



## 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:  
"Going Down  
in to Egypt"  
Genesis 12:10-20

PM Sermon:  
"Coming Up  
Out of Egypt"  
Genesis 13:1-4

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

### **SAMSON: A FOOL FOR "LOVE"**

Physically, Samson was one of the strongest men in the world's history. Yet, he was also one of the most foolish because he consistently made foolish romantic decisions. We can all be wiser than he was if we make better decisions than he made.

In Judges 14, Samson saw an attractive Philistine woman and determined to pursue her, seemingly before he even spoke with her (14:7). The Philistines were enemies of Israel (13:1). His parents tried to dissuade him from marrying a woman who did not know the Lord (14:3). Still, Samson married her, and, predictably, she was a horrible wife; she may have been the most beautiful woman on earth, but she manipulated and betrayed him (14:16-17). Samson played the fool for choosing a ungodly wife. We are wiser than that, aren't we?

After his failed marriage, Samson committed an act of fornication when he went in to a harlot (16:1-3). While he sinned, his enemies gathered against him and planned to kill him. He was able to escape with his life because of his tremendous physical strength, but he played the fool by giving occasion to his enemies for a brief sinful interlude. We are wiser than that, aren't we?

Undeterred by his prior transgressions, Sampson entered into a relationship with yet another heathen, Delilah (16:4). Of course, she betrayed him because her loyalty was to her people, not to him or his God. Yet, he "loved" her (16:4) and confided in her (16:17). As a result of tying himself to this ungodly woman, he lost his strength and his sight (16:19, 21), compromised his relationship with God (16:20), and, ultimately, lost his life (16:30). He did not learn from his mistakes, and my, how he played the fool! We are wiser than that, aren't we?

The things that are written in the Bible are written for our learning (Ro. 15:4). None of us are as physically strong as Samson, but none of us should be as weak as he was in the pursuit of "love." All of us should be wise enough to make better decisions than he did. Let's not be foolish. There's nothing cute or comical about being a fool for "love."

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

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**"OLD TESTAMENT WOMEN"** -Gene Cooper

**Naomi, Part I.** In the days when judges guided Israel, a famine forced many people to leave the country. Naomi, her husband, Elimelech, and their two sons went to Moab, where food was more plentiful. While there, Elimelech died, leaving Naomi a widow and a single parent in a foreign country. As many in her situation would do, Naomi cherished her sons as they grew. She relied on her sons. They married Moabite women named Orphad and Ruth. After then years in Moab, both of her sons died, and Naomi was grieving again. When Naomi heard that God had provided food again in Israel, she prepared to return to Bethlehem with her daughters in law. Naomi changed her plans and told them to go back to their own mothers. In her love for them she gave them up. **Correction:** Last week's bulletin stated Rebekah was Abraham's grand daughter; that should have read "Abraham's grand

**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

**2010 Calendars.** Hardcopies are available on the back table.**Fundamentals of the Faith Class, TODAY @3:30PM.** "Understanding Figures of Speech in the Bible"**Singles' Bible Study, Fri, 1/22 @7:30PM.** See Brian for details.**We're on DCTV! Fri, 01/22 @9PM and Sat, 1/30 @2PM.** Comcast 96 & RCN 11. Check it out.**Ladies' Pray Without Ceasing Session, Sat, 02/06 @10:30AM.** @ Sis. Moore's home: 2034 4th Street, NW.**Ladies' Day Out, Sat, 02/06 @12:30 PM.** Tour of Mary McCleod Bethune House.**Subject to Silence, Sun, 02/07 12:30-2:30PM.** How and why should women keep silent in the church? Find out more at the Women of Virtue Potluck! At the Otey home. See Ivy for dish sign-up.**Faithfully Fit Mtg., Sun, 02/07 @3:30PM.** Open to woman of all ages. Focuses on placing God first and having a balance in every aspect of life. Get support for healthy living. See Chikara or Alisha for details.**Men's Monday Morning Prayer @6:30AM.** Don't forget brothers. Every Monday. Moshay has details.**Weekly Devotional Call, Thurs @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: "Is the Bible the Word of God?"**Polishing the Pulpit 2010.** Bro. Otey is looking into renting 15 passenger vans to transport groups to Sevierville, TN for next year's PTP. If you are interested in going (on the vans), please let him know.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Stats 1/10:** Sun: Class (50), AM (28), AM (39) PM (54) Wed: Class (42)**Cleaning:** J. Bolden, A. Ferree**Communion:** D. Seay, S. Hooks, V. Ferrell**Opening the Building:** M. Williams **Closing the Building:** Brian Crutcher**Food Pantry Items of the Month:** Hot cereals; peanut butter and jelly; fruit (can or jar); tuna.