



**WOODLAWN FORREST
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Gloria A. Butler

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am Radio Program
 WHLJ 97.5 FM
11:00am Live Worship
4:00pm Sunday School
 (Virtual)

WEDNESDAY

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)

THE HERALD

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

*Keeping Christ at the Core of our faith and affection,
keeps us all moving in the right direction.*

Reflections on our 94th Homecoming Celebration

Truly the Lord has been gracious towards us in the last ninety-four years of our existence as a congregation. As is the case with God’s people in every age, His faithfulness towards us is recognizable and undeniable. As I have chronicled in my book (*A New Citizenry In An Old South*) His goodness and favor toward us has resulted in the planting of more than a dozen daughter churches and the training and development of over fifty preachers to serve the brotherhood at large. Some of these *Sons of West Adair* have led the largest congregations in their respective cities and states. God has smiled on us, and we are thankful and humbled by His goodness, grace and mercy.

This year’s celebration was the first time since the pandemic that we have used the lectureship format with two speakers each evening. We also reintroduced the Cornelius Mobley Memorial Concert. We are gradually getting back to what we used to do. Some people are still not over their Covid jitters when it comes to crowds, but we were able to attract over two hundred people on Tuesday and on Sunday. The fasting component and stewardship components were also reintroduced. We have a core of people at Woodlawn who can always be counted on to accept whatever challenges are put before them, which are aimed at deepening their faith and stretching their spiritual muscles. As a result, we were able to cover the entire month of August with individuals fasting and praying for personal growth and congregational effectiveness. There was a high number of individuals who met their pledge goals. As usual we were not seeking to raise funds per se, but to raise faith which cannot be done apart from a challenge to give up something of value in a liberal and sacrificial manner.

Members of Woodlawn and Christians from area churches who spoke with me were very appreciative of the opportunity to hear the messages presented each evening. They talked about how inspired they were and how much they benefited from the emphasis on the superlatives of Christ. On Tuesday He was presented as *The Divine Son of God*. On Wednesday as the *Supreme Spokesman for God*. On Thursday as the *Compassionate High Priest*, and on Friday His reign as *King of kings and Lord of lords* was highlighted. Throughout the course of the meeting it was shown that He has been highly exalted in name, honor, dominion and power. Our speakers did a tremendous job in casting light on all these features as they invited us each evening to *“Behold The Man”*.

Sunday worship was the shining jewel in the crown of our celebration. It was the crescendo that ended on a high note. The three topics selected were designed to answer the question, since Christ is all that we have beheld Him to be, what then should our response be. Tony Herring told us, we should be *“Living in Light of His return.”* David Wilson challenged us to: *Behold*, (the fact that) *He Cometh with Clouds*. And Corey Glover invited us to compare our “Current Circumstances and Future Fortunes.”

We thank all our speakers, A.J. Walker, Xerxes Snell, David Wilson, Wesley Leonard, Marcus Watkins, Corey Glover and Tony Herring. They each did a tremendous job. We also want to commend each of you for setting aside the time to be here in person. Kudos to all of those who used their talents and abilities to serve and to make sure things went well. But, above all we thank God for sending His Son to be the author and finisher of our faith. And, as we approach the final quarter of this year let us be resolved more than ever to Keep Christ at The Core of our Faith and Affection!

Minister LeRoy Butler, Jr.





Daily Bible Reading for

October

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

Assigned to Service in OCTOBER:

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

KITCHEN: All Kitchen Ministry Members.

BUILDING OPENING/CLOSING: Marcus Pride.

WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

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

For Appointment call 229-630-8005

*Woodlawn Forrest members, please take advantage
of this free service designed with you in mind.*

MEMBERS IN HOSPITAL/NURSING HOMES

B/Russell Berrian , Nursing Home, Valdosta	BLG #2
S/Marjorie Bythwood , Fellowship Hm, Valdosta	BLG #4
S/Dorothy Hamilton , Nursing Home, Valdosta	BLG #5
S/Rosa Jones , Nursing Home, Valdosta	BLG #2
B/Calvin Strickland , Care Hm, Tuscaloosa, AL	BLG #1
S/Betty Yearby , Nursing Home, Valdosta	BLG #1

✠ SICK OR ELDERLY MEMBERS AT HOME ✠

B/Henry Barnes	BLG #5
S/Louise Battle .	BLG #1
B/James E. Bell Jr.	BLG #1
S/Frankie M. Berrian	BLG #2
S/Lucinda Brown	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/Solomon Sanders	BLG #2
S/Rosa & S/Benita Settles	BLG #2
S/Betty Vann	BLG #1
S/Mary S. Williams	BLG #4 ✠

What We Believe & Why We Believe It

- We believe that the Bible is the all sufficient guide for man's salvation. (2 Peter 1:3)
- We believe that the Bible must be rightly divided to be understood. (2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16)
- We believe that the Church of Christ is the only true church. (Matthew 16:18, Acts 10:38, Romans 16:16)
- We believe salvation is in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10, 3:15); and no one can get in Christ by praying.
- We believe baptism in water by immersion is the only way one can get into Christ. (Galatians 3:27)
- We believe denominationalism is contrary to Bible teaching. (Matthew 17:7-9, Colossians 2:20-23)
- We believe that there is only one gospel. (Galatians 1: 6-10) It is God's power to save. (Romans 1:16-17)
- We believe the church began on the day of Pentecost and three thousand souls were added. (Acts 2)
- We believe in order for a sinner to be saved he must hear the gospel. (Romans 10:17, Matthew 17:5)
- We believe one must believe the gospel. (John 8:24, Hebrews 11:6, Mark 16:15-16, Romans 10:10, John 7:38)
- We believe one must repent of his sins. (Acts 17:30, Acts 3:10, Acts 2:38)
- We believe you must confess Christ (Matthew 10:32) be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). ■

Announcements

➤ **VISITATION CARD:** Woodlawn, when you visit our members, please complete a card and submit to the Church Office. This will help others visiting to know the condition of the person or their request before they go. Card is located on the publicity wall beside The Herald.

The L640 Ministry reminds you to complete a **BIBLE STUDY CARD** when you have personal Bible studies with nonmembers. Find cards on the publicity wall near The Herald. Submit them to the church office. Cards are used as documentation for MDA qualifications.

➤ We remind you to work toward achieving this year's **MATURE DISCIPLE AWARD**. The criteria for qualifying for the L640 MDA 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.



➤ Need experienced workers? Need training to return to work? Get paid while learning new skills through the **Senior Community Service Employment Program** (SCSEP). If you're 55 years of age or older, have a low income, and want to get back into the workforce, we can help! SCSEP can connect you with a local nonprofit or government agency, where you will get paid to build work experience through on-the-job-training. Once you've developed your skills and your network, you'll be ready for regular employment. Contact them at 770-538-2657, www.LegacyLink.org, or see Sis. Elaine Wrice. ■

☞ Brotherhood Events ☜

☞ Newsome Street Church of Christ, 202 Newsome ST, Hahira, GA will host their **86th Homecoming & Gospel Meeting** September 29th through October 2nd. Speakers, Bro. Bryan Williams (Simpson Street Church of Christ, Atlanta GA) on Sunday at 11:00am and for the **Area Fifth Sunday Fellowship at 3:00pm**. A Fellowship Meal will follow morning worship. Monday at 7:00pm, Bro. Antwan Brown (Chapel Hill Church of Christ, Macon GA); on Tuesday, Bro. A.J. Walker (Spring Hill Road Church of Christ, Tallahassee FL); Wednesday 7:00pm, Bro. Alvin Daniels (Hope Church of Christ, Hollywood, FL). Theme: *"If the Lord Had Not Been On Our Side"*.

☞ October 5th, 8:00am-12:00pm, 5th Street Church of Christ in Moultrie GA invites you to their **Ladies Day Program**. Speaker: Sis. Dorothy Dye (Newsome Street, Hahira). Theme: *"Being a Christian woman, rooted and built up in Him!"*, *Colossians 2:6-11*. Breakfast and Lunch served. Colors: Shades of Pink.

☞ October 5th, **Girl's Empowerment Conference**, at Northside Church of Christ, Jacksonville FL. Time: 8:30am-3:30pm for girls ages 9-18. Theme: *Giving Voice*. Find more information on the Youth Bulletin Board. Register at <https://GEC2024.eventbrite.com>

☞ October 26th, **Newsome Street Church of Christ** in Hahira GA is hosting their **Biennial Ladies Day Program**. Speaker: Sis. Patricia Iverson, Buford Church of Christ, Atlanta GA. Song Leader, Sis. Edna Kelsie, Woodlawn Forrest. The time is 8:30am -12:00 noon; lunch will be served. Colors: Shades of Pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Theme: *The Goodness of God, Psalm 2713*.

☞ The National Christian Acapella Music Awards, known to most at **CAMA**, is scheduled for November 28-30th 2024 in Jacksonville, FL. The event will be held at Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. For Hotel Reservations and Tickets, go to WWW.NACAMA.COM.

☞ SAVE-THE-DATE for the **2025 South GA Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat** scheduled for April 25-27 at Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge, McRae-Helena, GA. Theme: *My Cup Runneth Over, But With What*, *Psalms 23:5-6*. **Conference Registration begins September 15, 2024**. It is recommended that you register for conference prior to booking a room. Additional information is on the bulletin board beside the ladies restroom. You can go by our Church Office for Registration Sheets. ■



The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

6-days and 5-nights,
Monday—Saturday,
May 19-25, 2025

\$790 per person,
double occupancy.

The incredible price includes:

- Motorcoach transportation with Diamond Tours,
- 5-nights lodging, 3-consecutive nights Cincinnati area,
- 8-meals: 5 breakfast & 3 dinners,
- Admission to the Stunning—Ark Encounter!,
- Admission to the Famous Creation Museum;
- Admission to National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.
- Bus Departure from Northside Church of Christ, 4736 Ave B, Jacksonville FL.
- For information and Reservations contact:
Sis. Florence Patterson, (904)708-9110.
- Info also on Woodlawn's News Bulletin Board ■



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

♥ 18th-Darrell & Lativia Stringer, 24-years. ♦

October Church Calendar

- 3rd - Youth Council Meeting, 7pm.
 - 6th - Youth **Dollar Day**\$.
 - 6th - Wellness host **BP Screening** 1:00pm.
 - 6th - Baptismal Ministry Meeting after Worship.
 - 6th - BLG #1 Meeting after Morning Worship.
 - 9th - Hospitality Ministry Meeting 6:00pm.
 - 12th~17th - *Southeastern Regional Lectureship in Huntsville, AL.*
 - *12th - BLG #2 Outing changed to November 2nd.
 - 12th - Wellness Ministry Meeting & Fellowship.
 - 12th - Meals-On-Wheels Ministry meet, 10:00am.
 - 12th - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation.
 - 13th - BLG#5 Monthly Meeting after Worship.
 - *13th - **Wear PINK** in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. (changed from the 27th)
 - 14th - **Columbus Day.**
 - 19th - BLG#4 Meeting/Activity (*Off site*)
 - 19th - Sunshine Ministry Visitation (*Team #2*)
 - 19th - Youth Activity.
 - *20th - Youth **Sweet Shop**, after Worship.
 - 20th - Clothes Closet Ministry Meeting.
 - 24th - Leadership Team Meeting, 6:00pm.
 - 24th - Sister 2 Sister, 6:30pm.
 - 27th - **Minister's Appreciation Day:** Acknowledgement of Clergy/Pastor's Appreciation Month. (*see next panel for additional information*) →
 - 29th- L640 Meeting, 6:00pm. ♦
- * Original date changed.

Thanksgiving Food Giv-A-Way



Our Annual Food Giv-A-Way for Thanksgiving is right around the corner!

The Pantry Ministry is planning to distribute gift cards in the amount of \$25 to at least 100 families on November 21st and 22nd. We are asking the **Woodlawn Forrest** congregation for help toward the purchase of the Gift Cards, **by donating \$25**, or more, beginning September 18th until October 24th. Use Church Envelope, Push Pay, or Cash App to make donation. ■

OPPORTUNITIES To Learn & Grow



- 7:30am *"Back to the Bible* **RADIO PROGRAM**
WHLJ 97.5 FM
- 11:00am Sunday **WORSHIP**
In Person & Facebook Live
- 4:00pm Sunday **BIBLE SCHOOL**
Zoom Meeting ID 747 4195 1315
- 4:00pm Sunday, **Solid FOUNDATION Class**
Zoom Meeting ID 747 4195 1315
- 7:00pm **BIBLE STUDY Wednesday**
In Person & Zoom Meeting
ID: 814 6482 9808 Passcode: 573284



43rd Minister's Anniversary & Celebration For Evangelist Leroy Butler, Jr.

When: Sunday, October 27, 2024
Theme: "The Man of God", 2 Timothy 4:1-5
Time: 11:00am Worship Service
 Anniversary Program immediately following Worship.

Guest Speaker: Bro. Charlie McClendon
 Senior Minister of
 Northside Church of Christ
 Jacksonville, Florida
Event Location: 1515 N. Barack Obama Blvd,
 Valdosta, GA 31601