



Aug 02, 2026

TUG OF WAR



JESUS

Top Authority in My Life

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

To Our Friends & Guests

From the Branches Family, To Our Friends and Guests

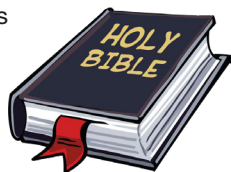
We are pleased that you made the choice to spend your morning with us. You may be starting your search for God, or you may be looking for a place to enhance the faith you already have. The Branches Family wants to serve you by helping you progress at your own pace. We don't intend to pressure you, or 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 9:00a – Adult Sun School
- Sundays 10:00a – Worship with Children Programs
Birth through 5th in the Foundation
- Mondays 7:00p – Guys Group
- Mondays 8:00p – Beyond Human Aid Recovery Meeting
- Tuesdays 10:00a – Crocheting Class
- Tuesdays 6:00p – Free Yoga Class
- Wednesdays 7:00p – Worship
- Thursdays 6:30p – GALS Discipleship Group – Book of Galatians
- Thursdays 6:30p – Ladies Bible Study – Elijah
- Sunday – 7/26 – DNA Foundations of Faith
- Friday – 7/31 – 12 Step Big/Bigger Book Study

Check out the website/app for more information and locations

Foundation Kidz

As our children's ministry continues to grow, we are expanding our classes and need more volunteers. Each week, we require six teachers/helpers and one person to staff the security desk.

Moving forward, our children's ministry will now be called "The Foundation Kidz," reflecting our focus on building foundational faith elements.

The concepts behind the changes to Foundation Kidz and the new classroom names are:



+ Loved and Growing (Ages 2–K):

Focusing on identity and the message "Jesus Loves Me."

+ Rooted and Rising (1st–3rd Grade):

Focusing on the theme "My Faith Has Roots."

+ Brave and Ready (4th–6th Grade):

Focusing on the theme "I Can Stand for Jesus."

If you would like to join this ministry and serve our children, please let Tim know.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Meet and Eat – 8/5

Lennie Templeton and crew will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner for the next monthly Meet & Eat dinner in the Foundation on Wed., Aug. 5th from 6-6:45pm before the evening service. The cost is \$5 for singles and \$10 for families.

Please sign up on the app or at www.branchesofChrist.com/events. RSVP deadline is Aug. 2nd.

Sista Suppah –8/10

Ladies, come join your host, Brenda Brown, and your Branches Sistas on Mon., Aug. 10th, 6:30pm, at **Family Traditions**, 4379 Towne Lake Pkwy, Woodstock, 30189 for food and laughter.

RSVP on the “Events” page on the website/app or to Brenda by noon, Aug. 9th.

NEW – Bros & BBQ – 8/10

All men are invited to join us as we kick off our new monthly men’s dinner, **Bros & BBQ**! Come enjoy great barbecue, fellowship, and an opportunity to connect with your Branches brothers every second Monday night of the month.

Date: Monday, August 10

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Williamson Brothers BBQ,
1600 Marietta Hwy, Canton, GA 30114

Reservations are required, so please sign up on the app or see **John Templeton** for more information.



Good Neighbor Meal – 8/13

We have the privilege of feeding our local homeless women (and family) at the **Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter**, located in Bartow County, on Thurs., Aug. 13th. There will be a Meal Train sign up for prepared food and items that may need to be purchased. Please sign up for the link online or at the Sign Up Center. Food should be dropped off at 4:30pm on the 13th.

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.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Our Privilege of Praying

Our Privilege of Praying drum, from which we draw the names of three families each week to pray for, is almost empty! It takes about eight months to complete one full rotation of families.

If your family is not currently included and you would like your church family to pray for you, we would love to add you. Please email julie@branchesofchrist.com with the names of everyone in your family and include a family photo.

Ladies Lunch Bunch – 8/18

Carla Camp will be hosting the Aug. 18th Ladies Lunch Bunch at **Rise & Dine**, 5345 Bells Ferry Rd, Acworth, 30102. All ladies are invited to join us at 11:30am.



Please RSVP on the app/website or to Carla by noon Mon., Aug. 17th

GenNext Potluck & Games – 8/23

If you are 18-40yrs old come join us on Sun., Aug. 23rd from 12:30 -3:30p here at Branches. Chandler will set up a Meal Train on the NextGen Groupme – let Chandler or Tim know if you need additional information. Besides the potluck we will be having outdoor games of soccer, volleyball, cornhole, disc slam, and spike ball.



Catalyst for Discipleship – 7/29

Will be cancelled on Aug. 5th & Aug. 12th

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

July 19 – \$9,048.30

July 26 – \$5,085.32



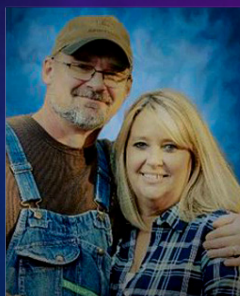
Located down the stairs in The Foundation Area

Please Note: The Foundation Kidz 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



Marty & Karen Rodgers



Carla Camp
& son Blaine



Jon, Courtney, & Norah
Watson



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