

THE HERALD

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“WE WILL GLORIFY GOD IN 2012,
WHETHER WE'RE WITH ONE ANOTHER OR BY OURSELVES”.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am ... Radio Program
WHLJ 97.5 FM
9:45am Bible School
11:00am Worship
4:00pm Worship

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Bible Study7:00pm

THURSDAY CLASSES

Ladies Bible Class..7:00pm

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 Struggles of the Soul, part 3

Psalm 13:1-6 (KJV)

¹ How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

² How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

⁴ Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

⁵ But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

⁶ I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

The Soul's Jubilation

“But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me” (13:5-6). Here we see David's darkness giving way to light, his agitation to jubilation. How does it come? Notice he says, “But I have trusted in thy mercy”.

1) A Confirmed Faith

The word “*But*” denotes a difference. “*Have trusted*” is past tense. David is saying: What I have done in the past is *I have trusted in God*. The thing that has been able to make the difference between defeat and victory, in the yesterdays of my past has been my faith in God. And so I know the answer to today's dilemma is to confirm and reaffirm the trust that I had in God yesterday, in his word, in his promises, in his purpose and in his power. I will reaffirm my trust in him. I will trust his mercy. It is as if dawn is breaking in David's heart and the sun is rising in his soul. Like the prodigal son who came to himself in the funky fog of the putrid pig-pen, he resolved I will go back to my father's house. I will trust his mercy. I will say I am no longer fit to be thy son, just make me a hired servant. He got more than he bargained for. He got a robe and a ring; he got shoes and a shower. Not just a shower of water he got a shower of the father's love, a shower

of the Father's forgiveness, he got a feast and the fatted calf.

Later in his life, David would declare without any sign of doubt, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. His jubilation came from a confirmed faith but also from a renewed song.

2) A Renewed Song

David says, “*My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me” (13:5-6).*

Psalms 142:7 says, *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name...* Listen, your body can be in prison and you can still praise the Lord but if your soul is in prison... how can you praise? Maybe that's why some of us won't sing in the worship services. you can't sing, not because you can't carry a tune it's because your soul is in prison.

When David ended this psalm his external circumstances were probably the same as they were when he started it. But his internal circumstances had changed. When you walked into the worship services this morning you were dealing with a certain set of circumstances. When you walk out of here those circumstances will likely be the same. What can make the difference is what happens to you internally. The Lord can bring your soul out of the prison of doubt and worry; out of the prison of the bondage of sin; out of a state of agitation to a state of jubilation.

Conclusion

God's purpose in our lives is never fulfilled until we have been brought out of soul conflict into soul conquest. As we have seen from the teaching of this psalm, soul struggle is a universal human experience. What was true of David, of Peter, and a host of others, is true of you and me. If our soul's agitation leads us to supplication and then to jubilation, we are on the winning side. Remember, though, that there are no conquests without conflicts, no rainbows without clouds, no calms without storms, no crowns without crosses and that the hardest victory is the victory over self.

Leroy Butler, Jr. ♦♦

The Woodlawn Forrest Family

Confessed Sin; Asked Forgiveness and Prayer:

- 01/08 - B/Brandon Myers 01/08 - B/Fernando Myers
 01/11 - S/Brinda Aceituno

Special Prayer & Request:

- 01/08 - B/Al Breeden for himself and his family. Pray that he will be the Christian husband and father that the Lord requires him to be.
- 01/08 - S/Renee' Darden asked traveling grace to Atlanta Wednesday for a doctor appointment, and prayers for favorable results.
- 01/08 - S/Makunda Ewing on behalf of S/Nikki Foster; she's in labor and having the baby today.
- 01/08 - S/Vorise Harris asked prayer for her son, B/Eddie Ashley. He's not feeling good; his blood sugar is up.
- 01/08 - S/Annie R. Major asked prayer for her granddaughter, Tarneisha Harvey who was admitted to South Georgia Medical Center this afternoon.
- 01/08 - B/Steve Myers, Sr. asked prayer for B/Larry and S/Nikki Foster. She is in the hospital in Albany, GA. Pray for their family and the baby. She's not due for 3½ months but will be delivered today. God is truly more than able to hand the situation.
- 01/08 - B/James C. Shearry, Sr. asked prayer for S/Nikki Foster and family. They are expecting the baby to be born this evening.
- 01/11 - S/Pat Bell asked prayer for S/Carrie Mae Bell as she continue to struggle with her illnesses, and pray for her daughters too.
- 01/11 - S/Alyssia Boone asked prayer for her granddad. She says that she wish he would come back to church. Please keep him your prayers.
- 01/11 - S/Vanessa Folsom asked prayer for healing for her father. He is in the hospital at SGMC room 466.
- 01/11 - S/Rebecca Jones asked prayer for her anger that she don't say things that aren't Godly, and that she'll be more humble in any situation.
- 01/11 - B/Steve Myers, Sr. asked prayer for S/Deidre Flores and family. She was in an auto accident in November. They are asking our prayers. Pray for B/Donald Williams, he's out of town in New Orleans on business. Pray for B/Tony Carithers who's working out of town this week. Pray also for B/Al Breeden who's at home tonight with a toothache.
- 01/11 - S/Alicia Norwood asked prayer for her mom who's at home sick.
- 01/11 - B/Andre' R. Norwood asked prayer for his mother who's ill, and his brother who's going through trials.
- 01/11 - S/LaQuanda Parker asked prayer for her best friend, Anita, her father Mr. John Glosier. The family found out that he has pancreas cancer and things isn't looking good because it has spread to his liver already. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- 01/11 - B/Calvin Strickland asked prayer to have a normal sleeping pattern again.

Expressions of Thanks:

- 01/08 - You're So Kind. Your thoughtfulness touched me in a special way—but then, you're always finding ways to make me feel special. Thank you so Much.
 S/Barbara Jones
- 01/08 - S/Rebecca Jones expressed thankfulness to the church family, especially Bro. Butler for being the man God has placed over the flock at Woodlawn Forrest. She says that God is good, life is good, and she's so thankful to God for where He's brought her from.
- 01/08 - The words 'thank you' hardly seems enough, But they're coming from my heart, A heart uplifted by your kindness. *"I would like to thank my church family for your out pour of love shown to me and my family during my stay in the hospital. Please continue to pray for me and my family. Love you all."*
 S/Willie Mae Myers.
- 01/08 - S/Francine Shearry confessed sin and asked forgiveness. She also thank you for prayers for her family and asks that you continue to pray for them, especially their children, James Jr., Adrina and Jennifer.
- 01/10 - The residents and staff of The Pines Family Campus would like to thank the members of Woodlawn Forrest's Baptism Ministry for your monthly toiletries donations. The residents are always in need of basic necessities and it means a lot to know that caring agencies like Woodlawn Forrest are willing to help us meet those needs. Once again, thank you for your church's continued support of our program.
 Sincerely, Mrs. Mullis, Pines Program Director. ■

~ ~ ~ Assigned To Serve In JANUARY ~ ~ ~

- ◇ BAPTISMAL PREPARATIONS: Robin Sharp and Marie Young.
- ◇ CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY: Collecting 'New' Towels and Wash Cloths for the Haiti Mission.
- ◇ COMMUNION: Vickey Reed, Mary Shearry, and Connor-Marie Smith.
- ◇ HOSPITALITY GREETERS: Team One—Mary Roe, Captain. Gloria Battle, Aretha Benson, Charlene Blache, Debra Martin, and Barbara Williams.
- ◇ KITCHEN MONITORS: Gloria Brantley and Amie Register.
- ◇ PANTRY ITEMS: Jiffy Cornbread Mix and Canned Vegetable.
- ◇ USHER TEAM #3: Willie Ferrebee, Chairman. ■

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 1-YEAR.

(WEEK 3)

- Monday, January 16th, Genesis 41-44.
 Tuesday, January 17th, Genesis 45-47.
 Wednesday, January 18th, Genesis 48-50.
 Thursday, January 19th, Exodus 1-4.
 Friday, January 20th, Exodus 5-8.
 Saturday, January 21st, Exodus 9-12.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



▶ Active Christian **TEENS SEMINAR**. Calling all Area Wide Youth to Join Us, TODAY, January 15th, 6:00 p.m. at Dasher Church of Christ, Valdosta, GA. Speaker: Devon Morris at 6:00 p.m. Worship hour from Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL. How to Be A Courageous Teen in 2012! Singing by Zach Nelson, Dasher Church of Christ. After Worship all teens and chaperones will go to the GCS Gym for Finger Foods, Youth Devotional, Games, and Entertainment. Devotional Speakers: Jason Roberts and Shane Copeland. Topic: How To Be A Courageous Teen Dealing With Peer Pressure? Entertainment: Willis Colson, Wendy Colson & Crew. For information, call the Dasher Church of Christ. (229-559-7002).

▶ March 2-4th, 29th Annual **TRI-AREA YOUTH RALLY** to be held in Valdosta, GA. Theme: "Would You Rather Have Swagg or Salvation?" (II Timothy 2:10). Registration will be as follows: ages 3 and under is free, ages 4 and older is \$28. The fee includes a badge, program, T-shirt, Friday night snacks, Saturday's Continental Breakfast, Lunch, and the Banquet Saturday night. The events will take place at the following locations: Friday, Southside Church of Christ building, Saturday-Georgia Christian School, Banquet (TBA), Sunday's Worship at Southside's building. The 3-year olds and under will not receive a Banquet Ticket; therefore, will not be entitled to a separate Banquet meal. The deadline for everything is February 5th. If you have questions or need information, call Darrell or Mignon Davis (229) 559-8487 or Southside Church of Christ office (229) 244-6066.

▶ February 24-26th, **YES WEEKEND 2012**, Forrest Park Church of Christ, Valdosta GA.

▶ Save The Date: April 6-8th, Northside Church of Christ Jacksonville, FL will host their 32nd Annual **YOUTH RALLY & SPRING OLYMPICS**. Theme: "Are you the Christian X Factor?" (1 Peter 2:12-15).

▶ Save The Date: July 16-21st, 35th Annual Southeastern **YOUTH FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE** held at Fort Valley State University. Theme: "TM3: Take Me, Try Me, Test Me!" (Romans 12: 1, 2). Online Registration before May 31st, 5 years & below=\$125; 6-12 years=\$225; 13-17 years=\$250; 18 years & up=\$280. After May 31st, all fees will increase \$25. ■

*** Area News & Events ***

▶ January 27-28th, **AREA TEACHER'S WORKSHOP**, the Newsome Street Church of Christ, Hahira are this year's host, however, the activity will be held at the Dasher Church of Christ. The registration fee for each participant is \$10.00. Friday will begin at 7:00 p.m., Saturday at 8:00 a.m. with Breakfast and Devotion at 8:35. Facilitators: B/David Decker, S/Patricia Iverson, B/Eric Cureton, B/Brad Lawson, B/Patrick Medlock, and B/John Iverson.

▶ February 8-12th, Southside Church of Christ, Val-

dosta, will celebrate it's Sixtieth **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**. Theme, "Striving Together For The Faith of The Gospel", (Philippians 1:27). They will commence the activities with a Gospel Revival Meeting Wednesday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. Gospel Concert Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Evangelist Elliott C. Glasgow of the Cusseta Road Church of Christ in Columbus, GA will be the guest speaker. Sunday services are: Mass Bible Study at 9:15 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12:30 p.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. and Anniversary Program, 4:00 p.m. ■



▶ February 10-11, Brunswick Church of Christ, 1526 Johnston Street, invites you to their 15th Annual **LADIES DAY PROGRAM**. Their theme is, "Walking Straight in a Crooked World", from Romans 12:2. They will have a Fish Fry Friday evening at the church location, and on Saturday, the program will be at Howard Coffin Park.

▶ 27th Annual **LADIES LECTURESHIP RETREAT**, April 12-15th. Retreat Registration: Adults 18 and up \$175; Teens/Pre-Teens 9~17 is \$165. Registration Deadline is March 1st. For additional information see The News Bulletin Board or go to katbrandon@live.com
All Woodlawn Forrest ladies planning to attend are asked to meet in the Conference Room after Worship this morning. ■

❧ SICK OR SHUT IN MEMBERS ❧

<> IN NURSING HOMES & HOSPITALS:

S/Marjorie **Armstead**, Convalescent Center, Jasper FL.
Baby girl, Hailey Marie **Foster**, Pheobe Putney Hospital, Albany GA.

S/Jessie **Graham**, Health & Rehab Center, Greenville FL.
S/Marie **Smith**, Heritage House Nursing Center, Valdosta.

<> MEMBERS AT HOME:

S/Edna **Akins**.

S/Louise **Battle**.

S/Carrie Mae **Bell**.

S/Nikki **Foster**.

B/James & S/Martha **Gamble**, Jr. (with children in Augusta).

S/Josie **Jackson**.

S/Doretha **Morrison**.

B/Wm. Paul **Myers**.

S/Annette **Norris**.

B/Samuel **Pride**, Jr.

B/J.C. **Shearry**.

B/James C. **Shearry**, Jr.

S/Johnnie Ann **Sirmons**.

S/Ethel **Terrell**.

B/Ernest & Gilda **Turner**. ■

JANUARY: 15th - Pantry Ministry meeting, 3:00 p.m.
 16th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
 16th - Church Office closed.
 18th - Clothes Closet Ministry meeting 6:00 p.m.
 21st - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
 21st - Kitchen Ministry meeting, 11:00 a.m.
 22nd - Senior's Agape Feast; Usher Ministry will host.
 25th - The Sunshine Ministry will host a Birthday Social after Bible Study.
 27th & 28th - Area Teacher's Workshop. Newsome Street Hahira hosting at Georgia Christian School.
 28th - Sunshine Ministry Visitation; Team 2.
 29th - Youth Ministry host Lunch-On-Us in our dining area after Morning Worship.
 29th - Area Fifth Sunday Fellowship; host congregation West Hill in Valdosta. ♦



► Valdosta-Lowndes County Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Association invites you to the Annual **COMMEMORATION PROGRAM TODAY**, January 15th, 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church, and tomorrow, January 16th for the **ANNUAL YOUTH PROGRAM**, 11:00 a.m. at Mathis City Auditorium (followed by lunch.)



WINTER GOSPEL MEETING

February 19~23, 2012

Speaker:
Dr. Jack Evans, Sr.



President of Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, Texas

SUNDAY, February 19th
 9:45 a.m. Bible School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 3:00 p.m. Worship

MONDAY~WEDNESDAY, February 20-23rd

7:00 p.m. Worship ♦

Let the Record Speak Week of 01/08/12

	<u>Our Goal</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Baptisms (YTD)		<u>0</u>
Placed Membership/Restored		<u>0</u>
9:45 a.m. Bible School	200	131
11:00 a.m. Worship	300	265
4:00 p.m. Worship	200	132
Midweek Bible Study	175	126

Sound Theology Curriculum: JANUARY

In the first quarter, we will examine the fact that God is the owner/creator and that we are no more than stewards and managers of His property. We are to have and maintain the right and appropriate relationship with those things that are in our possessions. This quarter is dedicated to helping each of us, as Christians fully understand the importance of service, accountability, and sacrificial giving.

- 1st—God is the creator/owner and we are stewards.
Genesis 1:1
- 8th - What is a Steward?
- 15th - Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:14-30.
- 22nd - To whom much is given, much is required.
Luke 12:42-48.

WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE
 Individual, Family, Couples, Relationship, Spiritual.

Dorothy M. Dye, Ph.D.
 Christian Clinical Counselor

For appointment call 229-232-9458.
 Available dates the First Quarter of 2012: January 21st,
 February 11th & 25th, March 10th & 24th.

To our **VISITORS**, we are pleased to have you in our Worship unto God. You may have noticed that our Worship Service is somewhat different from what you may be accustomed to seeing or hearing, and you may be wondering why? If you would like the answer to this and other Biblical questions, please leave a message at the Church Office, 229-242-7628, and one of our leaders will contact you.



Remember, at Woodlawn Forrest Church of Christ you are always **WELCOME**.

The mission for the Woodlawn Forrest Church of Christ is to bring people to Jesus Christ and membership in His Church. To develop them to Christ-like maturity and equip them for their ministry in the Church and mission in the world, that God's name might be magnified.

