



Aug 30, 2026

TUG OF WAR



EXPECTATIONS & The Tug of War

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

To Our Friends & Guests

From the Branches Family, To Our Friends and Guests

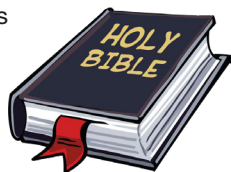
We are pleased that you made the choice to spend your morning with us. You may be starting your search for God, or you may be looking for a place to enhance the faith you already have. The Branches Family wants to serve you by helping you progress at your own pace. We don't intend to pressure you, or 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 – Ladies Bible Study – Elijah
- Sunday – 8/30 – DNA Foundations of Faith

Check out the website/app for more information and locations

2 Concerts – Crowder and King & Country

Today is the final call for anyone interested in getting more information about attending one or both of these concerts:

Crowder & Guests - Oct. 30th - \$35 @First Baptist Woodstock

King & Country - Nov. 27th - \$45 @Gas South Arena

See Tim ASAP – PRICES COULD CHANGE until purchase is made

Meet and Eat – 9/2

Lennie Templeton and crew will be serving Sloppy Joes, Pulled Pork and Mac 'n Cheese for the next monthly dinner on Wed., Sept. 2nd, from 6-6:45pm before the evening service.

The cost is \$5 for singles or \$10 for families. Sign up on the website or app at www.branchesofChrist.com/events.

RSVP deadline is Aug. 30th.

GALS (God's All Loving Sisterhood) – 9/3

Come learn what biblical discipleship is. Join us as we dig deeper and grow in our spiritual walk together starting on Sept. 3rd and every Thursday from 6:30-8pm, in the Foundation.

Like Jesus, we must engage in meaningful relationships, pouring into others and into God's word, to develop as healthy believers who walk by faith, lead by example, and bear fruit for God's glory to work His will thru us.

We will meet in the gap between Ladies Bible Studies. We will be studying the book of **Ephesians**. Feel free to attend as your schedule allows. See Christy F. or Carisa M. for more information.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter Meal – 9/10

We have the privilege of feeding our local homeless women (and family) at the **Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter**, located in Bartow County, on Thurs., Sept. 10th. 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 at the Sign Up Center or on the app. Food should be dropped off at 4:30pm on the 10th. See Lennie for more information.

Crochet Night – 9/11

Everyone is welcome to attend a special evening of Crocheting on Friday, Sept. 11th at 6pm at Branches.



Come if you want to learn (supplies will be provided) from Sherlene and others. Come if you want to bring your project and work on it. Or, come if you just need a night out and want to visit with everyone. Just bring a Hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share.

Sista Suppah – 9/14

Ladies, come join your host, Regina Espitia and your Branches Sistas on Mon., Sept. 14th, 6:30pm, at **LaBamba Mexican Restaurant**, 3509 Baker Rd, Acworth, 30102, for food and laughter. RSVP on the "Events" page on the website/app or to Regina by noon, Sept. 13th.

Bros & BBQ – 9/14

All men are invited to the monthly men's dinner, Bros & BBQ! Come enjoy great barbecue, fellowship, and an opportunity to connect with your Branches brothers.

Date: Monday, Sept. 14th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Henry's Louisiana Grill,
4835 N. Main St., Acworth 30101



Reservations are required, so please sign up **BY FRI, SEPT. 11TH** on our website or app. See Jason Newell for more information.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

CPR & AED – 9/19

We will be offering an Adult and Infant First Aid CPR and AED Training for Branches family and friends lead by our own Robert Bean, licensed instructor through the American Red Cross

- **Class Size:** 20 (minimum 4)
- **Date:** Sat., Sept. 19th – childcare offered by Janelle Bean
- **Time:** 8a-1p / 4-5 hours depending on breaks
- **Cost:** \$42 per person - due at sign up on the app or website.

Robert will be at the Sign Up Center on Sunday to answer any questions.



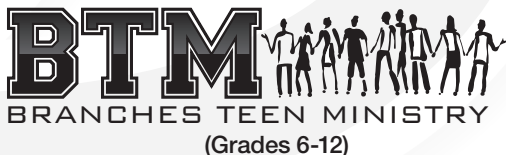
Encouragement Meal – 9/21 for the Recovery Group

Our next Encouragement Meal for the men and women of the Monday night “Beyond Human Aid” recovery group will be Mon., Sept. 21st with the serving of the meal from 7-8pm.

We will be serving Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Mac ‘n Cheese, Italian Green Beans, Garden Salad, Rolls, and Banana Pudding.

If you would like to prepare a dish for the meal, donate any item needed, or make a financial donation, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/og3y58> or to the Branches website or app for the items needed and other information.

If you would like to help prep at 6pm, serve the meal 7, clean up after the meal 8pm, or serve in all areas - please sign up at the Sign Up Center or on the app.



Catalyst for Discipleship – 9/2

6-6:45p – Hangout

7-8:00 – Catalyst

8-9 Gen Next / BTM Hangout

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

Aug 16 - \$6,516.40

Aug 23 - \$9,076.85



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



Jessie, Rachel, Anslea, Jack & Millie Rollins

Lee, Liz & Evelyn Guercia & Amelia Marshall



Les & Holly Crippen



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