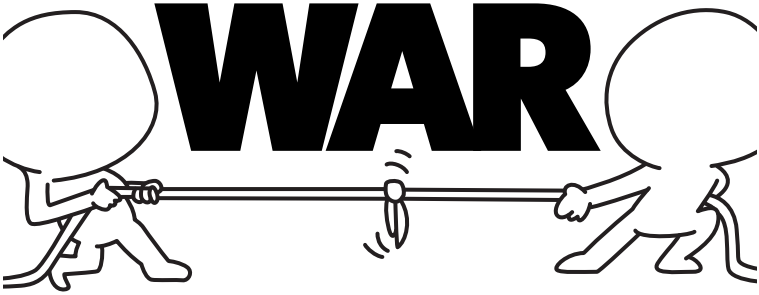
Branches

Nov 08, 2026

TUG OF WAR



The Struggle to Stay Clean

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

To Our Friends & Guests

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

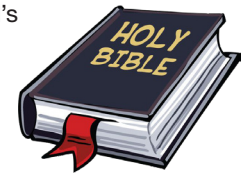
We are pleased that you made the choice to spend your morning with us. You may be starting your search for God, or you may be looking for a place to enhance the faith you already have. The Branches Family wants to serve you by helping you progress at your own pace. We don't intend to pressure you, or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

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Sunday, November 8th — Following Church

Throughout the year, items have been generously donated, and now it's time to fill shoeboxes with these gifts to bless children around the world.

Everyone is welcome to attend and help so please join us for salad and pizza and welcome our special guest speaker, Mrs. Becky Martin. And please remember to sign up online!

Other Ways to Help

1. There is a collection box in the church foyer through November 8th where you can donate an item (or items) as you feel led.
2. Pack your own shoebox and return it by Sunday, November 22nd. We will pray over the shoeboxes at the end of the service and then deliver them to the local Drop-off Center.
3. Help with shipping and ministry by taking a quarter wrapper and filling it with 40 quarters ($10). These funds help with collecting, processing, and shipping shoeboxes, as well as training ministry partners and providing Gospel materials. Please return your quarters or rolls by November 22nd as well.

Thank you for helping us share God's love with children around the world!

Sista Suppah –11/9

Ladies, come join your host, Dana Espitia and your Branches Sistas on Mon., Nov. 9th at 6:30pm, at **Family Tradition,** 4379 Towne Lake Pkwy, Woodstock, 30189, for food and laughter. RSVP on the "Events" page on the website/app or to Dana by noon, Nov. 8th.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

BBQ & Bros – 11/9

Mon., Nov. 9th instead of going out to eat we will meet in the foyer at 7pm to eat pizza and then do a service project for Branches. The steeple and both sheds are going to be painted. All the items surrounding the sheds need to be moved and organized to ensure the area is ready for the painting crew. Thank you for your help!

Good Neighbor Meal – 11/12

We have the privilege of feeding our local homeless women (and family) at the **Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter,** located in Bartow County, on Thurs., Nov. 12th. 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 12th.

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.

Ladies Lunch Bunch – 11/17



Carla Camp will be hosting the Nov. 17th 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., Nov. 16th.

OCC Shoebox Delivery – 11/22

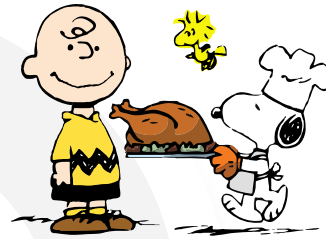
Thank you to those who have chosen to fill their own shoeboxes. Please bring those filled shoeboxes on Sun., Nov. 22nd and put on the alter at the front of the church so we can pray over them before their delivery. Thank you to Carla, Lennie, Mary Jo, and Peggy for delivering them to the drop-off center.

BTM
BRANCHES TEEN MINISTRY
(Grades 6-12)

Catalyst for Discipleship – 11/11
6-6:45p – Hangout 7-8:00 – Catalyst
8-9:00 Gen Next / BTM Hangout

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

ThanksLiving Week at Branches



Sunday, November 15th & Monday, November 16th

Join us for a special week of gratitude, fellowship, and service as we celebrate ThanksLiving —living out our thanks to God by loving one another!

Sunday, November 15th—

Annual ThanksLiving Banquet – 11:45AM

We'll begin with a morning of worship and thanksgiving, followed by our annual ThanksLiving Banquet after church. This event is for our Branches family, not an outreach event. It's a time to enjoy a meal together, connect, and celebrate God's goodness.

Please sign up on the app or website which has the Meal Train link and a place to reserve the # attending.

Monday, November 16th—

Recovery Support Group Ministry Opportunity - 7PM

Each Monday evening, over 75 people meet in the Foundation for our Recovery Support Group. On November 16th, we want to bless them with a special Thanksgiving meal.

Please pray about preparing food and/or serving and offering encouragement. You will use the same Meal Train link for the food we need.

Saturday, November 21st—

FriendsGiving



GenNext & Their Families — You're Invited! Join us for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and gratitude as we celebrate FriendsGiving together!

Saturday, November 21st - 4:00 PM - @ Branches – for a Potluck: Bring a favorite dish to share!

Please sign up on Meal Train so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to celebrating with you and your family!

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

Oct 25 – $6,747.25 **Nov 01 – $6,824.00**

The FOUNDATION KiDZ

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



Tom & Cindy Lawrence



John & Beth Pingree



Anita & Becky Griewisch

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