including factionalism, sexual sins, and disorderly worship. Paul also addressed a series of questions that had been posed to him by Christians in Corinth.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Song Service, TODAY@ 4:30PM. With the saints from Woodlawn coC.

Ladies’ Pray Without Ceasing Session, Sat, 6/6, 10:30AM. @ Sis. Moore’s home.

“Survival Kit” Party for Shameka, Sat 6/6, 2-4PM. @ Sis. Otey’s home. All sisters are invited to attend. RSVP to Sis. Otey by June 1st.

Fundamentals of the Faith Class, 6/7 @ 3:30 PM. “Understanding the Bible.”

Ladies’ 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”

HU Bible Studies, Thursdays @ 7PM, Bus. School #548. Lawrence has details.

Mid-Atlantic Lectureship, 7/17-7/19. “The Holy Spirit.” We encourage everyone to register and participate. There is no cost to you.

Polishing the Pulpit. Have you thought about it? www.polishingthepulpit.com.

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

May 24, 2009

Sunday Class: 44 AM Worship: 57 PM Worship: 37 Wed Class: 49

Cleaning:

Mary Merriweather & Mary Moore

Communion:

Shewana Skinner & Yolanda Weir

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Canned Fruit