

**WOODLAWN FORREST  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1515 N. Barack Obama Blvd  
P.O. Box 1651  
Valdosta, GA 31603-1651  
229-242-7628

# THE HERALD

Theme: "Flourishing and Fruitful. We are **PLANTED LIKE A TREE** in 2023"

**Ministering Evangelist:**  
Leroy Butler, Jr.

**Elders:**

Alfonso Breeden  
Leroy Butler, Jr.  
Steve A. Myers, Sr.  
James C. Shearry, Sr.

**Deacons:**

Charlie Black  
Willie C. Ferree  
Harry L. Howell, Sr.  
Marcus J. Pride

**Associate Minister &  
Minister of Maturity:**

Andre R. Norwood

**Ladies Ministry:**

Gloria A. Butler

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

7:30am ..... Radio Program  
WHLJ 97.5 FM

11:00am ..... Live Worship

4:00pm ..... Sunday School  
(Virtual)

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30pm...Wednesday Night Live  
(Youth Bible Study)

7:00pm ..... Live Bible Study

**SERVICES OFFERED:**

- In-Home Bible Studies
- Private Open Bible Studies at the church building
- Bible Correspondence Courses
- Transportation to and from the services.
- Counseling (*marital and personal*)

**October**

1<sup>st</sup>– Youth Dollar Day\$.

1<sup>st</sup> - Wellness hold **Blood Pressure Screening.**

1<sup>st</sup>-Baptismal Ministry meet

1<sup>st</sup> – Luncheon for College Students and their Visitors after Worship in our dining area.

2<sup>nd</sup>~5<sup>th</sup> - *Annual Southeastern Regional Lectureship, Augusta GA.*

4<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Live, 7:00-8:00pm.

5<sup>th</sup> - Youth Council Meeting, 7:00pm.

9<sup>th</sup> - *Columbus Day.*

11<sup>th</sup> - Hospitality Ministry Meets 6:00pm.

11<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Live, 7:00pm.

14<sup>th</sup> - Meals-On-Wheels Ministry, 10:00am.

14<sup>th</sup> - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation.

14<sup>th</sup> - BLG #1 Fellowship, 1:00-3:00pm  
(Church Dining Hall)

15<sup>th</sup> - BLG#5 Meeting after Worship. *Place TBD.*

15<sup>th</sup> - Clothes Closet Ministry Meeting.

16<sup>th</sup> – *Boss's Day.*

17<sup>th</sup> – Boys 2 Men, 6:30pm.

18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Live, 7:00-8:00pm.

14<sup>th</sup> - BLG #2 and BLG #5 joint Fellowship 12pm

21<sup>st</sup> - BLG#4 Meeting, 2:00pm.

22<sup>nd</sup> – All asked to **Wear Pink** in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness.

22<sup>nd</sup> - **Minister's Appreciation Day** for Bro. LeRoy Butler, Jr.

22<sup>nd</sup> ~25<sup>th</sup> – *Fall Gospel Meeting, Oak Street Church of Christ, Lakeland GA.*

24<sup>th</sup> – L640 Ministry Meeting 6:00pm.

25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Live, 7:00-8:00pm.

25<sup>th</sup> - WFG sponsors Birthday Social.

26<sup>th</sup> - Sister 2 Sister, 6:30pm.

26<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Team Meeting, 6:00pm.

28<sup>th</sup> – *Shumate Street Church of Christ, Quitman, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.*

29<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sweet Shop after Worship.

29<sup>th</sup> – **Area Fifth Sunday Fellowship,** 2:30pm. Host: Shumate Church of Christ. They will also have, their Minister's Appreciation. ♦



October is National Pastoral Observation Month. We will be honoring **Brother LeRoy Butler, Jr.** for 42-years of service on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

We the Leadership of Woodlawn Forrest are asking each member to come prepared to give an offering of \$42.00 plus for this monumental achievement and occasion on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. If you use the envelope us the space indicated Minister's Anniversary. If you choose to give online, please indicate by memo, Minister's 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.

We will have a guest speaker on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.

On behalf of the Leadership, thank you.

Brother Steve A. Myers, Sr.  
Elder/Shepherd



**Woodlawn's Annual Giv-A-Way is scheduled for the third week of November. Instead of having you shop for groceries, we ask that you donate at least 25 to help feed a family. If you can provide for more than one family, please do so! Our goal this year is to assist at least 200 families in our community.**

## Brotherhood Activities/Events

☞ October 2~5<sup>th</sup>, **SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL LECTURESHIP**, hosted by the Greater Augusta Metro Church of Christ, Augusta GA. Theme: *Fifty Years of Enduring, Surviving and Thriving in the Faith*. Studying from Hebrews Chapters 11, 12, 13. Registration Fees through September 30<sup>th</sup>, \$195. Onsite Registration Fee, \$225. Lectureship questions/concerns, call 706-373-7106 or 706-830-7542.

☞ Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Northside Church of Christ in Jacksonville, FL will host *Resilience* **GIRLS EMPOWERMENT Conference**, for ages 9-18. Special Guest Speaker, Melissa Fulmore-Hardwick. Registration is \$10.<sup>00</sup> for hot breakfast, motivational speaker, breakout sessions, lunch, and door prizes. Every girl will receive a tote bag with gifts. To Register visit [jaxnscoc@bellsouth.net](mailto:jaxnscoc@bellsouth.net)

☞ August of 2023, **Brother A. J. Walker** was hired as the pulpit minister of Springhill Road Church of Christ in Tallahassee, FL. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the congregation will hold a Welcome and **MINISTER'S INSTALLATION SERVICE** for him and his family. Brother Wesley T. Leonard of the Southside Church of Christ in Orlando, FL will be presiding. The event is scheduled for 10:00am to 2:00pm at 1628 S. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32307, on the campus of FAMU.

☞ October 14<sup>th</sup>, Hillcrest Church of Christ, 1939 Snapfinger RD, Decatur, GA will have their **27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY**, 10:00am-12:00 noon. Theme: *Fruitful or Fruitless: The Journey to Abundant Living (Galatians 5:22-23)*. Guest speaker, Sis. KaTasha Anderson, Snellville Church of Christ. For more Hillcrest Church of Christ at 404-289-4573. Registration deadline September 30<sup>th</sup> go to [www.hillcrestcoc.net/ladiesday](http://www.hillcrestcoc.net/ladiesday)

☞ October 22-25<sup>th</sup> – Oak Street Church of Christ, Lakeland, GA will hold their **FALL GOSPEL MEETING**. Theme: *Setting The Captives Free in 2023!* Guest Speaker, Evangelist Harvey Jackson, Lampton Street Church of Christ. Praise/Worship by Bro. Dash Johnson, Saint Petersburg FL Sunday Worship 10:00am, lunch 12:00-1:30pm, 2:30pm Worship at Lanier County High School auditorium. Monday~Wednesday 6:30pm.

☞ Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Shumate Church of Christ, Quitman, GA will hold their **40<sup>th</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**. Theme: *Family Reunion*. Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> they are the congregation for the **AREA FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP** at 2:30pm, and their Minister's Appreciation.

☞ Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ, 500 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Moultrie, GA, invites you to their **REVIVAL SERVICE**. Theme: *"A Faith That Shares & Cares (Who is your Neighbor?) Luke 10:29-37"*. "We have a Faithful Servant in the person of Bro John Iverson Sr. blessing

us with a Word from the Lord and he will be accompanied by his beautiful wife Sis Pat Iverson. We will have a fellowship meal immediately following morning Worship, then attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship at Shumate in Quitman".

☞ October 29<sup>th</sup>—November 1<sup>st</sup>, Dasher Church of Christ, 4326 Dasher RD, Valdosta invites you to their **GOSPEL MEETING**. Theme: *"A Christian Must Have Heart"*. Speaker, Victor M. Eskew of Atlantic Beach, FL. Times of service: Sunday at 9am, 10am, and 6pm. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7pm.

☞ SAVE THE DATE: November 8-10<sup>th</sup> for **The Nehemiah Next Level Up Summit**, hosted by Renaissance Church of Christ in Atlanta, GA. The Summit is an impactful church growth and development conference that aims to strengthen the ministry teams of churches in collaboration with their leadership. For more information, go to <https://nehemiahsummit.com>

☞ SAVE THE DATE: South GA Church of Christ (COC) **LADIES LECTURESHIP RETREAT**, April 26-28, 2024. Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge, 80 Live Oak Trail, McRae-Helena, GA 31037. 2024 Hosts Congregations: Viena, Vienna GA, Southside, Valdosta GA, Gaines Ave, Albany GA, Eastview DR, Americus GA, Shumate ST, Quitman GA, Eastside, Albany GA, and Newsome ST, Hahira, GA. Theme: *"We are the Light of the World", Matthew 5:14-16*. Registration Fee: Adults (18 & up) \$125, Children/Teens (6-17) \$75, Children (0-5) \$10.

Registration fee is per person and includes conference activities, a T-shirt, and 6 meals. The lodging rate for 2 Queen beds per room is \$119 per night plus taxes and fees. Conference registration is required prior to booking your room. Upon our receipt of your Registration Form and Fee, you will be mailed a Receipt with a Registration Confirmation Number. To book your room starting September 1, 2023, please call Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge at 229-868-7474.

Registration deadline March 15, 2024. No personal checks or online reservations are acceptable. Payment may be made via Church Checks, money Orders, or Cashier Checks. Mail Registration form with payment to the South Georgia Church of Christ (COC) Ladies Lectureship Retreat c/o Vienna Church of Christ, 915 E. Union ST, P.O. Box 522, Vienna GA 31092. NO onsite registrations. If you have questions contact Carrol K. Colbert—Chair, Vienna Church of Christ, 478-737-4127 or Pauline Dawkins—Co-chair, Southside Church of Christ, Valdosta, 662-582-1483. ♦

### WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

*Dorothy Dye, Ph.D., Christian Clinical Counselor*

**For Appointment call 229-561-3808.**



# OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & GROW

**WORSHIP Sunday @ 11:00am**  
In Person & Facebook Live

**BIBLE SCHOOL, Sunday @ 4:00pm**  
Zoom Meeting ID: 894-681-340

**SOLID FOUNDATION CLASS, Sunday, 4:00pm**  
Zoom Meeting ID: 894-681-340

**BIBLE STUDY Wednesday Night, 7:00pm**  
In Person & Zoom Meeting ID: 894 9058 9065



## OCTOBER Daily Bible Reading

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Sunday, 10/01	Galatians 3	Song of Solomon 1-4
Monday, 10/02	Galatians 4	Song of Solomon 5-8
Tuesday, 10/03	Galatians 5	Isiah 1-2
Wednesday, 10/04	Galatians 5	Isiah 3-6
Thursday, 10/05	Ephesians 1	Isiah 7-8
Friday, 10/06	Ephesians 2	Isiah 9-11
Saturday, 10/07	Ephesians 3	Isiah 12-15
Sunday, 10/08	Ephesians 4	Isiah 16-19
Monday, 10/09	Ephesians 5	Isiah 20-23
Tuesday, 10/10	Ephesians 6	Isiah 24-26
Wednesday, 10/11	Philippians 1	Isiah 27-29
Thursday, 10/12	Philippians 2	Isiah 30-32
Friday, 10/13	Philippians 3	Isiah 33-36
Saturday, 10/14	Philippians 4	Isiah 37-38
Sunday, 10/15	Colossians 1	Isiah 39-41
Monday, 10/16	Colossians 2	Isiah 42-44
Tuesday, 10/17	Colossians 3	Isiah 45-47
Wednesday, 10/18	Colossians 4	Isiah 48-50
Thursday, 10/19	1 Thessalonians 1	Isiah 51-54
Friday, 10/20	1 Thessalonians 2	Isiah 55-58
Saturday, 10/21	1 Thessalonians 3	Isiah 59-63
Sunday, 10/22	1 Thessalonians 4	Isiah 64-66
Monday, 10/23	1 Thessalonians 5	Jeremiah 1-2
Tuesday, 10/24	2 Thessalonians 1	Jeremiah 3-4
Wednesday, 10/25	2 Thessalonians 2	Jeremiah 5-6
Thursday, 10/26	2 Thessalonians 3	Jeremiah 7-8
Friday, 10/27	1 Timothy 1	Jeremiah 9-10
Saturday, 10/28	1 Timothy 2	Jeremiah 11-13
Sunday, 10/29	1 Timothy 3	Jeremiah 14-16
Monday, 10/30	1 Timothy 4	Jeremiah 17-19
Tuesday, 10/31	1 Timothy 5	Jeremiah 20-22 †

## Assigned To Serve In OCTOBER



**BAPTISMAL:** Helen McClary, Nivea McSwain, & Alicia Norwood.

**KITCHEN:** All Kitchen Ministry Members.

**BUILDING OPENING/CLOSING:** Marcus Pride.

Please call and give 48-hours notice to get into the church building for meetings and activities. ♦



- 1<sup>st</sup> - Alexis Brinkley
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Eula Howell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Aydan Tillman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jazmin Lott
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Jaylin Carter
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Darryl Thompson
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Noah B. Turner
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Billy R. Hardy
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Diana Battle
- 18<sup>th</sup> - William Braswell
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Alisha Johnson
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Connor-Marie Smith
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Calvin Strickland
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Cathy C. Bragg
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Henry Barnes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christina Lott
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Belinda Myers
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Knox Davis
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Morgan Pride
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Brandon Myers
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Gloria Brantley
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Robert W. Finch
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Dayshonze Cole
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Tomiko L. Glenn

18<sup>th</sup>-Darrell & Lativia Stringer, 23-years. ♦



### Woodlawn's Limerick WHO AM I?

**I am a Vital Link in God's Love Connection,  
Worshipping and Witnessing to show my Affection,  
Working and Serving so that my Light will Shine,  
Walking Circumspect so as to Redeem the Time,  
I am a Vital Link in God's Love Connection. †**





**OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN NEEDS YOUR CALLS, YOUR CARDS AND YOUR VISITS...BUT ABOVE ALL, THEY NEED OUR PRAYERS. (James 5:16)**

### MEMBERS IN HOSPITAL/NURSING HOMES

- S/Dorothy **Hamilton**, Lake Haven Nursing Hm Valdosta BLG #5  
 S/Rosa **Jones**, Heritage House Nursing Home, Valdosta BLG #2  
 B/Calvin **Strickland**, Tuscaloosa, AL BLG #1  
 S/Betty **Yearby**, Holly Hill Nursing Home, Valdosta BLG #1

### SICK OR ELDERLY MEMBERS AT HOME

- S/Louise **Battle**. BLG #1  
 B/Samuel **Battle Jr.** BLG #1  
 B/James E. **Bell Jr.** BLG #2  
 S/Lucinda **Brown**. BLG #4  
 S/Marjorie **Bythwood** BLG #4  
 S/Marjorie **Collier** BLG #1  
 S/Glorice **Ferrell** BLG #4  
 S/Daisy **Fiveash** (with her daughter) BLG #4  
 B/Robert **Gervin, Jr.** BLG #1  
 S/Arleen **Golden** BLG #2  
 S/Louise **Harden** BLG #1  
 S/Robbie **Hester** BLG #2  
 S/Barbara H. **Jones** BLG #2  
 S/Mary **McKinnon** BLG #1  
 B/Bennie **Morris** BLG #2  
 S/Jeniece **Myers** BLG #1  
 B/Solomon **Sanders** BLG #2  
 S/Rosa & S/Benita **Settles** BLG #2  
 S/Betty **Vann** (with her son). BLG #1  
 S/Mary S. **Williams** BLG #4 ■

### Do Not stay away from church . . .

- . . . because you are poor. There is no admission charge.
  - . . . because you are rich. Money is not everything.
  - . . . because it rains. We go to work and school in the rain.
  - . . . because it is cold. It is warm and friendly.
  - . . . because it's hot. So are fishing, attending ball games, and golfing.
  - . . . because no one invited you. People go to a lot of places uninvited, and even pay to get in. (Consider this your invitation)
  - . . . because of hypocrites. We associate with them in the world every day.
  - . . . because of company. Bring them along; they will enjoy it and respect you for inviting them.
  - . . . because you have little children. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them" (Matthew 19:14).
  - . . . because your clothes are not nice enough. God looks at the heart (1Samuel 16:17).
  - . . . because the church always wants money. That is not true here.
  - . . . because you have plenty of time in the future. Are you sure? (James 4:13-17).
- "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1*

## MATURE DISCIPLE AWARD



The L640 Ministry reminds you to work toward achieving this year's MDA.

The criteria for qualifying for the L640 Award are quite comprehensive and cover three key areas: being constant and *consistent* in loving God through worship and service to Him, being *compassionate* in loving other Christians through frequent fellowship and service, being *concerned* about the lost through acts of kindness and evangelistic outreach.

The L640 MDA recipient will be the member who receives to most points using the criteria given to the Ministry Leaders.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Base - Loves God (Consistency in Worship)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Base- Loves Other Disciples (Compassionate Witness)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Base - Loves Your Neighbor (Concerned Work)

*Please remember to complete and turn Visitation Cards into the church office. These cards are used as documentation for the Mature Disciples rubric. ■*



### Thank you!

*Lives were saved by your donations to Change For Life! Thank you so much for your support! Woodlawn Forrest, you raised \$1,619.90 to help babies and build families! On behalf of Options Now, Woodlawn Forrest Pantry Ministry and Kitchen Ministry appreciates you helping their Outreach Ministry.*



**FEMA**

### Disaster Assistance

If you are still in need of assistance after hurricane Idalia, call (800) 621-3362 or go to DisasterAssistance.gov

Please have the following available:

- ◆ Your address with zip code
- ◆ Condition of your damaged home
- ◆ Insurance information, if available
- ◆ Social Security number
- ◆ Phone number where you can be contacted
- ◆ Address where you can get mail or email address to receive electronic notifications

Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number. Stay in touch with FEMA: when you apply, you will receive a FEMA registration number. Save it! You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA. ◆