

WOODLAWN FORREST
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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THE HERALD

Theme: "Keeping Christ At Our Core In 2024"!

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Alfonso Breeden
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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*)

Annual church themes do not fall into the category of things that are essential to our salvation. Whether we have a theme or not is as they say, "neither here nor there." However, over the past 40 plus years I have found annual church themes to be useful in centering our focus on one thing at a time and over a period of time, the one thing is added to other things that we know. Before you know it, we gain the skill of being faithful over a "few things" (Matthew 25:21). But it starts with one thing at a time.

In the incident recorded by Luke (10:41), Martha was encumbered with "*many things*" while her sister Mary was focused on "*one thing*" which was "that good part" that would "*never be taken away from her.*"

The principle that I discern from that incident is that there is a need to prioritize things. None of the things that Martha was concerned with were bad things, but they all were centered on temporal concerns. As such they would not serve lasting needs. They would all "*perish with the using*".

If we focus long enough and often enough on a few things, (one thing at a time) those things will become engrained in us and can "never be taken away" from us. Instead, they become foundation stones upon which our spiritual houses can be built. It is the idea that Jesus advanced in Matthew's gospel (7:24) when he said, *He that hears these sayings of mine and does them ... builds his house upon a rock.* Church themes help us focus on certain teachings that if we can become skillful at applying them, they will form a firm, rock-solid foundation for an unshakeable faith. Jesus said, the rains came, the floods came, the winds came and beat upon the house that the wise man built upon a rock, but it was able to stand.

Sadly, there were many among us whose faith did not stand during the storm of the recent world-wide pandemic. I believe it was because they did not keep Christ at the core of their priorities. The kingdom was not among those things that they sought *first* in their individual lives. As a result, when the storm came their lack of a firm foundation was exposed and at least as far as outward appearances are concerned their houses (faith) have suffered a "great fall".

We hope and pray that there are those among the fallen who will renew their commitment to Christ and His church and replace the sandy foundation of worldly values with the true and lasting values of Christ and His word. I also trust that those of us who kept standing will continue to **keep Christ At Our Core in Twenty, Twenty-Four.**

I mentioned in my remarks on Sunday night that there were several passages that depict Christ as being the core of our **faith** and **affection**. The one that I have decided to use with our theme this year is **John 14:23 (KJV)**

²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Our theme summed up in one sentence: **Keeping Christ at the Core of our faith and affection, keeps us all moving in the right direction. ♦**



Brotherhood & Community Events

<> February 3rd & 4th, Georgia Christian School Presents FAITH, FUN & FELLOWSHIP **YOUTH EVENT** for area Churches of Christ, 4359 Dasher Road, Valdosta GA. Saturday, short devotional, 9am-11:30am Kindergarten-5th grade. 1pm-3:30 6th-12th grade. Eric Garner speaking at the pm session. Sunday, Area Wide Teen Worship Service 6pm at GCS Gym, Guest Speaker, Eric Garner.

<> Southside Church of Christ, 1198 Old Statenville RD, Valdosta, GA are having its **71st Homecoming** on Sunday, February 11th. Bible Study at 9:15am; Worship at 10:30am; Lunch from 12:30 - 2:00pm. Afternoon Worship at 2:30pm with Singing, and 3:00pm Worship. The Guest Speaker will be Minister William "Joe" Godfrey from Gaines Avenue Church of Christ, Albany, GA. Theme: "Speak Lord, Thy Servant Hears".

<> **YES Weekend**, February 23-25th, at Forrest Park Church of Christ, 4263 Inner Perimeter Road, Valdosta. Theme: "Choose", Joshua 24:15. Friday, 7:30pm-9pm; Saturday 8:30am-8:45pm; Sunday 9:30am & 10:30am.

<> February 4th- 11th, Simpson Street Church of Christ, 800 Joseph E. Boone Blvd. NW Atlanta, GA will hold the Biblical Model of the Government, Organization and Development of the local Church, **The God L-I-N-K** with Dr. Tony Roach guest speaker. Sunday the 4th -Worship Service 9:45am; Monday-Wednesday -Virtual Sessions at 7:00pm; Thursday-Saturday No Session; Sunday the 11th—Worship Service 9:45am.

<> February 17th, Cureton, LLC & Shades of Orange, Inc presents Hybrid **First Aid, AED CPR Training** (Adult & Pediatric). Class session is 9:00am-11:30am. Course lessons online at home + Hands on/skills in person \$65. Other Certification Classes: Anaphylaxis & Epinephrine Auto-Injector, Babysitter's Training, Basic Life Support, Blood-borne Pathogens, Emergency Medical Response, Grief Counseling & Anger Management Sessions available. Contact ShadesOfOrange.org Wanda Cureton 229-834-0395.

<> March 8-10th, **The Youth Rally** (formerly the Tri-City Youth Rally). Theme: "Be the Light", Matthew 5:14. Host congregation: Church of Christ at Gaines Avenue in Albany, GA. Registration for ages 3 and under-free, Ages 4 and older \$50. The fee will include a badge, program, T-shirt, Friday night snacks, Saturday's continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, and "The Big Meet and Greet". Those ages 3 and under will not receive a T-shirt. Friday's events held at the Gaines Avenue church building, Saturday's events at Daugherty Comprehensive High School, Sunday Worship at 8:15am and 10:30am at Gaines Avenue church building. Registration and payments are due by Friday, February 9th. If you have questions or concerns, please call their Church Office 229- 435-6464 or email gainesyouthrally@gmail.com

*Our Sick and Shut-In needs your calls, cards, visits...
But above all, they need our Prayers. (James 5:16)*

MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES

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

SICK MEMBER & ELDERLY MEMBERS AT HOME

B/Henry Barnes	BLG #5
S/Louise Battle	BLG #1
B/James E. Bell Jr. (with daughter)	BLG #1
B/Russell Berrian	BLG #2
S/Lucinda Brown	BLG #4
S/Marjorie Bythwood	BLG #4
S/Marjorie Collier	BLG #1
S/Glorice Ferrell	BLG #4
B/Robert Gervin, Jr.	BLG #1
S/Arleen Golden	BLG #2
B/Kenneth Hallback	BLG #5
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/Tony Rozer	BLG #5
B/Solomon Sanders	BLG #2
S/Rosa & Benita Settles	BLG #2
S/Betty Vann (with her son)	BLG #1
S/Mary S. Williams	BLG #4

WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

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

For Appointment call 229-561-3808.

Members of Woodlawn Forrest,
Remember this is a Free Service for you.
Please take advantage of this opportunity!



CHURCH CALENDAR

- 4th - Youth Dollar Day\$.
- 4th - Wellness host **Blood Pressure Screening** 1pm.
- 4th - Baptismal Ministry Meeting after Worship.
- 8th - Youth Council Meeting, 7pm.
- 10th - Meals-On-Wheels Ministry meets, 10:00am.
- 10th - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation.
- 10th - **BLG#4** Meeting/Activity (*off site*).
- 10th - Wellness Ministry Meeting/Fellowship.
- 11th - WFG taking orders for **Salad Fundraiser**.
Pre-orders Only by March 10th. Event will help offset costs for 2024 Youth for Christ Conference!
- 14th - *Valentine's Day*.
- 14th - Hospitality Ministry Meeting 6pm.
- 17th - **BLG #1** Beginning Year Get Acquaintance Social, 1pm-3pm (*Church Dining Hall*)
- 17th - **BLG#5** Meeting/Lunch, 2pm.
- 17th - Sunshine Ministry Visitation (*Team #2*)
- 17th - **Senior Saturday**, 6pm-9pm.
- 18th - Congregation **Wear Red** in recognition of Heart and Stroke Awareness.
- 18th - Clothes Closet Ministry Meeting after Worship.
- 22nd - Leadership Team Meeting, 6:00pm.
- 24th - **Ladies Prayer Breakfast, 9:30am**.
- 24th - BLG #2, Zone 8 & 9, First Meeting/Gathering.
- 24th - The **Senior Sneaker Ball**, 5:00-7:00pm at Southside Recreation Center. Wear your favorite Valentine's dress, suit, and sneakers!
- 25th - WFG **Sweet Shop** after Worship.
- 27th - L640 Meeting (*virtual*)
- 28th - WFG Birthday Social



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 24, 2024
@ Woodlawn Forrest Church of Christ

9:30am-10:30am.

Theme:

"Equipped For Every Good Work"
Hebrews 13:21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Colors: Denim, White Shirt, Pearls & Chucks.

Brunch to follow at Ole Times Country Buffett. Dutch Treat!
Sign up to attend both functions by February 14th.



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SOUTHEASTERN

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Conference

JULY 15TH-19TH

AGES 6-21

1500 N Patterson St., Valdosta, Georgia 31698

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

SEE YOUTH BULLETIN FOR MORE INFO

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SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

JULY 15TH - 19TH

AGES

6-9

BIBLE BOWL - 1 SAMUEL 1-3
SPELLING BEE
DRAMA SKIT
ART COMPETITION
SPORTS

AGES

10-12

BIBLE BOWL - 1 SAMUEL 10-12
SPELLING BEE
DRAMA SKIT
ART COMPETITION
SPORTS

AGES

13-16

BIBLE BOWL - EPHESIANS 1-4
SPELLING BEE
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AGES

18-21

BIBLE BOWL - PHILIPPIANS 1-4
SPELLING BEE
DRAMA SKIT
ART COMPETITION
SPORTS

PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOUR CHILD/
CHILDREN ARE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING!!

MORE INFO WILL BE POSTED AS THE DATE GETS CLOSER