



**WOODLAWN FORREST
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Ministering Evangelist:
Leroy Butler, Jr.

Elders:

Alfonso Breeden
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Steve A. Myers, Sr.
James C. Shearry, Sr.

Deacons:

Charlie Black
Willie C. Ferreebe
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

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: "Go and Thrive in 2025".

2024 Youth Ministry Awards

Awards were voted on and chosen by their peers.



🏆 THE SERVANT'S HEART AWARD – someone who displays humility and selflessness and a desire to serve God and others.
Timothy Kelsie Jr.

🏆 THE JOYFUL SPIRIT AWARD – someone who displays joy and is always in a cheerful mood. The Bible speaks highly of a joyful spirit, emphasizing joy as an important fruit of living in alignment with God's will. The joy that comes from God transcends temporary happiness and is rooted in the assurance of His presence and promises. By fostering a joyful spirit, one reflects trust and faith in God's goodness and sovereignty. **Braylen Johnson**

🏆 THE GENTLE SPIRIT AWARD - The Bible places great value on having a gentle spirit, presenting it as an integral aspect of Christian character. A gentle spirit reflects a Christ like attitude, demonstrating compassion, patience, and humility in our interactions with others. This gentle demeanor can foster healing, understanding, and reconciliation, showing deep trust in God's guidance and presence in our lives.
Brooklynn Johnson

🏆 THE COMPASSIONATE LISTENER AWARD - Being a compassionate listener is a valuable quality, rooted in care and understanding, which echoes the teachings of the Bible. The Scriptures encourage us to listen with empathy and to bear one another's burdens. **Trevon McNeal**

🏆 THE HUMBLE LEARNER AWARD – to be a humble learner means seeking God's wisdom with a heart open to instruction, ready to be molded by His teachings, and willing to follow the example of Christ. To be a humble learner in the context of the Bible means to approach God and His Word with a spirit of openness, teachability, and reverence. The Bible emphasizes humility as a virtue that allows one to receive wisdom and understanding. This is a student who comes to class with their weapons, follows instructions, and has an open mind, ready to receive a word from the Lord. **D'Angelo Payton-Wright**

🏆 THE GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD - To be a Good Samaritan means to act with compassion, mercy, and love towards others, especially those in need, regardless of social, ethnic, or religious boundaries. It calls us to put aside prejudices and to serve others selflessly, reflecting the love of God in our actions. **Timothy Kelsie Jr.**

🏆 THE SHEPHERD AWARD- someone who looks out for his/her peers spiritually, emotionally, and physically. For those tasked with shepherding within the church, such as pastors or spiritual leaders, the role is one of guiding, nurturing, and protecting the flock—God's people. **Timothy Kelsie Jr.**

🏆 THE ENCOURAGING VOICE AWARD - someone who leads and inspires worship through music, using their talents to honor God and to edify the church. This role requires a heart of worship, a sensitivity to the Spirit's leading, and a commitment to facilitating an atmosphere where others can encounter God through song. It's a position that blends musical skill with spiritual purpose. This can be someone who leads during the order of worship and or uses their spiritual gifts outside of the assembly. **Timothy Kelsie Jr.**

🏆 MOST IMPROVED – This award goes to the student who has shown exceptional growth in the following areas: Attitude, attendance, spiritual growth. This student is someone who has really strived to become a better version of themselves. They are starting to walk in their light and really strive to be more Christ like. We never expect perfection, but we do want to acknowledge our students when we see them putting in an honest effort to be their best. Many may not know, but I actually had the honor of writing a recommendation letter for a scholarship for this student around September and they ended up winning.
Jace Washington

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MARCH

DAILY BIBLE READING AGENDA

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Saturday, 03/01	Mark 6:30-56	Numbers 5-6
Sunday, 03/02	Mark 7:1-23	Numbers 7
Monday, 03/03	Mark 7:24-37	Numbers 8
Tuesday, 03/04	Mark 8:1-21	Numbers 9-10
Wednesday, 03/05	Mark 8:22-38	Numbers 11-13
Thursday, 03/06	Mark 9:1-29	Numbers 14
Friday, 03/07	Mark 9:30-50	Numbers 15-16
Saturday, 03/08	Mark 10:1-31	Numbers 17-18
Sunday, 03/09	Mark 10:32-52	Numbers 19-20
Monday, 03/10	Mark 11:1-14	Numbers 21-22
Tuesday, 03/11	Mark 11:15-33	Numbers 23-24
Wednesday, 03/12	Mark 12:1-27	Numbers 25-26
Thursday, 03/13	Mark 12:28-44	Numbers 27-28
Friday, 03/14	Mark 13:1-23	Numbers 29-30
Saturday, 03/15	Mark 13:24-37	Numbers 31
Sunday, 03/16	Mark 14:1-21	Numbers 32-33
Monday, 03/17	Mark 14:22-52	Numbers 34-35
Tuesday, 03/18	Mark 14:53-72	Numbers 36
Wednesday, 03/19	Mark 15:1-20	Deuteronomy 1-2
Thursday, 03/20	Mark 15:47	Deuteronomy 3-4
Friday, 03/21	Mark 16	Deuteronomy 5-6
Saturday, 03/22	Luke 1:1-25	Deuteronomy 7-9
Sunday, 03/23	Luke 1:26-56	Deuteronomy 10-11
Monday, 03/24	Luke 1:57-80	Deuteronomy 12-14
Tuesday, 03/25	Luke 2:1-24	Deuteronomy 15-17
Wednesday, 03/26	Luke 2:25-52	Deuteronomy 18-20
Thursday, 03/27	Luke 3:1-18	Deuteronomy 21-22
Friday, 03/28	Luke 3:19-38	Deuteronomy 23-25
Saturday, 03/29	Luke 4:1-15	Deuteronomy 26-27
Sunday, 03/30	Luke 4:16-44	Deuteronomy 28-29
Monday, 03/31	Luke 5:1-16	Deuteronomy 30-31 ♦

Assigned To Serve In MARCH

BAPTISMAL: Brenda Hardy & Debra Martin.

BUILDING OPEN/CLOSE: William Braswell. ■

**PANTRY MINISTRY HOSTS
THANKSGIVING FOOD GIVEAWAY**

GOAL: DISTRIBUTE \$25 GIFT CARDS
TO 100 FAMILIES

WAYS TO GIVE: CHURCH ENVELOPE, PUSH PAY, OR
CASH APP (@SWDLAWNCOC)

ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW!

2025 Baby Bottle Fundraiser

DID YOU KNOW THAT
YOUR SPARE CHANGE CAN
SAVE LIVES?

ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW.

Runs Mother's Day,
May 11th to Father's Day
June 15th, 2025

WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

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

For Appointment call 229-561-3808

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

Sick & Shut-in

“I was **sick** and you **visited** me...”

Matthew 25:36 NKJV



✚ MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES ✚

B/Russell Berrian , Holly Hill Nursing Home	BLG #2
S/Dorothy Hamilton , Lake Haven Nursing Home	BLG #5
S/Rosa Jones , Heritage House Nursing Home	BLG #2
S/Jeniece Myers , Lake Haven Nursing Home	BLG #1
S/Benita Settles , Heritage House Nursing Home	BLG #2
B/Calvin Strickland , Tuscaloosa, AL	BLG #1
S/Betty Yearby , Holly Hill Nursing Home	BLG #1

* All Nursing Homes are in Valdosta GA

✚ SICK OR ELDERLY MEMBERS AT HOME ✚

B/Henry Barnes	BLG #5
B/James E. Bell, Jr.	BLG #1
S/Frankie Mae 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/Robbie Hester	BLG #2
S/Barbara H. Jones	BLG #2
B/Gregory Martin, Sr.	BLG #1
B/Bennie & S/Sonja Morris	BLG #2
B/Solomon Sanders	BLG #2
S/Rosa Settles	BLG #2
S/Betty Vann	BLG #1
S/Mary S. Williams	BLG #4 ■

MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 3 rd - Cason Simmons | 18 th - Sonja Morris |
| 5 th - Nivea McSwain | 24 th - Gregory Gardner |
| 5 th - Peyton O'Neal | 24 th - Adrian Kirkland |
| 6 th - Dion Hubbard | 27 th - Dekarla Thompson |
| 9 th - Clarissa Smith | 27 th - Erica Thompson |
| 10 th - Roseziner Jenkins | 28 th - Jaliyah Jones |
| 10 th - Sandra Thompkins | 29 th - Debra Martin |
| 11 th - Jion Parker | 31 st - Francine Shearry |
| 12 th - Barbara Williams | |



- 9th - Andre & Tia McNeal, 29-years.
 12th - Jamal, Sr. & Cathy Scott, 10-years.
 24th - David T. & Edna Diane Silva, 31-years.
 25th - Edwin & Bobbie Rivera, 20-years. ♡



OPPORTUNITIES To Learn & Grow



- 7:30am *“Back to the Bible* **RADIO PROGRAM**
WHLJ 97.5 FM
- 11:00am **Sunday WORSHIP**
In Person, Facebook Live & YouTube
- 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
- 7:00pm **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**
In Person for ages 3-18



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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◁▷ March 1-5th, Annual Let The Bible Speak **Spring Revival**, at Northside Church of Christ in Jacksonville, FL. Saturday the 1st at 6:00pm - Free Total Praise Concert; Sunday, March 2nd - Family & Friends Day. 9:15am-Bible School, 10:30am-Morning Worship, 1:00pm-Family & Friends Dinner, and 5:00pm-Evening Worship. Monday, March 3rd to Wednesday, March 5th-7:00pm, Revival. Guest Minister: Dr. Floyd Rodgers Ministering Evangelist for Blue Spring Road Church of Christ in Huntsville, AL.

◁▷ **38th Annual Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat**, April 10-13th, hosted by Sheldon Heights Church of Christ, The Chatham Avalon Church of Christ, and the Area-wide Churches of Christ in Chicago, IL. Theme: *“Christian Women Surrendering ALL! (Philippians 3:7-16).* Information? www.ladiesretreat.org

◁▷ April 16-20th, the Leesburg Church of Christ in Leesburg, GA are thrilled to invite you to join them in celebrating a significant milestone—the **50th Anniversary of their congregation**. The weekly activities will begin at 7:00pm. On Wednesday, speaker Bro. LeRoy Butler, Jr. (Woodlawn Forrest, Valdosta GA) “Cloud of Witnesses”; Thursday, speaker Bro. Tony Herring (Shumate, Quitman GA) “Eagles Wings”; Friday, speaker, Bro. Joe Godfrey (Gaines Avenue, Albany GA) “Living Stones”. On Saturday, Celebratory Banquet at 6:00pm, and culminating in an afternoon service on Sunday, April 20th at 2:30pm, with speaker Bro. Wesley T. Leonard (Southside - Orlando FL).

◁▷ **South GA Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat**, April 25-27th, Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge, McRae-Helena, GA. Theme: *My Cup Runneth Over, But With What”, Psalms 23:5-6.* Youth facilitator Sis. Raniya Jones, Shumate congregation. Dynamic duo song leaders, Sis Edna Kelsey-Woodlawn Forrest, and Sis. Linda Crumpton, Shumate. Host Churches of Christ in Georgia: Shumate ST-Quitman, Southside-Valdosta, Vienna-Vienna, Gaines Ave-Albany, Eastview-Americus, Eastside-Albany, Newsome ST-Hahira, and Woodlawn Forrest-Valdosta.

◁▷ May 2nd, 7th Annual **Fashion Show & Dinner** to benefit Georgia Bible Camp. Theme: Enchanted Evening. Doors open 5:30pm, Dinner 6:15pm, and Silent Auction. The event will be held at Forrest Park Church of Christ, 4263 Inner Perimeter RD, Valdosta. Woodlawn's model – Sis. Brenda Hardy. Tickets \$25. See Sis. Coretha Shearry.

◁▷ **Woodlawn Forrest Ladies Day Program**, Saturday, June 14th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Kinderlou Restaurant (The Oaks). Catered Luncheon with a variety of Home-made Cakes. Each sister from Woodlawn Forrest to pay \$50.00; no charges for our guest sisters. ♦

MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR

- 2nd – Youth Dollar Day\$.
- 2nd - **Wellness host Blood Pressure Screening** after Worship. Turn in your Steppin Log!
- 6th - Men’s Discipleship Training, 6:00pm.
- 6th - Youth Council Meeting, 7:00pm.
- 7th – IMAGE Meeting (*Zoom or in-person*)
- 8th - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation.
- 8th – Meals-On-Wheels, 10:00am.
- 8th – BLG #1 Visitation (*Sick & Shut-ins*)
- 9th - *Daylight Saving Time Begins. Spring forward!*
- 11th - L640 Meeting, 6:00pm.
- 15th - BLG #5 Outing (*Place and time TBD*)
- 15th – Sunshine Ministry Visitation (*Team #3*).
- 15th - Youth Kickball & Cook Out, 12:00pm-3:00pm.
- 16th - Clothes Closet Ministry meeting.
- 20th - Men’s Discipleship Training, 6:00pm.
- 21st - *Youth Salad Fundraiser. (Postponed until April)*
- 22nd - L640 Fellowship Activity (*lunch*).
- 22nd - Sunshine Ministry Social (*TBA*).

Welcome
to our
New Members

If you were Baptized, Placed Membership, or Restored in 2024 and this year, you are asked to join us on **Sunday, March 23rd** after worship for a **New Member’s Social** and meal. An invitation will follow.

- 26th - Youth Birthday Social.
- 26th - **FIRST QUARTER MINISTRY REPORTS DUE.**
(*Meetings and activities in January—March*)
- 27th - Leadership Team Meeting, 6:00pm.
- 29th - Youth Nursing Home Visitation, 11am-2pm.
- 30th - Youth Sweet Shop after worship.
- 30th – **Area Fifth Sunday Fellowship at 3:00pm.** Host congregation: South 41 Church of Christ, 4030 US Highway 41 S, Valdosta, GA. Bro. Clay Lee Phillips, Minister of Rose City Church of Christ in Thomasville GA is the speaker. No lunch will be provided. ■



2025 Fasting & Faith Campaign
The fast will be for **95 days**, beginning May 27th and ending August 31st (Homecoming Sunday). Begin signups on May 6th. ♦

2024 Youth Ministry Awards, cont’d



🏆 **THE GRACIOUS GIVER AWARD** – They are not on the youth council, they are faithful members of the congregation, gave their time and or donated generously. These recipients are people who have always made their presence known amongst our young people. Whether it’s teaching, or helping to set up an event, or volunteering to purchase any need or necessity. **Bishop James Shearry & Deacon Willie Ferreebe.**

🏆 **YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR** – This award goes to the person who always goes above and beyond for our youth. She has a million things going on outside of her spiritual responsibilities, but she always makes sure to prioritize one of the things that is most near and dear to her heart, her babies. This award will go to the person who is one of the first to the building, and one of the last to leave. This person will drop everything to make sure our children have everything they need to succeed on this spiritual journey. This person will call at 4am or 5am to tell me about an idea or pray with me and encourage me when things get heavy or difficult. She keeps us all on track. She has a heart of gold and is truly one of our shining stars. A rare gem. **Renelda Nadine Jackson.**

🏆 (JLS AWARD) **YOUTH OF THE YEAR** – In order to receive Youth of the Year, this student must attend Sunday Worship regularly, Wednesday Night Live, and is an active participant on at least one ministry outside of WFG. They must display leadership and be dedicated in their Christian Walk. Students accumulated points all throughout last year through different ways. This student went above and beyond. One of our main focuses with the youth is discipleship. We want to get our youth involved in every aspect of the church. We want to make sure they are rooted and grounded in every way possible. So we emphasize ministry participation on our point chart by giving it a higher value in points. The more active they are, the more points they earn. **Timothy Kelsie Jr.**

🏆 **APPRECIATION AWARD TO BRO. A.R. NORWOOD** for ‘standing in the gap’, advising, guiding, and holding things together while we are without a Youth Minister.

THESE AWARDS WERE SELECTED BY THE YOUTH COUNCIL FOR BEING CONSISTENT IN ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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| ◇ Armia Whetstone | ◇ Kaden Johnson |
| ◇ Ava Johnson | ◇ Laila Hutchison |
| ◇ Braylen Johnson | ◇ Laila Johnson |
| ◇ Brooklynn Johnson | ◇ Malcolm Pride |
| ◇ D’Angelo Payton-Wright | ◇ Matthew Pride |
| ◇ Jace Washington | ◇ Morgan Pride |
| ◇ Jazmin Lott | ◇ Timothy Kelsie Jr. |
| ◇ Jordan Washington | ◇ Timothy Thompson II |
| ◇ Joshua Jones | ◇ Trevon McNeal |
| ◇ Julius Norwood | |

THANK YOU TO THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY SIS. EDNA KELSIE FOR SPEARHEADING SUCH AN ELEGANT AND AWESOME EVENT! 🏆