



### 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:  
"I.M.P.A.C.T. FULL  
Church"  
Acts 2:42

PM Sermon:  
"Promulgate  
Good Doctrine"  
Titus 2

### FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

#### A Costly Love Affair

"For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10). In this passage we find the third and final mention of Demas in Scripture. In Col. 4:14 he is listed as one sending greetings to the church at Colosse. In Philemon 24 he is named as a fellow-worker of Paul. In 2 Timothy 4, though, he is identified as a deserter from the Lord's work because he "loved this present world."

We are not told whether his love for the world was centered on any one thing. We are told only that he loved it and what that love for the world caused him to do. Christians are commanded to love NOT the world (1 John 2:15-17).

We often speak of "costly love affairs" because those affairs cause homes to be broken, reputations to be ruined, wealth to be sacrificed, etc. Yet, none has ever been costlier than the love affairs Demas and others like him have had with the world. Loving the world carries the highest price one can pay: to be without God and without hope (Eph. 2:12). Continued fellowship with God requires walking with Him in His will (1 Jn 1:5-7).

Friendship with the world makes one an enemy of God (Jas. 4:4). The one who claims to be a Christian but who flirts with the world is only deceiving himself. He must be made to realize the great cost of unfaithfulness -- his soul (Matt. 16:26). In addition to hurting himself, Demas did great damage to the cause of Christ. In abandoning it, he deprived it of a devoted worker and robbed it of all the good he might have accomplished had he remained faithful.

Demas robbed the world of the flavor of righteousness imparted unto it by godly living. He snuffed out another desperately needed light in a sin-darkened world (Phil 2:15). Someone has said, "Every 'Demas' who leaves the truth makes it a little more difficult for some 'Cornelius' to learn the truth or some 'Timothy' to be reared in it." Demas' love affair with this world was certainly costly. Most tragically, if there was no genuine repentance on his part, it cost him his soul (Matt. 16:26). Doing as he did hurts all and profits no one. Do not make the mistake of Demas. Do not love this present world.

Article borrowed from Bro. Gene Taylor

Schedule of Services	Privileged to Serve	AM Service1	AM Service2	PM Service
<i>Sun AM Worship1</i> <b>7:45AM</b>	Usher	C. Merriweather	M. Davis	M. Davis
<i>Sun Bible Study</i> <b>9AM</b>	Song Leader	M. Williams	B. Crutcher	R. McQuirter
<i>Sun AM Worship2</i> <b>10AM</b>	Announcements	O. Eaton	M. Otey	G. Cooper
<i>Sun (1st &amp; 3rd)</i> <b>3:30PM</b>	Invocation/Scripture	O. Eaton	A. Brown	R. Fuller
<i>"Fundamentals" Class</i>	Message	G. Cooper	G. Cooper	M. Otey
<i>Sun PM Worship</i> <b>5PM</b>	Lord's Table	C. Pendergrass	R. Fuller	K. Wall
<i>Wed Bible Study</i> <b>7PM</b>	Assist	M. Simpson	R. McQuirter	L. Clemons
	Assist		M. Thweatt	B. Crutcher
	Giving	C. Pendergrass	R. Fuller	K. Wall
	Benediction	M. Williams	C. Bingham	W. Ford

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**“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”**

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE—FIRST JOHN



#60 The book of First John is named after the apostle who wrote it. While the author does not identify himself in the text, early church writers consistently ascribed the letter to John's pen, and the introductory verses are distinctly apostolic. In his latter years, probably from Ephesus, John wrote this epistle because of loving concern for his "children in the faith," who were being drawn away by worldliness and the false doctrine of Gnosticism. The letter, then, calls the readers to walk according to the truth and refutes false doctrine. Major themes include fellowship with God and love.

Bro. Melvin Otey

*Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.***God's Plan of Salvation****Hear the Gospel.** Romans 10:17**Believe in Jesus.** Mark 16:16; John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6**Repent of Sin.** Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30**Confess Christ.** Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37**Be Baptized.** Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21**The Lord adds you to the church.**

Acts 2:47

**Live Faithfully.** Revelation 2:10

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fundamentals of the Faith Class, TODAY, 3:30PM.** "A Brief Introduction to NT Miracles."**Cambridge coC Gospel Mtg, 09/20-09/23.** Bros. Cooper and Otey will be speaking. Details on bulletin board.**T3 Classes 10/6 and 10/20 @ 3:30.** All teachers and those that desire to teach are welcome.**Area-Wide Picnic, 09/26.** @ Riverdale Rec. Center. 5500 Haig Drive, Riverdale, MD.**HU Bible Studies, Thursdays @ 7PM, Bus. School #548.** Lawrence has details.**Ladies Day@ Silver Spring 10/17.** Please see Sis. Mosby to sign up by 9/30.**Women of Virtue Cooking Classes, 10/6.** See Sister Otey for details.**Polishing the Pulpit 2010.** Bro. Otey has started looking into renting 15 passenger vans to transport groups to Sevierville, TN for next year's PTP. It's a great investment in one's spiritual and family development. If you are interested in going (on the vans), please let him know. Once he has an idea of genuine interest, interested persons can begin to discuss finances and details. More info to follow.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Stats 9/13:** Sun: Class (59), AM1 (30), AM2 (49), PM (49) Wed: Class (47)**Cleaning:** Denise Armstrong & Yolanda Weir**Communion:** Jennifer Hannah and Mary Merriweather**Food Pantry Items of the Month:** Canned fruit and vegetables; dry beans and pasta.