



**WOODLAWN FORREST
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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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: "Going to Thrive in 2025".

The theme of our Homecoming Celebration this year is: **"More and More Like Jesus"**. The thought comes from 2 Corinthians, chapter 3, verses 3 and 18.

In this letter to the Corinthian church, Paul uses two metaphors to describe how disciples of Christ were meant to represent Christ. They were to be living epistles read of all men, and mirrored reflections of His radiance and glory.

In the first analogy he describes them as epistles of Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:3 (NKJV)

³ clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God,

The Corinthians became living letters (epistles) as the result of two things: The preaching and teaching of the word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. He and others had led them to faith in Christ, to repentance and baptism, but it was the Holy Spirit within them who was rewriting the script of who they had become in Christ.

Christians need to heed the words of the apostle when he writes: **"Quench not the Spirit"** (Eph 4:30) and **"Grieve not the Spirit"** (1Thess 5:19) as each of these actions serve to hinder or impede His work.

Paul says, *ye are letters written, not with ink but by the Spirit of the Living God... not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart...*

When he says you are **"epistles ministered by us"**, Paul is boasting a bit. It is not something that he was in the habit of doing. It is something that he always felt a little foolish doing, but there is nothing that brings more delight to the heart of a faithful minister than to see the people he has bestowed so much love and labor upon exhibiting the characteristics of Christ.

Notice how he expressed those sentiments to the church of Christ in Thessalonica:

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? (1 Thessalonians 2:19 KJV)
(Note: The Greek word translated "rejoicing" in this passage is also translated **boast** or *boasting*, 6 other times in the New Testament)

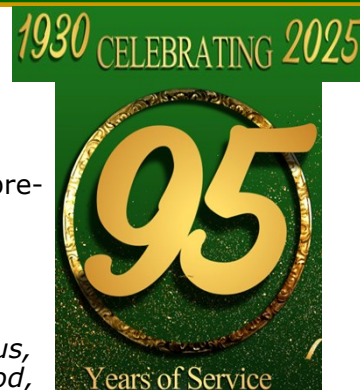
Paul says something similar in his second letter to this church:

...So that we ourselves glory [boast] in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: (2 Thessalonians 1:4 KJV)

We should all ask ourselves, "What kind of letter am I, and what kind of message am I sending?" Am I a message to the world that the Holy Spirit is at work in my heart, producing faith and patience! Or am I a message of skepticism and doubt. What message are people receiving when they observe my actions and attitude? Am I sending the message that I am a victim or someone who is victorious? In other words, am I a letter of **recommendation** or **repudiation**? Am I an argument for or against Christ and His church.

Paul reveals what kind of letter we ought to be. We are designed to be letters **of** Christ; letters *about* Him and *from* Him to a world that desperately needs to hear good news. Not only do they need to hear about Him from us, but they need to "see" Him reflected in us, that is, in the lives of those who follow Him and imitate Him.

So, Paul uses another metaphor to show how believers are to be *mirrors of His magnificence*. It is found in verse 18.



So, all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord--who is the Spirit--makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. (2 Cor. 3:18 -NLT)

In our quest to become fully formed disciples of Christ, and to make disciples who make disciples, we must be committed to being followers of Christ, who are being changed by Him, and who are committed to the mission that He came to champion and carry out. This is how we intend to "Go and Thrive, in 2025."

We have invited a lineup of anointed men of God to assist us in the process. They are brothers, Kelvin Teamer, Anthony Walker, (Murfreesboro, TN), Christopher Jackson (Nashville, TN), David Wilson (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and Corey Glover (Hallandale Beach FL).

Mark your calendar and make plans to be here each evening and on Sunday so you don't miss any of the great messages these men will bring. Make sure you invite your friends and family as well.

Evangelist LeRoy Butler, Jr.—Minister ■



Daily Bible Reading for JULY

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Tuesday, 07/01	Acts 7:20-45	2 Chronicles 21-23
Wednesday, 07/02	Acts 7:46-60	2 Chronicles 24-25
Thursday, 07/03	Acts 8:1-25	2 Chronicles 26-28
Friday, 07/04	Acts 8:26-40	2 Chronicles 29-30
Saturday, 07/05	Acts 9:1-22	2 Chronicles 31-32
Sunday, 07/06	Acts 9:23-43	2 Chronicles 33-34
Monday, 07/07	Acts 10:1-23	2 Chronicles 35-36
Tuesday, 07/08	Acts 10:24-48	Ezra 1-3
Wednesday, 07/09	Acts 11	Ezra 4-6
Thursday, 07/10	Acts 12	Ezra 7-8
Friday, 07/11	Acts 13:1-31	Ezra 9-10
Saturday, 07/12	Acts 13:32-52	Nehemiah 1-3
Sunday, 07/13	Acts 14	Nehemiah 4-5
Monday, 07/14	Acts 15:1-21	Nehemiah 6-7
Tuesday, 07/15	Acts 15:22-41	Nehemiah 8-9
Wednesday, 07/16	Acts 16:1-15	Nehemiah 10-11
Thursday, 07/17	Acts 16:16-40	Nehemiah 12-13
Friday, 07/18	Acts 17:1-15	Esther 1-3
Saturday, 07/19	Acts 17:16-34	Esther 4-6
Sunday, 07/20	Acts 18	Esther 7-10
Monday, 07/21	Acts 19:1-20	Job 1-3
Tuesday, 07/22	Acts 19:21-41	Job 4-6
Wednesday, 07/23	Acts 20:1-16	Job 7-8
Thursday, 07/24	Acts 20:17-38	Job 9-11
Friday, 07/25	Acts 21:1-16	Job 12-13
Saturday, 07/26	Acts 21:17-40	Job 14-16
Sunday, 07/27	Acts 22	Job 17-19
Monday, 07/28	Acts 23:1-22	Job 20-21
Tuesday, 07/29	Acts 23:23-35	Job 22-23
Wednesday, 07/30	Acts 24	Job 24-27
Thursday, 07/31	Acts 25	Job 28--29 📖

Sick & Shut-in



"PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE BEREAVED AND GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE. SEND THEM A CARD, GIVE THEM A CALL. YOU NEVER KNOW JUST HOW MUCH IT COULD MEAN TO THEM."

✚ 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 , Presbyterian Home, Quitman	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
B/Pleamon Campbell	BLG #1
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/Bennie & S/Sonja Morris	BLG #2
B/Solomon Sanders	BLG #2
S/Rosa Settles	BLG #2
S/Mary S. Williams	BLG #4 ✚



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. ❤**



FASTING & FAITH CAMPAIGN

You still have time to actively participate in our **FASTING & FAITH CAMPAIGN**. It doesn't end until our 95th Homecoming Sunday, on **August 31st**. Pledge Cards and Fasting brochures are on the Welcome Center.

WFG PRESENTS

RENT-A-YOUTH

NEED SOME WORK DONE?

- Yard Cleaning
- Spring Cleaning
- Car Washing
- Simple Office Tasks
- Assist With Events
- YOU NEED HELP? LET US KNOW!

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS OFFSETTING COSTS FOR YOUTH FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

STOP BY YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE INFO. OR SEE SIS. EDNA KELSIE

★ July 12th & 13th, the 12th Annual **Youth Explosion** at Lawtey Church of Christ. Saturday, 6:00-9:00PM and Sunday, 10:00-10:50AM Concert, Worship at 11:00AM. Guest Speakers: Bro. Adrian Harper, Jr.-Gainesville FL, Bro. Tony Herring-Quitman GA, and remembering Bro. JaCory Sermons-Valdosta GA. Theme: *"How To Heal in a Hurting World"*.

★ August 1-3rd, Hillcrest Church of Christ, Decatur GA, the 5th Annual **Youth Explosion**. Theme: *"Anchored in Christ (Hebrews 6:19) Unshakable. Unmovable. Unbreakable!"* Bible Bowl · Spelling Bee · Basketball Tournament · Speech Competition, & more! To register go to www.hillcrestcoc.net

Brotherhood ★ Announcements

★ July 13th-16th, Rose City Church of Christ, 20785 US-19, Thomasville, GA, **Annual Gospel Meeting**. Theme: *"Overcoming Evil With Good"*. Brother Bobby Smith, Minister of the Montezuma Church of Christ in Montezuma, GA will be the guest speaker. Services times: Sunday Worship at 11:00am, lunch 1:00-2:45pm, and Evening Worship at 3:00pm. Nightly, Monday through Wednesday at 7:00pm.

★ December 27th-29th, 48th Annual **Gulf Coast Lectureship**, sponsored by New Westside Church of Christ, 210 SW Lime Ave, Live Oak FL. Theme: Healing the Heart: *"Unexpected Turns: Finding Faith in Life's Surprises"* Proverbs 16:9. The Key-note Speaker is Bro. Joe Tucker of the 5th Avenue Church of Christ in Saint Petersburg, FL. Lectureship Registration is \$65 by December 5th, and \$75 beginning December 6th. The fees includes all lectureship sessions, continental breakfast, and souvenir booklet. Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 6694 US Hwy 129 North, Live Oak FL. Rate \$159 per night. Call 386-362-2600 by November 26th, mention Gulf Coast Lectureship. Information, call 352-210-1193. ★



Woodlawn Forrest's Annual **Back-to-School Giveaway** is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30th. Signup forms for the Giveaway will be issued by our Clothes Closet Ministry on July 2nd; return them by July 23rd. Your help is needed with donating the supplies. See the back cover. Please submit all items by Wednesday, July 23rd. Containers to collect donations are inside the door of the Conference Room.

✿ August 9th, **Ladies' Day**, Eastside Church of Christ, 423 Mock RD, Albany GA. Guest Speaker, Sis. Matilda Gibbons, Johnson Street Church of Christ, Brunswick GA. Registration 8:00-8:15am, Program begins 9:00am. Theme: *Forgiving "Let it go"*, Matthew 6:14-15. RSVP to 229-376-6692 or 229-395-3032 by July 15th.

✿ Saturday, August 23rd, **Ladies' Day**, Church of Christ at Bouldercrest, 2727 Bouldercrest RD, Atlanta GA. Guest Speaker, Sis. Becky Davis, Stonecrest Church of Christ, McDonough, GA. Theme: *"Christian Women Allowing God to Lead Us"*, John 10:27-28. Time: 9:00am—12:30pm. Lunch will be served after the program. Register by August 1st by clicking link <https://forms.gle/RREvvr7U9uKa8dh18>, or scan the QR Code at our Ladies Ministry Bulletin Board. ✿



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

9:45am **Solid FOUNDATION Class**

4:00pm Sunday **BIBLE SCHOOL**
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**

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 2 nd - Dafina "Fae" Turner | 20 th - Jamir Glenn |
| 3 rd - Anthony Washington | 21 st - James Glenn |
| 4 th - Frankie Berrian | 21 st - Steve A. Myers, Sr. |
| 5 th - Gabrielle Webster | 21 st - Daphne Sermons |
| 6 th - Renard Coats | 22 nd - Mary L. Bell |
| 6 th - R.J. Jones | 22 nd - Vorise Harris |
| 6 th - Bennie Morris | 22 nd - Alicia Norwood |
| 8 th - Deangelo Ingram | 23 rd - Makayla Parker |
| 10 th - Vickey Reed | 23 rd - Darrell Stringer |
| 11 th - Patricia Black | 24 th - Marjorie Jones |
| 13 th - Kaydence Arnold | 24 th - Timothy Kelsie, Jr. |
| 13 th - Cynthia Williams | 27 th - Eric Wright |
| 14 th - Martha A. Bell | 29 th - Charlie Black |
| 14 th - Aleshia Tillman | 29 th - Darryl Pickett |
| 16 th - Sharon Thomas | 30 th - Dorothy Hill |
| 16 th - Armia Whetstone | 30 th - Terry Thomas |
| 16 th - Austin Wright | 30 th - Jennifer Thompson |
| 16 th - Betty Yearby | |



- 1st - Wesley & Ashley Harrell, 14-years.
 1st - Ralph & Jacqueline Neal, 9-years.
 10th - Larry Smith & Charlene Blache, 21-years.
 10th - Brian & Nivea McSwain, 4-year.
 10th - Clint & LaQuanda Parker, 21-years.
 12th - Steve & LaWanda Kitchen, 17-years.
 18th - Russell & Frankie Berrian, 29-years.
 19th - Harry, Sr. & Eula Howell, 45-years.
 21st - Renard & Amber Coats, 18-years.
 22nd - Curtis & Katherine Anderson, 20-years.
 23rd - Gregory, Sr. & Debra Martin, 42-years.
 24th - Emanuel & Sharon Smith, 16-years.
 27th - Timothy & Jennifer Thompson, 18-years.



Assigned To Serve In JULY:

BAPTISMAL: Brenda Hardy & Marie Young.

BUILDING OPEN/CLOSE: Darryl Pickett.

WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

Dorothy Dye, Ph.D., Christian Clinical Counselor

For Appointment call 229-561-3808

Woodlawn Forrest members, this service is for you!

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY

2nd - Forms issued for Back-to-School Giveaway; return on the 23rd.

3rd & 4th - Church Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day.

4th - Independence Day.

6th - Youth **Dollar Day\$**. Cash App: \$WFYOUTH25

6th - Wellness host **Blood Pressure Screening** after Worship in dining area

8th - L640 Meeting, 6:00pm.

10th - Youth Council Meeting, 7:00pm.

12th - Meals-On-Wheels Ministry, 10:00am.

12th - Kitchen & Pantry Ministries joint Meeting & Fellowship, 2:00pm.

12th - Usher Ministry "One Another" Fellowship.

13th - BLG #5, Meeting after Worship in the Conference Room.

14th - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation.

14th - Usher Ministry Quarterly Meeting.

14th-18th - ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN Youth for Christ Conference VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY.

17th - Men's Discipleship Training, Canceled.

19th - Sunshine Ministry Visitation Team #3.

20th - Clothes Closet Ministry meets Conference Room.

24th - Leadership Team Meeting, 6:00pm.

27th - Youth **Sweet Shop**.

30th - Youth Birthday Social.

30th - After Bible Study, the Clothes Closet Ministry host



- ✏ Book Bags ✏ Backpacks ✏ Red Pens ✏ Blue Pens
- ✏ Black Pens ✏ Wide-ruled Notebook Paper ✏ Glue Sticks
- ✏ Spiral Notebooks ✏ Assignment Books ✏ 3-ring Binders
- ✏ Pack of Dividers ✏ Composition Books ✏ Colored Pencils
- ✏ Crayola Washable Markers ✏ Crayons ✏ Pocket Folders
- ✏ Large Pink Eraser ✏ Highlighters ✏ Pencil Case
- ✏ Elmers's Washable School Glue
- ✏ Blunt tip Scissors ✏ 12" Ruler with inches & centimeters.

No pencils, please! 🗑