

Branches



It's Amazing
**What You
Can See
in the Dark**



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 cards we have provided on the table before you enter the auditorium. When finished, place it in the box by 10:10am and we will gladly share them at the end of the service.

The Privilege of Praying

Each week the Prayer Drum is prayed over and then 3 families drawn to be on the "Privilege of Praying" for the week. This week the 3 families are: Dylan & Sophie Fain; Shariff, Kiersten, Noah, Benjamin & Eleanor Martin; and George & Lennie Templeton.

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. Communion has been prepared with caution and is available at Welcome Center as you come in the main Lobby.

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

Ladies Lunch Bunch – 12/16

Julie Pettit will be hosting the Dec. 16th Ladies Lunch Bunch at Rise & Dine, 5345 Bells Ferry Rd, Acworth, 30102. All ladies are invited to join us at 11:30am. Please RSVP on the app/website or to Julie by noon Mon., Dec. 15th.



GenNext – 12/20

GenNext presents “3 Wise Guys Christmas Party” on Sat., Dec. 20th, 6pm at Matt & Nilia's. All ages are welcome just bring your appetite, wear an ugly Christmas sweater (contest – cool prize!) and bring a gift (\$20-30) for a White Elephant gift exchange.

3 Gifts Sunday – 12/21

Just as the Magi offered their treasures to the King, we're called to offer our hearts and lives to Him as acts of worship. This season is the perfect time to reflect on what we can bring to Jesus. One way we are suggesting is to bring 3 pantry items to Branches on Sun., Dec. 21st as we strive to help people or families in need every day through our food pantry. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Service – 12/24

Join us on Wed., Dec. 24th at 7pm for a Christmas Eve Service by Gen Next. No Greenhouse so we all can worship together.

EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES



2026 Winter Jam – 1/18

Let Tim know ASAP if you are interested.

Cost: \$50 - @State Farm Arena



Featuring: Chris Tomlin, Matthew West, Katy Nicole, Hulvey, Disciple, Emerson Day, Newson, Jeremy Rosado, Heath Brothers, and Cliff Peterson

Privilege of Praying

The Privilege of Praying Prayer Drum was just refilled this week so if you have not been on the P.O.P. slide in the last 6 months and would like to be included, please email your name(s) of family and send a recent picture to julie@branchesofChrist.com as soon as you can thank you.

Monday Set Up

If you spare an hour tomorrow night, Mon., Dec. 15th, we'd love to have your help re-setting the sanctuary and putting everything away. We will start at 6pm.



BTM
BRANCHES TEEN MINISTRY
(Grades 6-12)



Catalyst for Discipleship – 12/17

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



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

Nov 30 - \$4,028.00

Dec 07 - \$5,438.05



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



Joel Rodgers



James, Natasha & Jessica
Hightower



Brett & Angie Thein



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