

THE HERALD

January 31, 2010

“HOPE TO THE END AND STRIVE TO WIN - - IN 2010”

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SUNDAY SERVICES
7:30am ... Radio Program
9:45am Bible School
11:00am Worship
4:00pm Worship

WEDNESDAY CLASSES
Bible Study7:00pm

THURSDAY CLASSES
Brother-2-Brother..7:00pm
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)

Woodlawn Forrest will host it's

WINTER GOSPEL MEETING

February 21st - 24th, 2010



Speaker, Bro. Edward L. Keyton
Senior Minister for the Church of Christ
at Bouldercrest in Atlanta GA.

SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY
9:45am -- Bible School
11:00am ----- Worship
3:00pm ----- Worship

MONDAY ~ WEDNESDAY
7:00pm -- Worship

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Finish The Race



There are a bunch of fun Michael Phelps racing stories in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. There's the 100m butterfly when he beat silver medalist Milorad Cavic by only 1/100th of a second, leading panelists to look at tapes frame by frame to determine the winner. There's also the 4x100m freestyle relay story in which Phelps' teammate, Jason Lezak, began his leg half a body's length in second place and managed to catch up and win by eight hundredths of a second.

My favorite story, however, was Phelps winning the 200m butterfly by seven tenths of a second even though his goggles filled up with water and he "couldn't see anything the last half of the race." This is a neat story because it parallels a key spiritual principle.

The Hebrew author encourages us to **run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1b)**. I am so thankful that the author included the word "**perseverance**". There will be difficult times. Yes, God has promised us many blessings, but let's not interpret that as him promising us that everything will be easy and we'll always be happy. That's not it at all.

Instead, we are encouraged to **continue our race** even though difficult times may be upon us. Sickness, death, financial struggles, academic conflicts, car problems, and many other issues can all lead to a temptation to quit racing. But we have hope. We have a hope in Christ and we have a hope in spending eternity with Him. Let's keep racing and never give up. **We're already promised a victory in this race, all we have to do is finish it.**

Chris Petty, Youth Minister
Central Church of Christ, Valdosta GA
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The Woodlawn Forrest Family

Confessed Sin: Asked Forgiveness and Prayer

01/24 - B/Josh Thompkins 01/27 - B/Robert Williams

Special Prayer & Request

- 01/24 - S/Diana Battle states that her husband, B/Sam Battle is still at home under the doctor's care. Also, she will have an outpatient procedure on Friday, and will be under the doctor's care for about 10-days. She asks your prayers for favorable results for both of them.
- 01/24 - S/May Collins asked prayer for her daughter who's in the hospital.
- 01/24 - S/Makunda Ewing asked prayers of the congregation for seasons of trial and suffering that she's facing.
- 01/24 - S/Jacquelyn Fleming asked prayers of the congregation for her on going sickness.
- 01/24 - S/Martha Gamble asks prayer for her daughter, Margie Waters; she's having surgery Wednesday. Also, pray for her daughter Kim who's having heart problems, and granddaughter Tia who's serving our country.
- 01/24 - B/Harry Howell, Sr. asked prayer for his daughter, S/Tomiko Glenn and her children; they were involved in a car accident Friday afternoon. She suffered minor injuries, but the children were not injured, just shaken pretty bad.
- 01/24 - S/Nivea Howell also asked prayer for S/Tomiko Glenn, her sister who's at home recovering from a car accident. Please pray that the Lord will heal her, and she can return to her daily activities.
- 01/24 - S/Shelly James asked prayer for her daughter, S/Fatihah; she's experiencing ongoing health challenges.
- 01/24 - B/Gregory and S/Debra Martin confessed sin; asked forgiveness and prayer, and asked prayer for their son, Gregory Martin, Jr. and his family.
- 01/24 - B/Paul Myers asked prayer for health issues that he's dealing with today. Pray that God will be with him that he may be able to endure.
- 01/24 - B/Steve Myers, Sr. asked traveling grace to Jekyll Island this week.
- 01/24 - S/Latrice Pride asked prayer for her husband, B/Marcus Pride and father-in-law, B/Sam Pride, to arrive home safely from their travels.
- 01/24 - S/Amie Register asked prayer for S/Gloria Brantley who's at home sick.
- 01/24 - S/Francine Shearry asked prayer for her and her mother, S/Louisa Ceasar, as they go to the doctor this week. She also thank you for your prayers for their daughter Jennifer.
- 01/24 - B/Henry L. Walker, Jr. confessed sin, stated that he'd strayed away and want to be restored to Christ.
- 01/27 - B/Franklin L. Kier asked prayer for B/Tenorres Moorehead, that he'll come back to church.
- 01/27 - S/Bernice Myers asks traveling grace this weekend to Atlanta. Also pray for her sons and their families that we all get there safely and return home safely.

Expressions of Thanks

01/24 - S/Marie Young want to thank the church for prayers, phone calls, and visits while she was out sick. ■

~ ~ **F.Y.I.** ~ ~

► We are asking the Ministries and Body Life Groups who are doing Visitation, to please go by the Publicity Wall (near THE HERALD) and pickup **VISITATION CARDS**, complete and turn in at the Church Office. Until our Caring Program is started again, this will give us a report on the individual, and others will know what to expect when they go to visit.

► If you made contributions by check, used our Church Envelopes, and want a **copy of your Contributions** for tax purposes, please sign the list on the News Bulletin Board. The deadline to submit your name is TODAY!

► **Assigned to Serve in FEBRUARY:**

- <> BAPTISMAL PREPARATIONS: Pat Bell & Edna Kelsie.
- <> CLOTHES CLOSET COLLECTIONS: Tennis Shoes for men, Tennis Shoes and flat heal shoes for ladies, Towels and Wash Cloths for Haiti Mission. Boxes are in the classroom area to collect these items. Bro. Garcon will be here next month.
- <> COMMUNION ASSIGNMENT: Ruth Hardy, Vickey Reed, Mary Shearry.
- <> HOSPITALITY GREETERS: Team Two – Wilma Kitchen, Addie Marina, Jackie Offutt, Maxine Parnell, Sandra Thompkins.
- <> KITCHEN MONITORS: Nadine Jackson & Jacquelyn Moody.
 - <> PANTRY ITEMS: 2-lb Bag of Rice,
 - <> USHER TEAM #2: Alfonso Breeden, Chairman. ■



Youth Group

► TODAY, the Youth Ministry will host their quarterly fund raiser, **LUNCH-ON-US**, in our dining area.

► Next Sunday is the first Sunday and is **DOLLAR DAYS**. We ask each member give at least \$5 toward the ongoing programs and activities of the Youth Ministry.

► February 26-28th, **YOUTH ENRICHMENT SEMINAR**, Forrest Park Church of Christ, Valdosta. Theme: *Give Me The Bible!* YES Weekend Schedule: Friday, 7:30-9:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am-2:00pm activities, 5:30pm Dinner, without

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housing provided is \$6.00 per person. Y.E.S. T-shirts are \$10 and must be pre-ordered.

► March 5-7th, **TRI-CITY YOUTH RALLY**, Savannah GA. Host: Church of Christ at Liberty City. *Theme*, “*God’s FACEBOOK: Accepted or Ignored? (II Timothy 2:11-13)*”. Activities include: Bible Bowl, Spelling Bee, Youth Sermons, Essay Contest, and Sporting Events. Sign up at the Youth Bulletin Board if you plan to attend. The fee is \$40 per person and covers your Registration and overnight Motel stay. Fund should be paid to B/Larry or S/ Nikki Foster by February 14th.

► July 19-24th, 33rd Annual Southeastern Regional **YOUTH FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE** will be held again this year in the city of Fort Valley, GA, “Wildcat Country”, on the spacious campus of Fort Valley State University. To help everyone stretch their money to the fullest, we’re keeping the same prices as last year! ■



► Our **ANNUAL LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST** for ladies of Woodlawn Forrest, is Saturday, February 20th, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Signup begins today at the News Bulletin Board. Place and additional information will follow soon.

► February 20th, the ladies of the Hilltop Church of Christ in Winter Haven, FL invites you to attend their 2nd **ANNUAL LADIES DAY PROGRAM**, 8:00am-1:00pm.

► March 13th, 32nd **ANNUAL LADIES DAY** for Sandy Lane Church of Christ in Richmond, VA where Bro. Joseph H. Brown is the Minister. Theme: “For Such A Time As This” (Esther 4:4). The location is L. Douglas Wilder Middle School, 6900 Wilkinson RD, Richmond. Lodging accommodations have been arranged with Hampton Inn, 7433 Bell Creek RD. Mechanicsville, VA (804/559-0559). Cost per night \$99 plus tax. Special rate cut-off date, February 20th.

► The 25th **ANNUAL LADIES LECTURESHIP/RETREAT** is April 22-25th in Jacksonville, Florida. The Hotel site of the event is the Hyatt of Jacksonville, at 225 East Coastline DR, at 904-588-1234 for reservations. Mention that you are with the Church of Christ Ladies Retreat for the special rate of \$129.00 per night plus tax. The Retreat Registration fee is \$175 until March 15th, after that it goes to \$190 until the deadline of April 1st. More information Contact: Betty Mason, Retreat Chairperson/ 910-322-4195/ Bettymason_2001@yahoo.com; Sandra Johnson, Registrar/910-322-2413 sjone24@yahoo.com; OR, your Church Office. ☺ ■

** Area News and Events **

► February 5th, South Georgia Coalition To End Homelessness Community Case Management Team host 3rd

ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST. It will be held at 7:00am at Crossing Jordan Baptist Church, 1401 Cypress ST, Valdosta. “**BREAKING THE CHAINS OF HOMELESSNESS ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME**”. For information contact Mrs. Diane West CCM Director, 229-293-7301 ext. 3.

► February 10~14th, Southside Church of Christ here in the city will host their **57th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY & HOMECOMING**. The speaker for their activity is Bro. Jessie Jackson of Albany, GA. The theme is: “Trusting God When Life Makes No Sense”. Wednesday through Friday service is at 7:00pm; Saturday’s Gospel Singing Concert is 6:30pm; Sunday Bible School 9:15am, Morning Worship 10:30am, Dinner for everyone 12:30pm, Evening Worship 2:45pm, and Anniversary Program at 3:45pm.

► February 12th, The Lowndes/Valdosta Chapter of the Fort Valley State University Alumni Association is cordially inviting the Community to Share in their **ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET**. The location is 212 West Street at the Westside Community Center, 7:00pm. For tickets contact B/Butch Williams at 229-244-5769 or S/Anne Bentley at 229-242-9997.

☺ See our News Bulletin Board for more information. ■



**** SICK & SHUT IN MEMBERS ****

S/Marjorie **Armstead**, Nursing Home, Jasper FL..... BLG 2
 B/Eddie **Ashley**, at home BLG 5
 S/Louise **Battle**, at home BLG 1 B/Samuel **Battle Jr.**, at home BLG 1 S/
 Rosetta **Black**, Holly Hill Nursing Home..... BLG 1
 S/Carrie Mae **Bell**, at home BLG 2
 S/Clara **Braswell**, at homeBLG 1
 S/Louisa **Cesar**, at homeBLG 4
 B/Walter & S/Ruth **Chandler** at homeBLG 4
 B/Levon “Butch” **Daniels**, Lake Haven Nursing Home BLG 5
 B/James **Gamble, Jr.** & S/Martha **Gamble** at homeBLG 1
 S/Jessie **Graham**, at homeBLG 2
 B/E.J. **Hamilton** and S/Dorothy **Hamilton** at homeBLG 5
 B/Leonard & S/Veanna **Irvin**, with children in Fort Lauderdale, FL.....
 S/Josie B. **Jackson**, at home BLG 5
 B/Goldstein **McNeal**, Jr., BLG 2
 S/Doretha **Morrison**, at homeBLG 2
 B/Fernando **Myers**, at home BLG 1
 S/Annette **Norris**, at home BLG 5
 B/James **Shearry Jr.** at home..... BLG 2
 S/Johnnie A. **Sirmons**, at homeBLG 5
 S/Marie **Smith**, Heritage House Nursing Home room 203 BLG 5
 S/Ethel **Terrell**, at homeBLG 4
 B/Ernest & Gilda **Turner**, at homeBLG 5
 S/Ruth **Washington**, at home BLG 5
 S/Gwen **Williams**, at home BLG 5
 S/Olivia **Witten**, at home..... BLG 4
 S/Betty **Yearby**, at home BLG 1

JANUARY: 31st – Youth Ministry host **Lunch-On-U**s after Morning Worship. Menu: Fried Chicken, Chicken & Dumplins, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Corn, Green Peas, Roll, Cornbread, Assorted Desserts. The cost is your generous donation. Plan to dine with them instead of the restaurants before heading to the Area Fifth Sunday Fellowship. Your support is greatly appreciated.

31st – Area **Fifth Sunday Fellowship**. Host: Shumate Church of Christ in Quitman at 3:00pm. We will not have our regular Evening Worship. ■

♥ **FEBRUARY** ♥

▶ **BLACK HISTORY MONTH.** ▶ **HEART MONTH.**

- 6th - Clothes Closet Visitation 11:00am.
- 6th - Youth Ministry Black History Activity.
- 7th - Baptismal Ministry meeting.
- 7th - Usher Ministry meeting, 4:30pm.
- 7th - IMAGE Ministry meeting, 5:00pm.
- 8th - Youth Council meeting, 6:30pm.
- 11th - Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm.
- 13th - Body Life Group #1 Visitation.
- 13th - Meals-On-Wheels meet 11:00am.
- 17th - Clothes Closet Ministry meets 6:00pm.
- 20th - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast.
- 21-24th - Our Winter Gospel Meeting.
- 21st - Hospitality Ministry meeting, 5:00pm.
- 24th - Sunshine Ministry meeting, 6:00pm.
- 25th - Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm.
- 27th - Preschool Staff meeting, 10:00am.
- 27th - Youth Ministry Black History Activity canceled.
- 28th - Seniors Agape Feast. Host Ministries: Baptismal, Bulletin Board, and Newsletter. ■

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- 1st - Ruth A. Chandler; Jarred Sermons.
- 2nd - Carol Tippins.
- 4th - Eddie Hill; Carissa Lott.
- 5th - James Bell Jr.
- 8th - Aubrey Morris.
- 9th - Aretha Benson; Travis Robinson.
- 10th - Ashley Gaitor.
- 11th - James Burke, III.
- 12th - Amie Register.
- 14th - E.J. Hamilton.
- 17th - Khary Franklin.
- 18th - Shelly James.
- 20th - Vanessa Ferrebee.
- 21st - Carmen Stanley.
- 22nd - Edward Alexander.
- 23rd - Jeniece Myers.
- 24th - Jalen Sermons.
- 25th - Andre McNeal, Jr.
- 29th - Malik Rogers.
- 15th - Lent & Nina Bell, Sr. - 35 years.
- 16th - Willie & Vanessa Ferrebee - 27 years.
- 26th - Rudard & Annie R. Major - 32 years.



Let the Record Speak

Week of 01/24/10

	<u>Our Goal</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Baptisms (YTD)		1
Placed Membership/Restored		0
9:45 AM Bible School	200	124
11:00 AM Worship	300	262
6:00 PM Worship	200	164
Midweek Bible Study	175	128

**SOUND THEOLOGY CURRICULUM:
JANUARY - NEW BEGINNINGS**

January 31st - New Joy in Christ Jesus.

FEBRUARY - STEWARDSHIP

- February 7th - God is the Creator/Owner and we are Stewards/Managers.
- February 14th - By Faith Abel Offered . . .
- February 21st - Will a Man Rob God? (Tithes and Offerings)
- February 28th - The Joy of Giving ■

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

Dorothy M. Dye, Ph.D., Christian Clinical Counselor
229-232-9458

Appointments are **Saturdays 9:00am to 3:00pm.**

If you cannot come on a Saturday, special arrangements can be made for weekday appointments. If you find that you cannot keep your appointment, please call to cancel so that your time can be filled by someone else. Available dates: February 13th & 27th; March 13th & 27th.



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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.

