



August 24, 2025



Change as We Know

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

# To Our Friends & Guests

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

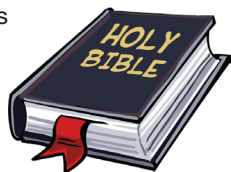
We are pleased that you made the choice to spend your morning with us. You may be starting your search for God, or you may be looking for a place to enhance the faith you already have. The Branches Family wants to serve you by helping you progress at your own pace. We don't intend to pressure you, or 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 group
- Thursdays 7-8:30p – Gen Next – Connecting the Bible to life; study & discussion / 8:30-9:30p – Games @Hanesworths

## Movie Night & Discussion -8/31

The Most Reluctant Convert – CS Lewis (for youth & adults) @ Hanesworths. Please let Tim know by 3pm if you are coming for the meal @6:30pm and to get directions.

## Meet and Eat – 9/3

Lennie Templeton and crew will be serving Sloppy Joes for the next monthly dinner on Wed., Sept., 3rd 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](http://www.branchesofChrist.com/events). RSVP deadline is Mon., Sept.1st.

## OCC Workshop – 9/6

We received an invite to attend the **Operation Christmas Child** area workshop at the Fairview Baptist Church, 881 Fairview Rd, Rockmart, 30153 on Sat., Sept.,6th, from 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM

**From event coordinator Gina Brown:** The workshop will provide you and others in your church, group, business, and school with ideas and tools to allow you to reach more children with the Gospel than ever before. Whether you've been partnering with us for years or are new, come find out how Operation Christmas Child is much more than a shoebox filled with gifts. We'll have snacks, door prizes, and fun.

Questions – see Julie

## Sista Suppah – 9/8

Ladies, come join your host, Jackie Hopper and your Branches Sistas on Mon.,Sept. 8th at **Casa Amigos**, 3365 Acworth Oaks Dr., Acworth 30101, at 6:30pm for food and laughter. RSVP on the “Events” page on the website/app or to Jackie by noon, Sept. 7th.

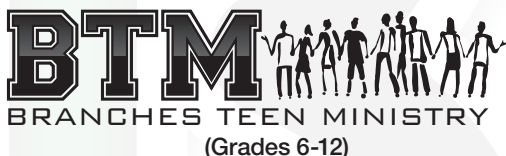
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## Griefshare

For those that have lost, no matter what that loss may be, please come. Be a part of our family while we invest in Griefshare. For those that feel alone, you're not. Grief doesn't go away as I have learned, but I know as I step one foot in front of the other my hurt has lessened. It is my privilege to co-lead the 13-week class. I have walked away with peace from Griefshare classes that I didn't have before. Let's make this journey together. If you have any questions, please reach out. Hope to see you soon.

Starting Aug. 31st through Nov. 9th, from 1-3pm, in the Foundation, led by Suan Plummer & Alison Gomes.

Cost: \$20 includes workbook (Scholarships available). Open to friends, family and the public. To register go to: [GriefShare.org](https://GriefShare.org) / Find a Group / Type in "Acworth, GA" / Click on button "register for this group." You will need to pay and receive book at the Sign Up Center.



**Catalyst for Discipleship – 8/27**

6:30-7p – Hang Out

7-8:15p – Worship / Catalyst

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

## Last Quarter 2025 Calendar

Griefshare (Grief Support Group) – Sundays, Aug 31st – Nov. 9th

Recovery Group Encouragement Meals – Sept. 22nd

Operation Christmas Child Craft Night for Shoeboxes – Oct. 10th

OCC Shoebox Pizza & Packing Party – Nov. 2nd

ThanksLiving Banquet – Nov. 16th

Recovery Group Thanksgiving Banquet – Nov. 17th

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due – Nov. 23rd

Krazy Sweater Sunday – Dec. 7th

Christmas Cookies for the Recovery Group – Dec. 7th

Manger Set Up & Pizza Party – Dec. 11th – 6pm

Manger Service – Dec. 14th

3 Gifts Sunday – Bring 3 items for the BOC Pantry - Dec. 21st

# 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](mailto:steve@branchesofChrist.com). *He is off on Tuesday.*

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

**Henry Leno:** Worship Minister, contact him at 770/309-0600 or [henry.leno@yahoo.com](mailto:henry.leno@yahoo.com).

**Julie Pettit:** Church Administrator, contact at 770/917-4964 or [julie@branchesofChrist.com](mailto: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

Aug 10 - \$7,024.65

Aug 17 - \$4,753.48



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



Joe & Kris Everett



Robert, Janelle, Micah  
& Jonah Bean



Dustin, Brittany, Lily,  
and Lucy Richards



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