Branches

Mar 29, 2026

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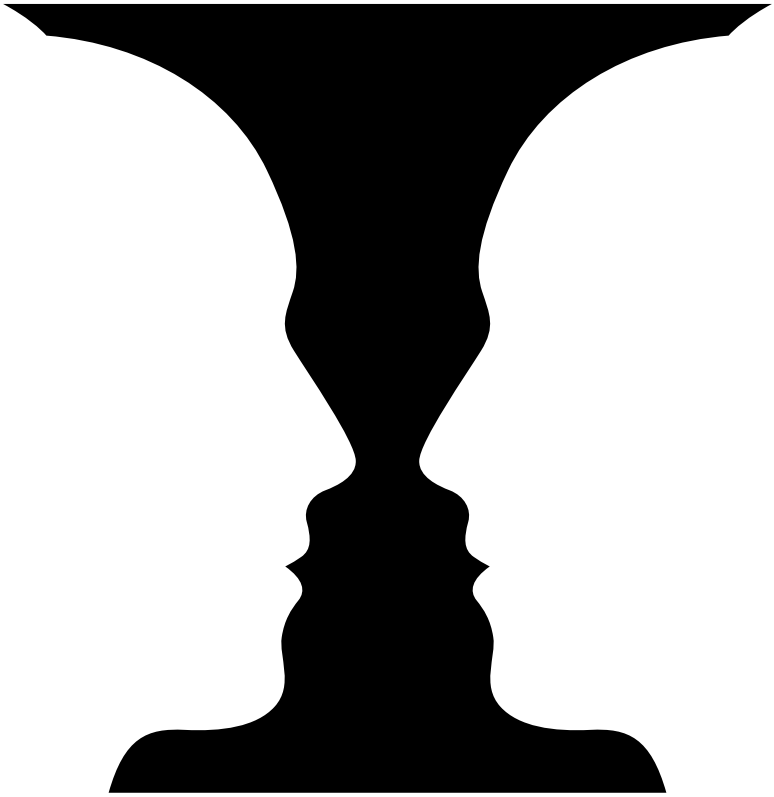


The Misplaced Crow Instead of The Crown

Jesus said, "You are the branches…" *JOHN 15:5*

To Our Friends & Guests

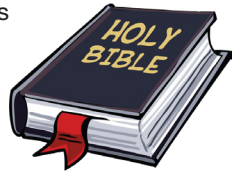
From the **Branches** Family, To Our Friends and Guests

We are pleased that you made the choice to spend your morning with us. You may be starting your search for God, or you may be looking for a place to enhance the faith you already have. The Branches Family wants to serve you by helping you progress at your own pace. We don't intend to pressure you, or automatically follow up with a visit or phone call. In respect of your privacy we let you tell us if, or when, you want more information. Just use the chair cards or give us a call with the numbers listed in this bulletin.

Check Out Our Chair Cards

There are cards located in the seat backs/racks for anybody seeking more information or a follow-up. If you fill one out, please place it in the offering box, or hand to one of our ministers.

Bibles



In keeping with our desire of leading you into God's Word, we try to put the Bible verses used on the screens. Bibles have also been placed under the chairs in front of you. Feel free to use one to follow along with the sermon and if you don't have a Bible, you are welcome to take one home with you. **It's yours!**

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or praise please write it down on the card provided on the table before you enter the auditorium and place it in the box by 9:55am. We will gladly share it at the beginning of the service and send out in the church prayer email.

A Special Word about Communion

It is our practice to observe communion at the end of the service every Lord's Day; the bread and the juice remind us of the sacrifice of Christ's body and blood made on our behalf. We invite all Christians to join us in this opportunity for remembrance and to partake of the elements when ready. The elements will be served as a double cup with the bread in the lower cup and juice in the top. Gluten-free cups are at the Welcome Center and may be picked up before church.

Worship Can Include Giving

We didn't forget to pass the offering plate, we haven't done that for 25 years. As a guest, if you'd like to share, you will find a mail slot on either side of the sound booth just before exiting the auditorium doors.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly at Branches

- Sundays 9a – Adult Sun School
- Sundays 10a Worship with Children Programs
  Birth through 5th in the Foundation
- Mondays 7p – Guys Group
- Mondays 8p – Beyond Human Aid Recovery Meeting
- Tuesdays 10:00a – Crocheting Class
- Tuesdays 6:00p – Free Yoga Class
- Wednesdays 7:00p – Worship

GenNext Study – "Truth Rising" – 3/29

Small group and topical Bible study on **"Truth Rising"** This is for couples with young kids. Coordinated by Xavier and Amelia Hanesworth @Tim and Amy Hanesworth's from 5-7:30pm. Register online.

Gardening at Branches 3/29

If you are interested in gardening at Branches please stay after church on Sun., Mar. 29th and meet at the front of the auditorium. We have 3 open plots available. For more information see Nancy Hightower or Lennie Templeton

Wed Meet & Eat – 4/1

No fooling - Lennie Templeton and crew will be serving Sloppy Joe's for the next monthly dinner on Wed., Apr. 1st from 6-6:45pm before the evening service. NEW – Single ticket - $5 or Family Plan - $10 for the entire family with your RSVP at the Sign Up Center or online at www.branchesofChrist.com/events. RSVP deadline is Mon., Mar. 31st.

GenNext Study – "DNA Foundations of Fait – 4/3

Small group study open to anyone 18-40 yrs willing to learn and discuss. Coordinated by Dustin and Jacqui West @Hanesworth's from 7-8:30pm. Register online to receive info.

Work Day – 4/4

We have 4 pallets of bagged mulch arriving and will need help on Sat., Apr. 4th – starting at 8am - to spread it on all the areas around the building and shed plus creating a new mulch bed with stone edging, lights, and plants around the crosses. We also will be painting the old and installing new car parking stops in the parking lot. All that you will need is gloves and knee pads

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Good Neighbor Meal – 4/9

We have the privilege of feeding our local homeless women (and family) at the **Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter,** located in Bartow County, on Thurs., Apr. 9th. There will be a Meal Train sign up for prepared food and items that may need to be purchased. Please sign up here **https://mealtrain.com/44qkr8** or at the Sign Up Center. Food should be dropped off at 4:30pm on the 9th.

The shelter helps individuals get back on their feet and focuses on their "return to the community as productive members." Please join us in being God's hands and feet as we support and encourage each person's individual journey.

Sista Suppah – 4/13

Ladies, come join your host, Bonnie Willis and your Branches Sistas on Mon., Apr. 13th, 6:30pm, at **Mi Casa,** 8265 Hwy 92, Woodstock, 30189 for food and laughter. RSVP on the "Events" page on the website/app or to Bonnie by noon, Apr. 12th.

GenNext Study – "Inklings of Christianity" – 4/24

Part 2 – A dive into fury fandom from a Christian Apologist's/Artist perspective – Melissa Doughtery.

This small group is also open to those 18-40yr olds who want to learn and discuss. Coordinated by Lawrence Lozano @Tim and Amy Hanesworth's from 7-9pm. Register online.

BTM

BRANCHES TEEN MINISTRY

(Grades 6-12)

Catalyst for Discipleship – 3/25

6:30-7p – Hang Out

7-8:15p – Worship / Catalyst – **"Truth Rising"**

8:30-9:30p – **Jackbox Games** – Gen Next and BTM

Memorials for Resurrection Sunday

In celebration of our Risen Savior, we invite you to honor or remember a loved one this Resurrection Sunday, April 5th. Their names will be listed in the bulletin.

You may participate in one of the following ways:

1. Provide a Potted Flower or Plant
Bring a potted flower or plant that will be displayed at the church on Resurrection Sunday. Please deliver it to the church no later than Thurs., Apr. 2nd. After the service on Sun., Apr. 4th, you may take your plant home.

2. Make a Monetary Donation
You may also make a donation toward landscaping for the cross area, the front planter boxes, or the side urns.

Please complete the form and return it to the Sign-Up Center by Mar., 29th with:

- Your selected option
- Your loved one's name clearly printed (as you would like it to appear in the bulletin)
- If applicable, a check made payable to Branches or online

Dollywood Ticket Giveaway

Thank You for Supporting Operation Christmas Child!
Samaritan's Purse has once again partnered with Dollywood to thank those who participated in the **2025 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection!** Our church received **6 Dollywood tickets,** and we will be giving them away in **two groups of three.** Each group of tickets is valued at **$300.**

You may enter the drawing if you participated in 2025 by:

- Filling and returning a shoebox
- Donating items for the Packing Party
- Filling a roll of quarters to help with shipping

Important Details:

- **One entry per person/family**
- **Two chances to win** (two sets of three tickets)
- **Drawing Date:** Sunday, March 29, after service
- **Ticket Expiration:** Valid through January 3, 2027

Thank you for helping share God's love with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child!

We Believe...

…That Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God who died for our sins and arose from the dead. *1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8*

…That the Bible is the inspired word of God, truthful and useful in living out the Christian life. *2 TIMOTHY 3:16*

…That every person has worth as a creation of God, but that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. *ROMANS 3:23*

...That forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust Christ as Savior and Lord. *JOHN 3:16*

…That those accepting Christ should repent of sin, confess their faith and be baptized into Him. *ROMANS 10:9 and ACTS 2:38*

…That the church is the body of Christ on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit and exists to save the lost and edify the saved. *EPHESIANS 4:1-16*

…That Jesus Christ will one day return to resurrect those that have faithfully lived for Him. *1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18*

Branches Staff...

God's design for His church is that we'd all minister to each other and we pray for that ministry to take place. **Branches** has also been able to provide full time staff to assist us with that ministry. The office hours are 9:00 to 6:00 Monday thru Friday. **Phone 770/917-4964.**

Steve Pettit: **Preacher,** contact at 770/917-4964 or steve@branchesofChrist.com. *He is off on Tuesday.*

Tim Hanesworth: **Minister of Education,** Contact him at 770/ 375-5145 or timbranchesofchrist@gmail.com.
He is off on Thursday.

Henry Leno: **Worship Minister,** contact him at 770/309-0600 or henry.leno@yahoo.com.

Julie Pettit: **Church Administrator,** contact at 770/917-4964 or julie@branchesofChrist.com. *She is in office M-F 9a-1p*

Our leadership is also willing to help you out:

Brett Thein: **Chairman of the Elders.** 404/775-3206

John Templeton: 678/508-4690

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Be Involved...

Thanks for Sharing

Branches is an independent, nondenominational church and operates solely through the gifts of transformed people that give back. Ministry happens as the Lord works through His Spirit in those that have received salvation. Practically, we don't have to charge people because of the hearts of those that have grown in the Grace of Giving and Honoring God. Jesus was the first and best to "Pay it Forward" by dying on the cross for us and our sin before we asked for it. As Christians, we follow His example and pay it forward, so those that benefit from "free" church grow to give so others can receive freely. Our budget represents what our ministries would LOVE to do. But we are only able to do that ministry according to what we have received.

Our weekly projected budget : $6,778.06

Mar 15 – $7,727.13 **Mar 22 – $4,875.25**

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the greenhouse

Children Ministry at Branches of Christ

Located down the stairs in The Foundation Area

Please Note: The Greenhouse is open on Sundays for Infants to 5th grade.

On Wednesdays childcare is provided for Infants to 1st Grade at this time.

THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYING

Jack Pacheo & Beverly Phillips

George & Lennie Templeton

Tom & Cindy Lawrence

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers (EPH 1:16)