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TUG OF WAR



**Struggle To Be
Compassionate**

OCTOBER
is

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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

To Our Friends & Guests

From the Branches Family, To Our Friends and Guests

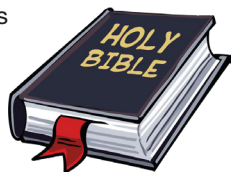
We are pleased that you made the choice to spend your morning with us. You may be starting your search for God, or you may be looking for a place to enhance the faith you already have. The Branches Family wants to serve you by helping you progress at your own pace. We don't intend to pressure you, or 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

Check out the website/app for more information and locations

Meet and Eat – 10/7

Lennie Templeton and crew will be serving **Swanky Franks** and sides for the next monthly dinner on Wed., Oct., 7th, from 6-6:45pm before the evening service. The cost is \$5 for singles and \$10 for families. Sign up on the app or the Branches website by Sun., Oct. 4th.

Good Neighbor Meal – 10/8

We have the privilege of feeding our local homeless women (and family) at the **Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter**, located in Bartow County, on Thurs., Oct. 8th. 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 [here](#) or at the Sign Up Center. Food should be dropped off at 4:30pm on the 8th.



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.

Movie Night 10/9 – 7pm

Join us for a special FREE early access event to watch **The Chosen Season 6 Episode 1** on Friday, October 9th at 7pm.

SEE IT FIRST! Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus’ arrest— and Judas’ betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

Branches Auditorium – No tickets necessary, it’s **FREE**.
No childcare provided.

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Sista Suppah -10/12

Ladies, come join your host, Michelle Bennett and your Branches Sistas on Mon., Oct. 12th, 6:30pm, at the new **Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen**, 755 Ernest W Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144, for food and laughter. RSVP on the "Events" page on the website/app or to Michelle by noon, Oct. 11th.

Bros & BBQ - 10/12

All men are invited to the monthly men's dinner, Bros & BBQ! Come enjoy great food, fellowship, and an opportunity to connect with your Branches brothers. Date: Monday, Oct. 12th - Time: 7:00 PM Location: Golden Corral, 700 Barrett Pkwy, NW, Kennesaw 30144. Reservations are required, so please sign up in the app or website or see your host Brett Thein for more information.

Ladies Lunch Bunch - 10/20

Lennie Templeton will be hosting the Oct. 20th Ladies Lunch Bunch at Millers Ale House, 745 Chastain Rd, NW, Kennesaw 30144. All ladies are invited to join us at 11:30am. Please RSVP on the app/website or to Lennie by noon Mon., Oct. 19th.

Foundation Kidz & GenNext Event - 10/24

GenNext will be hosting a Games & Bonfire Night for the Foundation Kidz and Families on Sat., Oct. 24th. The games will be from 4-6pm with the bonfire meal from 6-7pm. GenNext will then hang around for their own bonfire from 7-9pm.

Teachers (or anyone wanting to help)

I'm working on creating the new Foundation schedule on Monday, 10/26/26. Please let me know if you have any scheduling conflicts between 11/8/26 and 2/21/27. Also, please let me know if there is anyone you think would be a great fit to help with Greenhouse, so I can reach out to them before Tuesday, 10/27/26.

As a reminder, we have a greater need for teachers as we prepare for our three classes that began 8/1/26:

Growing Blooms: 1st-3rd grade

Rooted & Rising: 4th-6th grade

Brave & Ready: 4th-6th grade

We would also like to add an on-call person for Growing Blooms for the weeks when we have 14 children in that class. Thank you so much for your help and support as we work together to create a strong Biblical foundation for Branches Kidz!

BTM

Catalyst for Discipleship - 10/7

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

Sep 20 – \$5,186.73

Sep 27 – \$8,981.37



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



Melissa Jones



Rob, Heather, Pearl, Gabriel,
& Lottie Burns



Scott & Bonnie Willis



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