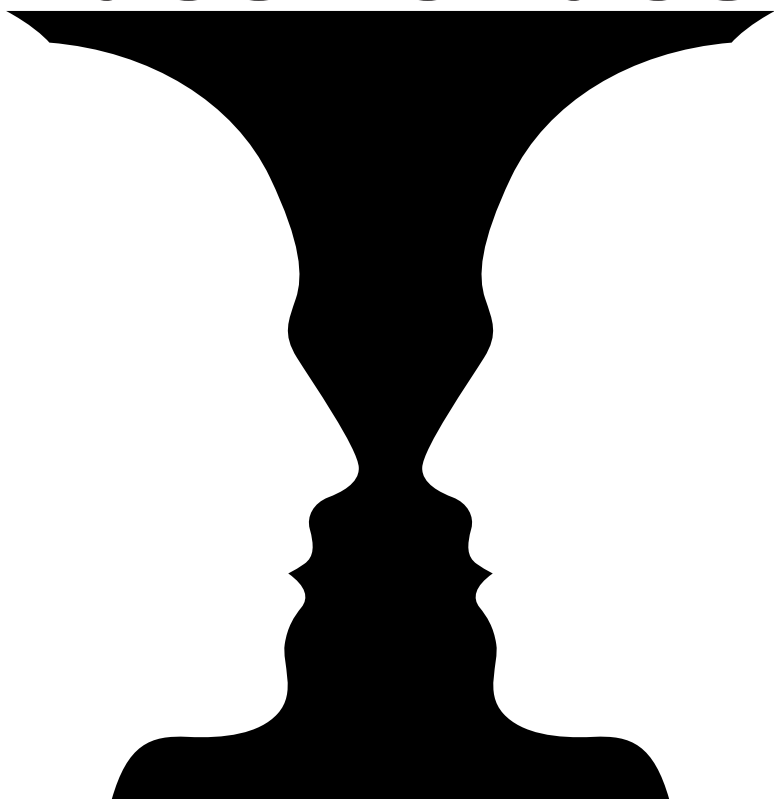




Dec 28, 2025

Vase vs Face



**Gifts and Giving Bring Out
The Best and Worst of Us**

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

To Our Friends & Guests

From the **Branches** Family, To Our Friends and Guests

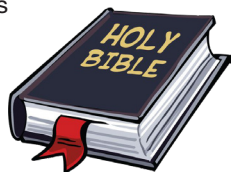
We are pleased that you made the choice to spend your morning with us. You may be starting your search for God, or you may be looking for a place to enhance the faith you already have. The Branches Family wants to serve you by helping you progress at your own pace. We don't intend to pressure you, or 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

Wednesday Night Service is cancelled for December 31st

Movie and Discussion Night 12/28

Join us @Hanesworths to watch and discuss the movie
"Truth or Treason" tonight, Dec. 28th, from 6:30-8:30p.
See Tim for the address and more info.



Yoga Class – 1/6

Starting Tues., Jan 6th at 6pm Denise Cass will be offering a free yoga class in the Foundation. Denise has experience with yoga for close to 50 years but has recently become certified as a Trainer. Denise will be teaching simple stretching and exercising, no Eastern meditation. Dress comfortably – sweat or knit pants, "yoga" outfits not needed. Also bring a mat or a beach towel. Sign up on our app or website.

Meet and Eat – 1/7

Lennie Templeton and crew will be serving Turkey Gravy & Biscuits for the next monthly dinner on Wed., Jan. 7th 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 Jan. 4th.

New Ladies Bible Study – 1/8

Come join us for a deep dive into The Chosen Season 4,
Jan. 8th – Mar. 5th, from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

The theme for this 9-week session is "God's Goodness for His Chosen People." The Season 4 Study Guide takes us through lessons that

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teach us how to reframe hardships and reveal how God uses suffering to bring about good things in the lives of those He loves.

As always, we approach watching The Chosen as simply a tool to help us connect with, but never a substitution for, the Bible. We will watch each episode and compare it to actual scripture while discussing the history, culture and themes brought up throughout the series.

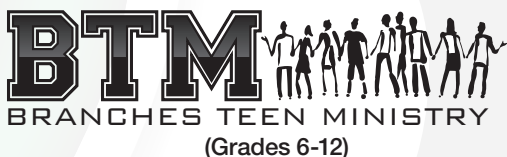
The study guide can be ordered from Amazon. Please see Carisa Mills for any questions/concerns.

You are Invited – 1/11

Ladies, please join Amelia and Erin for a Baby Shower honoring Courtney Watson on Sun., Jan. 11th in the Foundation following church. Courtney is registered at my.babylist.com

Sista Suppah – 1/12

Ladies, come join your host, Carla Camp and your Branches Sistas on Mon., January 12th, 6:30pm, at **Family Traditions**, 4379 Towne Lake Pkwy, Woodstock, 30189 for food and laughter. RSVP on the “Events” page on the website/app or to Carla by noon, Jan. 11th.



Catalyst for Discipleship – 1/7

6:30-7p – Hang Out

7-8:15p – Worship / Catalyst – “Wingfeather Saga”

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



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

Dec 14 - \$7,424.00

Dec 21 - \$11,003.25



the greenhouse
Children Ministry at Branches of Christ

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



Xavier, Amelia & Vivian
Hanesworth



Tim, Amy, Lilly, and Landon
Hanesworth



David Boswinkle



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