

Branches



Nov 02, 2025



**It's Still Hard to Build
on Shag Carpet**

Jesus said, "You are the branches..." JOHN 15:5

To Our Friends & Guests

From the Branches Family, To Our Friends and Guests

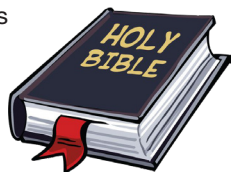
We are pleased that you made the choice to spend your morning with us. You may be starting your search for God, or you may be looking for a place to enhance the faith you already have. The Branches Family wants to serve you by helping you progress at your own pace. We don't intend to pressure you, or automatically follow up with a visit or phone call. In respect of your privacy we let you tell us if, or when, you want more information. Just use the chair cards or give us a call with the numbers listed in this bulletin.

Check Out Our Chair Cards

There are cards located in the seat backs/racks for anybody seeking more information or a follow-up. If you fill one out, please place it in the offering box, or hand to one of our ministers.

Bibles

In keeping with our desire of leading you into God's Word, we try to put the Bible verses used on the screens. Bibles have also been placed under the chairs in front of you. Feel free to use one to follow along with the sermon and if you don't have a Bible, you are welcome to take one home with you. **It's yours!**



Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or praise please write it down on the card provided on the table before you enter the auditorium and place it in the box by 9:55am. We will gladly share it at the beginning of the service and send out in the church prayer email.

A Special Word about Communion

It is our practice to observe communion at the end of the service every Lord's Day; the bread and the juice remind us of the sacrifice of Christ's body and blood made on our behalf. We invite all Christians to join us in this opportunity for remembrance and to partake of the elements when ready. The elements will be served as a double cup with the bread in the lower cup and juice in the top. Gluten-free cups are at the Welcome Center and may be picked up before church.

Worship Can Include Giving

We didn't forget to pass the offering plate, we haven't done that for 25 years. As a guest, if you'd like to share, you will find a mail slot on either side of the sound booth just before exiting the auditorium doors.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly at Branches

- Sundays 9a – Adult Sun School
- Sundays 10a Worship with Children Programs
Birth through 5th in the Foundation
- Sundays 6-8:30p – Movie Night & Discussion @ Tim's
- Mondays 7p – Guys Group
- Mondays 8p – Beyond Human Aid Recovery Meeting
- Tuesdays 10:00a – Crocheting Class
- Wednesdays 7:00p – Worship
- Thursdays 6:30p – GALS Discipleship Group
- Thursdays 7-8:30p – Gen Next – Connecting the Bible to life;
study & discussion / 8:30-9:30p – Games @Hanesworths

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party – 11/2

Don't want to pack your own box? You can donate filler items from the approved list and place them in the collection box by the tree. We need volunteers to pack these items in the shoeboxes after church – lunch provided - sign up online or at the Welcome Center.



OTHER WAYS TO HELP:

Pack your own Shoebox – Return by Nov. 23 for prayer and delivery.

Donate Items – For use at the Packing Party (Nov. 2).

Cover Shipping – Fill a quarter wrapper (\$10) and return by Nov. 16.

Operation Christmas Child

“The Greatest Journey”

In the month of November the Greenhouse teaching material will be “**The Greatest Journey.**” It is a discipleship course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients. Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started. Our First – Fifth graders will embark on this same journey.

Faith and Football – 11/2 & 11/8

GenNext and BTM - Faith and Football will be from 1-4pm on Sun., Nov. 2nd and on Sat., Nov. 8th from 12-3pm.

Grab something to share - drinks provided



EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Meet and Eat – 11/5

Lennie Templeton and crew will be serving Taco's for the next monthly dinner on Wed., Nov. 5th from 6-6:45pm before the evening service. The cost is \$5 at the Sign Up Center or \$5.50 online at www.branchesofChrist.com/events. RSVP deadline is Sun., Nov. 2nd.

2026 Branches Calendar

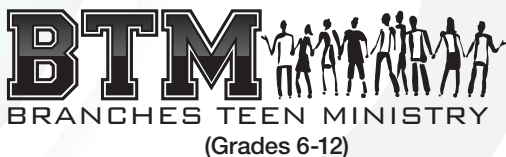
We would love to have all the Branches attendees' birthdays and wedding anniversaries on our 2026 calendar. If you were not on the 2025 Calendar, please fill out a chair card with name(s), dates, and email, and drop in the offering box or send an email to julie@branchesofChrist.com with the information by November 9th. Once designed it will be emailed to everyone in December.



GALS Discipleship Group - Thursdays

Come learn what biblical discipleship is starting Thursday, Oct. 30th. Join us as we dig deeper and grow in our spiritual walk together every Thursday, from 6:30-8pm, in the Foundation with studying the Book of Acts. Like Jesus, we must engage in meaningful relationships, pouring into others and into God's word, to develop as healthy believers who walk by faith, lead by example, and bear fruit for God's glory to work His will thru us.

We will meet in the gap between Ladies Bible Studies. Feel free to attend as your schedule allows. See Christy Fain or Carisa Mills for more information.



Catalyst for Discipleship – 11/5

6:30-7p – Hang Out

7-8:15p – Worship / Catalyst

– “Worldview – What Difference Does It Make”

8:30-9:30p – Jackbox Games – Gen Next and BTM

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Leadership and Discussion – 11/9

On Nov. 9th everyone is invited to the Hanesworth's for leadership and discussion from 6-9pm. Let Tim know if you are coming by 3pm for the 6pm meal.

Sistas Suppah – 11/10

Ladies, come join your host, Julie Pettit, and your Branches Sistas on Mon., Nov. 10th at J.D.'s BBQ, 6426 Bells Ferry Road, Woodstock, 30189 for food and laughter. RSVP on the "Events" page on the website/app or to Julie by noon, Nov. 9th.

Good Neighbor Meal – 11/13

We have the privilege of feeding our local homeless women (and family) at the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter, located in Bartow County, on Thurs., Nov. 13th. There will be a Meal Train sign up for prepared food and items that may need to be purchased.



Please sign up for the link here or at the Sign Up Center. Food should be dropped off at 4:30pm on the 13th.

Ladies Lunch Bunch – 11/18

Carla Camp will be hosting the Nov. 18th Ladies Lunch Bunch at Millers Ale House, 745 Chastain Rd, NW, Kennesaw, 30144. All ladies are invited to join us at 11:30am. Please RSVP on the app/website or to Carla by noon Mon., Dec. 17th.



OCC Shoebox Drop-Off – 11/23

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

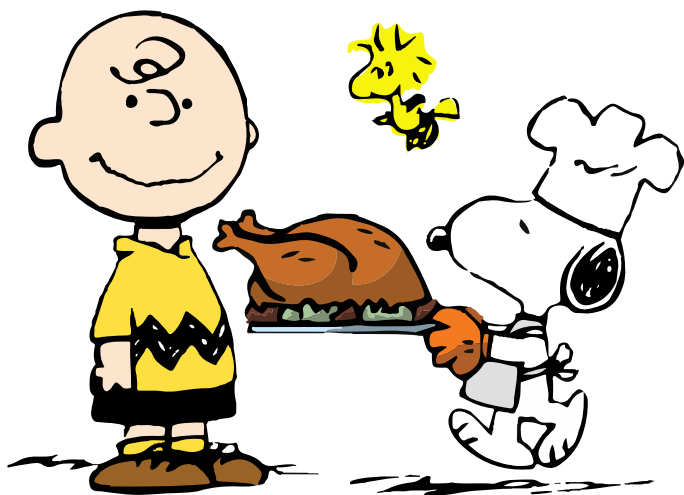


Grab a shoebox from the foyer and bring it filled from the items suggestions list on Sun., Nov. 23rd. Bring it to the altar before service and we will pray over them at the end.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES

Gen Next FriendsGiving – 11/15

Bring your favorite food for a potluck “FriendsGiving Dinner” on Sat., Nov. 15th at 6pm at Xavier & Amelia’s home. Please go to the [Gen:Next Groupme](#) or reach out to Amelia for the Meal Train link and additional details.



ThanksLiving Week at Branches

Sunday, November 16th & Monday, November 17th

Join us for a special week of gratitude, fellowship, and service as we celebrate ThanksLiving – living out our thanks to God by loving one another!

Sunday, November 16th

– Annual ThanksLiving Banquet – 11:45AM

We'll begin with a morning of worship and thanksgiving, followed by our annual ThanksLiving Banquet after church. This event is for our Branches family, not an outreach event. It's a time to enjoy a meal together, connect, and celebrate God's goodness.

Please sign up on the app or website which has the Meal Train link and a place to reserve the # attending.

Monday, November 17th

– Recovery Support Group Ministry Opportunity - 7PM

Each Monday evening, over 75 people meet in the Foundation for our Recovery Support Group. On November 17th, we want to bless them with a special Thanksgiving meal.

Please pray about preparing food and/or serving and offering encouragement. You will use the same Meal Train link for the food we need.

We Believe...

...That Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God who died for our sins and arose from the dead. *1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8*

...That the Bible is the inspired word of God, truthful and useful in living out the Christian life. *2 TIMOTHY 3:16*

...That every person has worth as a creation of God, but that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. *ROMANS 3:23*

...That forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust Christ as Savior and Lord. *JOHN 3:16*

...That those accepting Christ should repent of sin, confess their faith and be baptized into Him. *ROMANS 10:9 and ACTS 2:38*

...That the church is the body of Christ on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit and exists to save the lost and edify the saved. *EPHESIANS 4:1-16*

...That Jesus Christ will one day return to resurrect those that have faithfully lived for Him. *1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18*

Branches Staff...

God's design for His church is that we'd all minister to each other and we pray for that ministry to take place. **Branches** has also been able to provide full time staff to assist us with that ministry. The office hours are 9:00 to 6:00 Monday thru Friday. Phone 770/917-4964.

Steve Pettit: Preacher, contact at 770/917-4964 or steve@branchesofChrist.com. *He is off on Tuesday.*

Tim Hanesworth: Minister of Education, Contact him at 770/ 375-5145 or timbranchesofchrist@gmail.com. *He is off on Thursday.*

Henry Leno: Worship Minister, contact him at 770/309-0600 or henry.leno@yahoo.com.

Julie Pettit: Church Administrator, contact at 770/917-4964 or julie@branchesofChrist.com. *She is in office M-F 9a-1p*

Our leadership is also willing to help you out:

Brett Thein: Chairman of the Elders. 404/775-3206

John Templeton: 678/508-4690



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Be Involved...

Thanks for Sharing

Branches is an independent, nondenominational church and operates solely through the gifts of transformed people that give back. Ministry happens as the Lord works through His Spirit in those that have received salvation. Practically, we don't have to charge people because of the hearts of those that have grown in the Grace of Giving and Honoring God. Jesus was the first and best to "Pay it Forward" by dying on the cross for us and our sin before we asked for it. As Christians, we follow His example and pay it forward, so those that benefit from "free" church grow to give so others can receive freely. Our budget represents what our ministries would LOVE to do. But we are only able to do that ministry according to what we have received.

Our weekly projected budget : \$6,778.06

Oct 12 - \$7,552.91

Oct 19 - \$5,646.68



Located down the stairs in The Foundation Area

Please Note: The Greenhouse is open on Sundays for Infants to 5th grade.

On Wednesdays childcare is provided for Infants to 1st Grade at this time.



THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYING



John & Beth Pingree



Les & Holly Crippen



Ken & Naomi McKenzie



I have not stopped giving thanks for you,
remembering you in my prayers (EPH 1:16)