



FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

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:
"Go and Sin No More"
John 8:1-11

PM Sermon:
"Is One Church Just as Good as Another?"
Matthew 16:18

WHY SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR ETERNITY?

We should prepare for eternity because we cannot stay here. The undeniable reality is that, unless Jesus comes back during our lifetimes, we are all going to pass from this life some day; "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (Ja. 4:14b). Even if we could live 500 or 1,000 more years, we cannot stay here, because the Earth will not last forever; "...the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the Earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Pe. 3:7). We should prepare for eternity because, knowing that we cannot stay here, it is only wise to prepare for our eternal abode.

We should prepare for eternity because we don't want our next abode to be in hell. No one wants to go to hell. Remember the rich man in Luke 16; he didn't want to be in hell (Tartarus). Even the demons don't want to go there; when a group of them encountered Jesus, they cried out, "... saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" (Mt. 8:29). They weren't looking forward to abiding in hell (Gehenna), and they likely know more about the place than we do. Everyone, great and small, will be judged by God at the end of time, and those who are not found written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire (Re. 20:11-15). We should prepare for eternity because we know that unprepared persons will learn more about hell (Tartarus, Gehenna, or both) than they ever wanted to know.

We should prepare for eternity because we want heaven to be our next abode. Jesus has gone to prepare a place there for the faithful (Jo. 14:1-3), but we must prepare to spend eternity there by living properly here. We are to be reconciled to God now if we want to share a home with Him for eternity (2 Co. 5:18-20). Jesus said we are to lay up treasure in heaven now (Mt. 6:20); we do this by living godly, faithful lives. Matthew 25 is essentially about being prepared for heaven when the Lord returns; we ought not delay our preparation for heaven, shirk our responsibility to God, or ignore our obligations towards others. We should prepare for eternity right now because heaven is more beautiful and blissful than we can even imagine. Who wants to stay here or risk going to hell when they go spend eternity there?

Melvin Otey

Schedule of Services	Privileged to Serve	AM Service1	AM Service2	PM Service
Sun AM Worship1 7:45AM	Usher	C. Merriweather	C. Bingham	C. Merriweather
Sun Bible Study 9AM	Song Leader	C. Pendergrass	B. Crutcher	R. McQuirter
Sun AM Worship2 10AM	Announcements	M. Otey	G. Cooper	G. Cooper
Sun (1st & 3rd) 3:30PM	Invocation/Scripture	L. Clemons	A. Johnson	S. Keaton
"Fundamentals" Class	Message	G. Cooper	G. Cooper	M. Otey
Sun PM Worship 5PM	Lord's Table	M. Williams	S. Keaton	M. Williams
Wed Bible Study 7PM	Assist	O. Eaton	R. McQuirter	B. Johnson
	Assist		C. Bingham	L. Hayes
	Giving	M. Williams	S. Keaton	M. Williams
	Benediction	C. Pendergrass	B. Crutcher	R. McQuirter

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"OLD TESTAMENT WOMEN" -Gene Cooper

Sarah, Part II. Sarah also posed as Abraham's sister at the court of King Abimelech of Gerar. God intervened in that situation, and Sarah returned to Abraham instead of joining Abimelech's household. Sarah was childless, yet her husband was to become a father of many nations via the Lord's promise. Sarah offered Abraham her Egyptian slave, Hagar as his concubine. When Hagar became pregnant, Sarah was so jealous that she mistreated Hagar, who ran away for a time. When she returned, Hagar's son Ishmael was born. Sarah was 90 when the Lord told Abraham that she would bear a son. Sarah laughed when she heard this news, but in due time, the child Isaac was born. Even after Isaac's birth, conflict erupted between Sarah and Hagar, and Sarah demanded that Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael. Sarah died at the age of 127 and was buried beside Abraham in the family tomb at Hebron.

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

Subject to Silence, TODAY, 12:30-2:30PM. Women of Virtue Potluck! @ the Otey home.**Faithfully Fit Mtg., TODAY, @3:30PM.** Open to all sisters. Chikara & Alisha have details.**Men's Leadership Class, TODAY, @3:30PM.** All brothers encouraged to attend.**College Student Fellowship, Fri, 3/05, 7PM.** Come and bring your friends. @ the Merriweather home.**Men's Business Mtg, Sat, 3/06 @10AM.** Bros, please submit your reports by 03/01 and be in attendance.**Men's "Game Night," Sat, 3/06.** Following the meeting. Omar has details.**Marriage Ministry Gathering, 3/12, 7PM.** @ the Otey home.**Women of Virtue/Faithfully Fit Cooking Class, Sun, 3/21.** @ Alisha Williams' home. LaTeisha has details.**GA Ave OPEN HOUSE, Sun, 3/28, 1-4PM.** Come and help us welcome our neighbors.**DC BIBLE LECTURES, "The Bible," Sat, 04/17.** Please register (forms in the back) and spread the word!**Men's Monday Morning Prayer @6:30AM.** Don't forget brothers. Every Monday. Moshay has details.**Weekly Devotional Call, Thursdays @9PM.** Call 712.451.6000, and enter access code 471171#. Call 641.715.3486 and enter the access code to hear the recording. This week: "One Saved, Always Saved?"

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Stats 2/21:** Sun: Class (42), AM1 (NA), AM2 (73) PM (38) Wed: Class (40)**Cleaning:** L. Clemons & M. Simpson**Communion:** I. Johnson & L. Mosby**Opening the Building:** R. Fuller **Closing the Building:** K. Wall & B. Crutcher **Back Up:** M. Williams**Food Pantry Items of the Month:** Hot cereals; peanut butter and jelly; fruit (can or jar); tuna.