

THE HERALD

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“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)

Texting God

[We] do not cease to pray for you.
- Colossians 1:9

An article in *The Washington Post* told about a 15-year-old girl who sent and received 6,473 cell phone text messages in a single month. She says about her constant communication with friends, “I would die without it.” And she is not alone. Researchers say that US teens with cell phones average more than 2,200 text messages a month.

To me, this ongoing digital conversation offers a remarkable illustration of what prayer could and should be like for every follower of Christ. Paul seemed to be constantly in an attitude of prayer for others: “[We] do not cease to pray for you” (Col. 1:9). “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit” (Eph. 6:18). “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17). But how can we possibly do that?

Missionary Frank Laubach described his habit of “shooting” prayers at people as he encountered them during the course of each day. In a sense, he was “texting” God on their behalf, staying in constant communication with the Father. Laubach believed that prayer is the mightiest force in the world, and said: “My part is to live in this hour in continuous inner conversation with God and in perfect responsiveness to His will.”

Pray without ceasing. Perhaps what Paul urged us to do *can* be done.

- David C. McCasland

Give me a spirit of prayer, dear Lord,
That I may commune with Thee
As I travel along life's rugged road,
In Thy company always to be. —Dawe

READ: Colossians 1:3-12

**Prayer should become
as natural as breathing.**

OUR DAILY BREAD, 03/22/10 ■



**CELL PHONE
VS. BIBLE**



I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go, hmmm, where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill! ■

The Woodlawn Forrest Family

Confessed Sin: Asked Forgiveness and Prayer

- 02/28 - S/Anne Bentley 02/28 - B/Oscar Marshall
Special Prayer & Request
- 02/28 - B/Jerald Bryant asked prayer for his wife, S/Felicia, that God will bless her with employment.
- 02/28 - S/May Collins asked prayer for her family.
- 02/28 - S/Renee' Darden asked prayer for her aunt in Miami, FL. She's in the hospital after a heart attack. Also for her aunt in Griffin, GA; she's in ICU after a stroke. Please pray for their recovery if it's God's will.
- 02/28 - S/Andrea' Gaines asked prayer for S/Nikki Foster; she wasn't feeling well this morning and had to leave worship. Pray that God will restore her health.
- 02/28 - S/Vorise Harris asked prayer for her son, B/Eddie Ashley. He's at South Georgia Medical Center in room 420. She ask prayers for a speedy recovery.
- 02/28 - S/Willie Mae Hayes asked prayer for her family, especially her sister and brother-in-law, Ira Lee and Annie Pearl Clark who are sick and shut-in. Pray also for some of her family who have not put on Christ as their personal Savior, and those in trouble with the law. She thank you in advance for your prayers.
- 02/28 - S/Candice Hill asked everyone to pray with her that she'll get a favorable outcome on Monday. Pray also for traveling grace for her and her brother, Mike as they travel to Jacksonville Tuesday, and he continues home to Massachusetts.
- 02/28 - B/Jahmel Major asked prayer for his mother, S/Annie Ruth Major. She has been sick with some sort of virus. Please pray for her that she regains her health and strength and is able to return to worship service.
- 02/28 - S/Tiandra McNeal asked prayer for her mother, S/Tia, and brother, Trevon. They're both home with a cold.
- 02/28 - S/Brkela Miller asked prayer for her grandmother, S/Geneva Pride, who is at home ill.
- 02/28 - B/Fernando Myers asked prayer for S/Marie Young. She went to Ray City this morning to be with her family because one of her brother died. She plan to be back for evening service.
- 02/28 - S/Jeniece Myers gave a testimony concerning what God had done for her during her illness.
- 02/28 - S/LaQuanda Parker asked prayer for her sister, S/Latrice Pride. She's at home not feeling well. Please pray that she'll get better soon
- 02/28 - S/Mary Shearry also asked prayer for S/Marie Young and her family in the sudden death of her brother.
- 02/28 - S/Jada Smith asked prayer for the Williams Family as they travel back to Atlanta.
- 02/28 - B/Mack Thompkins asked traveling grace for his sister, Jasmine, and his mother, S/Sandra Thompkins as they travel to Dallas, TX. Pray also for his wife, Crystal and daughter, Crislyn, as they leave tomorrow for Texas. He also asks that you keep him and Crystal in prayer as they transition back to Georgia.
- 02/28 - Cedric D. Breeden, Ebony N. Miller and L. Mighel Whetstone all confessed faith in Christ today and were baptized.

- 03/03 - S/Anne Bentley asked prayer for B/Albert McCloud. He's at South Georgia Medical Center.
- 03/03 - S/Latesha Bradley asked prayer for Vicky Hill, to have a complete recovery from major surgery. Pray also for Nancy Warren for health issues she's facing.
- 03/03 - B/Tony Carithers had a tooth pulled and could not make it tonight. Pray for his speedy recovery.
- 03/03 - S/Makunda asked prayer for her health and that of the baby, as they get closer to delivery day.
- 03/03 - S/Nikki Foster asked your continued prayers as she go through some new health challenges.
- 03/03 - S/Addie Marina asked traveling grace this weekend as she goes out of town and back.
- 03/03 - S/LaMonica Miller asked prayer for her final exams this week, and for traveling grace this weekend to and from Atlanta for military duty.
- 03/03 - B/Steve Myers Sr., asked prayer for his family. His uncle, John Jackson passed away this morning in Philadelphia, PA.
- 03/03 - B/Wm. Paul Myers asked traveling grace to Jacksonville, FL tomorrow for a doctor's appointment. He also asked prayer for favorable results from his surgery and medical tests.

Expressions of Thanks

- 02/28 - S/Lola Breeden want to thank the church for prayers on behalf of her grandmother. Please pray that they make the right decisions concerning her care.
- 02/28 - S/Nadine Jackson thank you for prayer on behalf of Mr. James Taylor and Mrs. Patti Scarborough. They are both resting at home.
- 02/28 - S/Francine Shearry thank you for your prayers for her last week as she went back to the doctor for tests. Everything went well, but still waiting for results. Continue to pray for a favorable report.
- 02/28 - S/Marie Young expressed thanks to the church for their prayers for her and her family. ■



Youth Group

- TODAY is **DOLLAR DAYS**. Each member is asked to donate at least \$5 toward to ongoing activities and events of our Youth Ministry.
- We had 25-individuals to attend the **TRI-CITY YOUTH RALLY** this weekend in Savannah GA. Pray for their safe return this afternoon.

- July 19-24th, 33rd Annual Southeastern Regional **YOUTH FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE** held in Fort Valley, GA on the spacious campus of Fort Valley State University. Theme: *"Curing An Epidemic, Saving Our Youth II"*. Registration Prices before May 30th: 5-years & below = \$120, 6-years to 12-years = \$220, 13-years to 17-years, \$245, and 18-years and up = \$275. Prices after May 30th will increase \$25 for each age group. *Special: Conference Day Picnic and Sports Day, \$25 per person, regardless of age, this fee is separate from the registration fee. ■

ANNOUNCEMENTS



▶ Southside Church of Christ, Valdosta, is having a **WOMEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE**. If you are ages 17-years old and up, and interested in playing, please contact Bro. Jared Alford of the Southside congregation, at 232-6643.

▶ March 13th, **ANNUAL LADIES DAY** for Sandy Lane Church of Christ Richmond, VA, at L. Douglas Wilder Middle School, 6900 Wilkinson RD.

▶ March 27th, Church of Christ, Vienna GA, **ANNUAL LADIES DAY**. Speakers: Carolyn Medlock, Lamar ST Church of Christ-Blakely and Shawana Gibbons of Brunswick Church of Christ, Brunswick GA. Registration and Breakfast 8:00am, Program 9:00am, Lunch 12:00pm. For information call Faye Keaton at 229-291-6825 or Barbara Clark at 229-273-2061. ☺

▶ April 22-25th, **25th ANNUAL LADIES LECTURESHIP/RETREAT**, Jacksonville FL. Hotel event site, Hyatt of Jacksonville, 225 East Coastline DR, 904-588-1234 for reservations. Mention 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; or Sandra Johnson, Registrar/910-322-2413 sjone24@yahoo.com. ☺ ■

** Area News and Events **

▶ **GO WITH V.I.T.A.** and get Taxes done Free now through April 15th, for households earning \$49,000⁰⁰ a year or less. More information, contact JaTaryia Thomas with Georgia Legal Services Program[®] at 229-333-5232 or jthomas.valdosta@ glsp.org

▶ March 6-10th, the Northside Church of Christ in Lake City, FL where Dr. I.C. Spivey is Minister, will host a **GOSPEL REVIVAL MEETING**. Theme, "Retiring The Old Man and Empowering the New Man". **SUNDAY** at 9:00am is a Soul Winning Workshop, Morning Worship at 10:00am, Dinner served at 1:00pm, Evening Worship at 2:00pm followed by Group Singing, Remarks, and Closing. Sunday, March 7th and Monday, March 8th the Speaker is our own Evangelist Leroy Butler, Jr. of Woodlawn Forrest; Tuesday, March 9th and Wednesday, March 10th the Speaker is Evangelist John Iversen, Southside Church of Christ, Valdosta. Service Monday through Wednesday is at 7:00pm. ☺



▶ Saturday, May 1st, Women's Organization for Serving Youth (WOFYSY) will sponsor a **SPRING BAZAAR AND GARAGE SALE** from 8:00am to 2:00pm at Georgia Christian School Gym. You can join them just to shop and enjoy the concessions, or you can rent a 12x12 space in the gym for only \$25, and sell your treasures or do your

advertising. Registration underway and goes through April 30th. To rent space, contact Kristy Black at 229-292-3037, kblack76@gmail.com, or go by the Church Office.

ALSO, the ladies of WOFYSY have published a new **COOKBOOK**, "Serving From The Heart". The cost is \$15 per copy. Contact S/Coretha Shearry at your Church Office if you're interested in having a book. Profits from sales go to benefit projects for the students of Georgia Christian School.

☺ See our News Bulletin Board for more information. ■

<> ASSIGNED TO SERVE IN MARCH <>

- > AGAPE FEAST: Meals-On-Wheels & Sunshine Ministries.
- > BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Nivea Howell & Debra Martin.
- > CLOTHES CLOSET COLLECTIONS: For men - Tennis Shoes and other men's shoes; Sandals for ladies, Bed Linen and Wash Cloths for Haiti Mission.
- > COMMUNION: Delbra Battles, Francine Shearry, & Shirley Williams.
- > HOSPITALITY GREETERS: Team Three – Gloria Emanuel, Makunda Ewing, Nikki Foster, & Kathleen Smith.
- > KITCHEN MONITORS: Marie Young & Elaine Wrice.
- > PANTRY ITEMS: 2-lb Bag of Rice & Cornbread Mix.
- > USHER TEAM #2: Elijah Williams, Chairman. ■

** SICK & SHUT IN MEMBERS **



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| S/Marjorie Armstead , Convalescent Cntr, Jasper FL.. | BLG 2 |
| B/Eddie Ashley , at home | BLG 5 |
| S/Louise Battle , 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 home | BLG 1 |
| S/Angela Breeden | BLG 1 |
| S/Louisa Cesar , at home | BLG 4 |
| B/Walter & S/Ruth Chandler , at home | BLG 4 |
| B/James Gamble Jr. & S/Martha Gamble , at home | BLG 1 |
| S/Jessie Graham , at home | BLG 2 |
| B/E.J. & S/Dorothy Hamilton , at home | BLG 5 |
| B/Leonard & S/Veanna Irvin , 954-581-6536, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 | |
| S/Josie B. Jackson , at home | BLG 5 |
| S/Annie Ruth Major , at home | BLG 1 |
| B/Goldstein McNeal , Jr. at home | BLG 2 |
| S/Sonja Morris , at home | BLG 2 |
| S/Doretha Morrison , at home | BLG 2 |
| B/Melvin Nelson , at home | BLG 5 |
| S/Annette Norris , at home | BLG 5 |
| B/James Shearry Jr. , at home | BLG 2 |
| S/Johnnie A. Simons , at home | BLG 5 |
| S/Marie Smith , Heritage House Nursing Home room 203 | BLG 5 |
| B/Calvin Strickland , South Georgia Medical Center | BLG 1 |
| S/Ethel Terrell , at home | BLG 4 |
| B/Ernest & S/Gilda Turner , at home | BLG 5 |
| S/Ruth Washington , at home | BLG 5 |
| S/Gwendolyn Williams , at home | BLG 5 |
| S/Olivia Witten , at home | BLG 1 |
| S/Betty Yearby , at home | BLG 1 |
| S/Michelle Yearby , at home | BLG 1 |



5~7th-Tri-City Youth Rally, Savannah GA.

6th - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation
11:00am.

7th - Youth Ministry's Dollar Days.

7th - Usher Ministry meeting at 2:30pm.

8th - Youth Council meeting, 6:30pm.

10th - Sunshine Ministry meeting at 6:00pm.

11th - Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm.

13th - Meals-On-Wheels Ministry meets at 11:00am.

14th - Red Cross Sunday; each member donate \$1.00.

14th - IMAGE Ministry meeting 5:00pm.

17th - Clothes Closet Ministry meets at 6:00pm.

17th - God's Prime Achievers Program, 7:00pm.

20th - Body Life Group #1, Zones 1, 2, and 7, will have a Group Outing.

21st - Senior Ambassadors Agape Feast. Host: Meals-On-Wheels and Sunshine Ministries.

21st - Hospitality Ministry meeting at 5:00pm.

25th - Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm.

27th - Preschool Staff meeting at 10:00am.

28th - Elementary Staff meeting at 5:00pm.

31st - Ministry Reports Due for the First Quarter. They should include meetings and activities for January, February, and March. ■

► Lowndes, Brooks, Echols, and Lanier Counties are partnering with the American Red Cross to raise money for our local "Disaster Relief Fund". The most common disaster we face locally is home fires. However, the local disaster relief fund helps whether we experience home fires, flooding, tornados, or other disaster. They are asking churches in the community to participate during the month of March in "**RED CROSS SUNDAY**" by donating just **\$1.00** to the Red Cross. The Elders have set NEXT SUNDAY, **March 14th** as the date of our donations.

► **HAITI MISSION.** Bro. Arnold Garcon, our Missionary in Haiti request needed item in which we provided for him to pick up. With the recent earthquake in Haiti, our service is needed much more. Many of you have already made a financial donation, however, Bro. Garcon will be here Sunday, March 28th and would like to pick up men's shoes and tennis shoes, ladies sandals, bed sheets, and wash cloths. No New Shoes! He'll have to pay a tariff to take them into the country. USED shoes only please! And Please No Clothing. Clothes have not been requested so we don't need you to bring these items. The deadline to have item here is **Wednesday, March 24th**, this will give the Clothes Closet Ministry time to pack everything properly. If you cannot donate these items, donate money! We thank you in advance for your support.■

Let the Record Speak

Week of 02/28/10

| | Our Goal | Year to Date |
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| Baptisms (YTD) | | 6 |
| Placed Membership/Restored | | 2 |
| 9:45 AM Bible School | 200 | 142 |
| 11:00 AM Worship | 300 | 290 |
| 4:00 PM Worship | 200 | 140 |
| Midweek Bible Study | 175 | 135 |

SOUND THEOLOGY CURRICULUM:

MARCH - MINISTRY/SERVICE

7th - Identifying and Utilizing my Gifts, Talents and Abilities.

14th - Let this mind be in you...Jesus is our example.

21st - Serving God by Serving others...the call to Serve our Brethren

28th - The Joy of Serving.■

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: March 13th & 27th.**

We don't mind you referring others, we actually encourage it. However, you should know, and let them know, that they will not get the same financial benefits as members of Woodlawn Forrest.



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.

