



WOODLAWN FORREST  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**Ministering Evangelist:**  
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**Deacons:**

Charlie Black  
Willie C. Ferrebee  
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  
9:45pm .... Solid Foundation  
(New Converts Class)  
**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: "Focused and Fixed in 2026"**

Scripture reference: Psalm 112:7

**LIMERICK:**

"With my mind clearly focused,  
and my heart firmly fixed,  
I'll keep trusting in the Lord in 2026!"

**Prayer for the New Year**

— AVEPRAY —

O God, most powerful and compassionate, we praise and thank You for this year that we are concluding.

Thank You for all the blessings, lessons, and encounters we had with You. As we begin a new one, we humbly ask You to be with us. Guide us to the path of renewal and becoming better persons. Bestow Your blessings upon us so that we may grow in holiness all the days of this new year. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



**Fifth Annual Mature Disciple Award Ceremony**

**Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**

The ceremony will be held in the Magnolia Room at  
Valdosta State University Center  
1203 N. Patterson ST, Valdosta, GA.

**Attire: Church Dress or Sunday Best.**



## Daily Bible Reading for JANUARY

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Thursday, 01/01	Matthew 1	Genesis 1-2
Friday, 01/02	Matthew 2	Genesis 3-5
Saturday, 01/03	Matthew 3	Genesis 6-7
Sunday, 01/04	Matthew 4	Genesis 8-19
Monday, 01/05	Matthew 5:1-20	Genesis 11-12
Tuesday, 01/06	Matthew 5:21-48	Genesis 13-15
Wednesday, 01/07	Matthew 6:1-15	Genesis 16-18
Thursday, 01/08	Matthew 6:16-34	Genesis 29-20
Friday, 01/09	Matthew 7	Genesis 21-22
Saturday, 01/10	Matthew 8	Genesis 23-24
Sunday, 01/11	Matthew 9:1-17	Genesis 25
Monday, 01/12	Matthew 9:18-38	Genesis 26-27
Tuesday, 01/13	Matthew 10:1-15	Genesis 28-29
Wednesday, 01/14	Matthew 10:16-42	Genesis 30
Thursday, 01/15	Matthew 11	Genesis 31-32
Friday, 01/16	Matthew 12:1-8	Genesis 33-34
Saturday, 01/17	Matthew 12:9-32	Genesis 35-36
Sunday, 01/18	Matthew 12:33-50	Genesis 37-38
Monday, 01/19	Matthew 13:1-23	Genesis 39-40
Tuesday, 01/20	Matthew 13:24-46	Genesis 41-42
Wednesday, 01/21	Matthew 13:47-58	Genesis 43-44
Thursday, 01/22	Matthew 14	Genesis 45-46
Friday, 01/23	Matthew 15:1-20	Genesis 47-48
Saturday, 01/24	Matthew 15:21-39	Genesis 49-50
Sunday, 01/25	Matthew 16	Exodus 1-3
Monday, 01/26	Matthew 17	Exodus 4-5
Tuesday, 01/27	Matthew 18:1-14	Exodus 6-7
Wednesday, 01/28	Matthew 18:15-35	Exodus 8-9
Thursday, 01/29	Matthew 19	Exodus 10-12
Friday, 01/30	Matthew 20:1-16	Exodus 13-14
Saturday, 01/31	Matthew 20:17-34	Exodus 15-16



### ❖ Assigned to Service in JANUARY ❖

#### **BAPTISMAL MINISTRY:**

Lovey Marshall, Carma Pickett, & Marie Young.

#### **OPENING/CLOSING FACILITIES:** Charlie Black.



### IN NURSING HOMES

B/Russell <b>Berrian</b> , Holly Hill Nursing Home*	BLG #2
S/Dorothy <b>Hamilton</b> , Lake Haven Nursing Home*	BLG #5
S/Rosa <b>Jones</b> , Heritage House Nursing Home*	BLG #2
S/Jeniece <b>Myers</b> , Lake Haven Nursing Home*	BLG #1
S/Benita <b>Settles</b> , Presbyterian Home, Quitman	BLG #2
B/Calvin <b>Strickland</b> , Tuscaloosa, AL	BLG #1

\* All of these Nursing Homes are in Valdosta GA

### SICK OR ELDERLY AT HOME

B/Henry <b>Barnes</b>	BLG #5
B/James E. <b>Bell</b> , Jr.	BLG #1
S/Frankie Mae <b>Berrian</b>	BLG #2
B/Pleamon <b>Campbell</b>	BLG #1
S/Althea Jones <b>Clay</b>	BLG #1
S/Marjorie <b>Collier</b>	BLG #1
S/Glorice <b>Ferrell</b>	BLG #4
S/Betty <b>Ford</b>	BLG #1
B/Robert <b>Gervin</b> , Jr.	BLG #1
S/Arleen <b>Golden</b>	BLG #2
B/Kenneth <b>Hallback</b>	BLG #5
S/Robbie <b>Hester</b>	BLG #2
B/Bennie & S/Sonja <b>Morris</b>	BLG #2
B/Solomon <b>Sanders</b>	BLG #2
S/Rosa <b>Settles</b>	BLG #2
S/Mary S. <b>Williams</b>	BLG #4 

### WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

***Dorothy Dye, Ph.D.***

*Christian Clinical Counselor*

**For Appointment call 229-242-7628 Ext.1001**

The Woodlawn Forrest Counseling Ministry is a ministry for Woodlawn Forrest members at no charge. Anyone else who avails themselves of this service will be charged a minimal fee.



WFSECTS host Sisters Annual Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M..

April 2~5, 2026, 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat, sponsored by Country Club Drive Church of Christ in Fayetteville, NC. Theme: "Christian Women: *Saddle Up Your Faith!* 1 Peter 1:113. The host congregations are Garden Oaks Church of Christ, South Union Church of Christ and the Area-wide Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Accommodations: Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar ST, Houston, TX 77010. Group Rates are \$209 per night. Registration \$225 to February 26<sup>th</sup>. ♦

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The I.M.A.G.E. Ministry needs your help. We are tasked with the responsibility of sharing all of the Accomplishments, Goals, and Expectations of the ministry at Woodlawn Forrest with those who are in the HOUSE (members) and those who are around the HILL (community)!

In order for our ministry to continue to thrive, we need your help! You don't have to have any experience because we can train you for all positions available.

If interested please join us for a brief meeting on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> after worship.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sis. Dafina Shearry Turner. ♦



The Southeastern Regional Lectureship will be held in Atlanta at the beautiful Crown Plaza Hotel and Convention Center and will be hosted by Bro. Marcus T. Watkins and Simpson Street Church of Christ.

We are encouraging as many as are interested to make plans to attend during the period of **October 5<sup>th</sup> - October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. There will be pre-lectureship activities on Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> (concert) and on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> (Mass worship).

Earlybird registration of \$150.00 will end on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. After that time the registration cost will be \$200.00 until **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and \$225.00 thereafter. *Theme: Hope Unshaken: "Securing Your souls in a Shifting World" (Hebrews 6:19)*

We want to know if you are planning to attend and if you have registered. We would like to see at least 50 people from Woodlawn in attendance.

Go to [serlcoc.org](http://serlcoc.org) to find information for the Lectureship and the Hotel Registrations. ♦



1<sup>st</sup> - Kenneth Hallback

1<sup>st</sup> - Iyana Myers

2<sup>nd</sup> - Pleamon Campbell

4<sup>th</sup> - Marcus Pride

7<sup>th</sup> - Timothy Kelsie, Sr.

8<sup>th</sup> - Teretha Nicole Lott

9<sup>th</sup> - Julia Benjamin

9<sup>th</sup> - Annie R. Major

9<sup>th</sup> - Renee' Thomas

12<sup>th</sup> - Mary A. Davis

12<sup>th</sup> - Lativia Stringer

13<sup>th</sup> - Eric Brantley, Jr.

13<sup>th</sup> - Nya I. Johnson

13<sup>th</sup> - Franklin L. Kier, Jr.

14<sup>th</sup> - Kaden Johnson

16<sup>th</sup> - Larry Mobley

18<sup>th</sup> - Elaine Wrice

20<sup>th</sup> - Christopher Lott

21<sup>st</sup> - Zion Carter

21<sup>st</sup> - Kelan Hill

22<sup>nd</sup> - Timothy J. (TJ) Thompson

24<sup>th</sup> - Benita Morris

25<sup>th</sup> - Cathy Scott

26<sup>th</sup> - Erin Tillman

29<sup>th</sup> - Robert Gervin, Jr.

23<sup>rd</sup> - Charlie & Patricia Black, 42-years.

29<sup>th</sup> - Michael & Renee' Thomas, 1-year. ■

If you gave your 2025 contributions by check, you used the church envelope, or if you gave online, you can request a GIVING STATEMENT for tax

Purposes. Please sign the list beside the News Bulletin Board, located across the hall from the Finance Office. Include your phone number to be contacted in case more information is needed. Do so before February 1<sup>st</sup>. Statements are by request only.

# JANUARY

## CHURCH CALENDAR

1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day.

4<sup>th</sup> – Dollar Day\$ for our Youth Ministry.

4<sup>th</sup> – Youth 100 Envelope Fundraiser Begin\$.

4<sup>th</sup> - Wellness host Blood Pressure Screening  
(After Worship in dining area).

6<sup>th</sup> - Youth Council Meeting, 7:00–8:00 P.M.

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

10<sup>th</sup> – Meals-On-Wheels 10:00 A.M.-12:00  
P.M. (Dining Area).

10<sup>th</sup> – Sister to Sister, 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

10<sup>th</sup> - L640 Mature Disciple Award Ceremony,  
6:00 P.M., VSU Magnolia Room, Valdosta, GA.

11<sup>th</sup> - BLG #5, Meeting (After Worship in Conference  
Room).

11<sup>th</sup> – I.M.A.G.E. Ministry 2026 Kickoff (In-person  
fellowship following Worship).

14<sup>th</sup> - L640 Meeting, 6:00 P.M. (In Dining Hall)

14<sup>th</sup> - Pantry Ministry Meeting, 6:15 P.M.  
(In the Conference Room).

17<sup>th</sup> - Youth Family Day and Registration.

17<sup>th</sup> - Pantry Meeting Visitation, 2:00 P.M.  
(Senior Ambassador).

18<sup>th</sup> – BLG #4, Zones 3, 4, & 5, Meeting (After  
Worship in dining area).

18<sup>th</sup> - Clothes Closet Ministry Meeting (After  
Worship in Conference Room).

19<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

24<sup>th</sup> – BLG #1 Meeting, 1:00-2:30 P.M.  
(In Church Dining Hall).

24<sup>th</sup> – Boys to Men, 12:00-2:00 P.M.

25<sup>th</sup> - Youth Sweet Shop (After Worship, dining area)

26-28 - Excellence In Ministry Workshop, All  
area congregations, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
(James H. Rainwater Conference Center, Valdosta) ♦



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.♦



## OPPORTUNITIES To Learn & Grow

7:30am ..... "Back to the Bible RADIO PROGRAM  
WHLJ 97.5 FM

9:45am ..... Solid FOUNDATION  
(Class for New Converts)

11:00am ..... Sunday WORSHIP  
In Person, Facebook Live, YouTube Live

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  
In Person for ages 3-18 ♦



## Woodlawn's 2026 Major Events

- February 21<sup>st</sup> - Sisters Prayer Breakfast, 9:00AM-11:00AM
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Wellness Ministry host Community Health Fair.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> ~11<sup>th</sup> – Vacation Bible School, 6:00—8:30PM.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 4<sup>th</sup> – 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming.
- September 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 5<sup>th</sup> – Annual Men's Conference.
- September 6<sup>th</sup> – 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Sunday.
- 10/25 – Minister's Appreciation Day.
- 11/19 - Annual Food Giv-A-Way for Thanksgiving.
- 11/24 – Annual Prayer & Praise Service, 7:00PM. ↗