

A.M. Concluding thoughts about Commitment (Matthew 25:20-21)

P.M. Questions & Answers

Today's Sermon Topics	
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### Welcome to our Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our services today. We are thankful for your presence for this time of worship and fellowship with the brethren here at Woodstock Church of Christ. Please complete a green "Visitor" card and send it to the center aisle so we can have a record of your presence with us.



### Commitment Sunday Today, January 20

### L2L Bible Bowl Practice Today, January 13 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Bible Bowl teams will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall and studying Proverbs Chapters 16-19. Next practice Sun., Jan. 27, 3:30 pm.

### Elders/Deacons Meeting Today, January 20, 5:30 pm Room 206

### Cold & Flu Season

With the cold and flu season starting, we are asking each family to bring one box of Kleenex facial tissue (any brand) and one pump-style hand sanitizer and place in the box in the foyer.

### 2nd Annual, Congregational, Area-wide, Singing Fellowship Fri., Jan 25, 6:00 pm

**Macland Road Church of Christ**  
We had a great group attend last year, let's do it again! Singing begins at 6 pm, breaks for snacks at 7:30 pm, please bring fingerfoods to share. A sign up sheet will be posted soon, if you would like to ride in the van.



### Elder & Senior Appreciation Dinner Saturday, January 26 Hors D'oeuvres at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6 pm

Our elders and senior members are invited to this fun event, hosted by the teen youth. The evening will end with a game of Take-A-Way Bingo. Please sign up on the Super Senior Board so that enough food can be prepared.

### BJ's Wholesale Club Membership Renewal Time Checks Due January 27

BJ's offers all our members an opportunity to join the wholesale club under the church membership. If you are currently a member, it is time to renew. This is also the time for you to join if you are not a member. **The annual cost is \$20.** Leave your check, written to "Woodstock Church of Christ", in the envelope in Kathy's mailbox. Please write your email address in the memo line.

### Bridal Shower Bridal Shower Sunday, Feb. 3 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for Kelsey Jones who will marry Zack Kay on Saturday, March 16. Kelsey and Zack are registered at Wal-Mart and Target.

### FCA Service Project

We will collect travel-sized toiletries of all kinds, now to mid-March, to donate to Children's Hospital to benefit parents/caregivers who stay with their children. Please save unused items from your hotel room when you travel and travel-size items from doctors or dentists to donate to this cause. A collection box will be in the foyer.

### Recycle

Please don't discard empty inkjet or toner cartridges. Put them in the green box located in the area of the deacons' mailboxes. By recycling your donated cartridges, we are able to purchase most of the paper we use in the office and workroom!



### Lost and Found

The Lost and Found box, located in the left entrance of the auditorium, contains a number of items that have been left behind. Please retrieve your possessions before they are donated to a worthy cause!



### New Members 1/13/13 Randy & Rachel Jones Care Zone 4.1

We received a thank you note from the mother of Bill Moorehead, a



contact of the Garner family who is serving abroad, stating that the care package he received from our congregation at Christmas time was much appreciated and contained some of the best items he and his unit had ever received. Bill and his unit really appreciated everything! She said that the mess hall closes early now and the soldiers fend for themselves at night, eating MRE's and whatever comes from home!

### Pantry Items of the Week

Toilet Tissue  
Mustard  
All-purpose Cleaner  
Laundry Detergent



### OUR LOVE EXPRESSED

Bible Study.....	186
Worship AM.....	280
Worship PM.....	220
Wed. Night Bible Study.....	148
Hispanic (am service).....	20
Contribution.....	\$6,245
Budget.....	\$8,850
Difference.....	[\$2,605]
Fiscal Year to Date Contribution.....	\$319,493
Fiscal Year to Date Budget.....	\$372,000

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### SHUT-INS

Bobbie Fish	Kenneth Payne
Carole Gunter	Henry Schmid
Eulene Howell	Eileen Skelton
Willis Michael	Betty Tomlin
	Katherine West

### OUR MEMBERS

Elizabeth Gooch	Sandi Rice
Jennifer Chambers	Howard Key
Jean Franklin	Rebecca Little
Dianne Whitener	Linda Grady
	Betty Sticher
the unemployed of our congregation	

### FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Wayne Alban, father of Shawna Powell's co-worker  
Mary Lou Chester, cousin of Sandi Rice  
Cia Khan, visitor  
Glen Head, son of Vickey Castro  
Mother of Sandy Sherrill  
Caleb Sams, friend of Brandt family  
William Adams, brother of Connie Cowart  
Cliff Hulburt, friend of Ron & Marcy Cox  
Martha Basinger, co-worker of Greg Hughes  
Carolyn Merrick, friend of Judy Hayes  
Kent Brandt, brother of Steve Brandt  
Phyllis Bolduc, mother of Greg Hughes' sister-in-law  
Tom McCarty, brother of Dianne Whitener  
Jeanette Tucker & family, aunt of Terri Hall  
Derrick Watson, co-worker of Eric Aguirre  
Fred & Gladys Holloway, parents of Debbie Dotson  
Tillie Knight, mother of Gwen Stoker & Ruth Knight  
Bettye Evans, former member  
Bonnie Johnston, sister of Brenda Queen  
Jeannie Adams, friend of Peggy Simpson

### SERVING IN FOREIGN LANDS

Bill Moorehead - Garner family contact  
Austin Hannum - friend of Verlon & Linda Grady  
Christian Key - friend of Verlon & Linda Grady  
Scott Carter - brother of Laura Cravy's co-worker  
Andrew Hulsey - grandson-in-law of Jack & Shirley Lewis  
Shane Umstead - cousin of Pam Reynolds  
Neil Hufstetler - friend of Linda Campbell  
Ryan Franklin - son of Robin & Pam Franklin

This Week's Events		
Sun.	3:30 pm	L2L Bible Bowl Teams Practice
Sun.	5:40 pm	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Mon.	5:30 pm	Manna in the Morning
Mon.	7 pm	ESL Classes
Wed.	10 am	Ladies' Bible Class
Fri.	6:30 pm	All-Night Singing at Macland Rd. CoC
Sat.	5:30 pm	Elders/Seniors Appreciation Dinner

Weekly Schedule		Ushers for Jan.
<u>Sunday</u>		Marshall Brown
Bible Study	9:30 AM	Keith Taylor
Worship	10:30 AM	Robert Howell
	6:00 PM	Eric Aguirre
<u>Wednesday</u>		Mark Williams
Bible Study	7:30 PM	

Deacons		
Eric Aguirre	Greg Hughes	Barry Payne
Dave Brannan	Guy Hydrick	Jeremy Powell
Larry Crawford	Rick Langosch	David Stoker
Greg Garner	Rick Laukka	George Stroh
Mike House	Tom Markham	Don Williams

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<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Friday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	

Local TV Shows
<i>In Search of the Lord's Way</i> with Mac Lyon, WATC-TV 57, Sunday 7:30 AM
<i>Good News Today</i> Sunday 7:30 AM, Dishnet Channel 267, DirecTV Channel 376, Sky Angel - IPTV Channel 136, GloryStar Channel 117
<i>Preaching the Gospel</i> with James Watkins is seen on <i>Good News Today</i> See GBN, 24/7, Broadband: go to GBNTV.org, click on the live stream

Ushers for January: Marshall Brown, Keith Taylor, Robert Howell, Eric Aguirre, Mark Williams

Worship AM	January 20	January 27
Welcome	Gary Kyle	Don Williams
Songleader	Jeremy Powell	Mark Kyle
Opening Prayer	Joe Stephens	David Cravy
Reading: Matthew 25:20-21	Zack Kay	Andrew Rodgers
Lord's Table	Monty Davis	Gary Kyle
1	Andrew Rodgers	Joe Stephens
2	Lansil Davis	Mifchael Maldonado
3	Greg Hughes	Lansil Dvis
4	Verlon Grady	Sandor Doutt
5	Sandor Doutt	Verlon Grady
6	Michael Maldonado	Zach Key
Sermon	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Shepherd's Closing Prayer	David Cravy	Stan Dmytrowitz
Prepare Communion	Jeremy & Beth Wallace	Tim & Pam Locker
	Harold & Rachel Smith	Peggy Winters
Greeters	Don & Tammy Williams	Ron & Marcy Cox
	Larry Crawford	Barbara Murphy
Sound Room	Eric Dotson	Clint Hall
Security	Jerry Wallace	Rick Laukka
Nursery	Paula Williams	Terri Hall
	Kelly Dolive	Amanda Hall
Worship PM	January 20	January 27
Welcome	George Stroh	Guy Hydrick
Song Leader	Johnny Mackey	George Stroh
Opening Prayer	Gary Kyle	Rick Langosch
Reading	Trenton Markham	Tripp Stephens
Sermon	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Lord's Table	Rick Langosch	Greg Garner
Assist at Lord's Table	Greg Garner	Greg Hughes
Closing Prayer	Floyd Garner	Monty Davis
Nursery	Rhonda House	Kelly Ashworth
	Taylor House	Katrina Brannan
Wednesday	January 23	January 30
Song Leader	Jack Kyle	Johnny Mackey
Invitation	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Closing Prayer	David Cravy	Floyd Garner
Sound Room	Robert Howell	Clint Hall
Security	George Stroh	Marshall Brown

Privileged to Serve if you are unable to serve, notify Dave Brannan

# Woodstock church of Christ

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*Welcome to the Lord's church that meets at Woodstock, Georgia. We find our authority in the inspired word of God and are governed in organization, faith, worship and work according to God's Holy Word.*

### Stubbornness Effects Commitment

Stubbornness is the tendency to resist any form of change. It is defined as: refusing to move or change one's opinion; the trait of being difficult to handle or overcome; resolute adherence to your own ideas or desires.

The person with stubbornness is driven by a fundamental resistance to being forced to do anything or experience anything against his will. The basic stance is, "No, I won't, and you can't make me."

This personality is over-sensitive to the possibility of having sudden or unwanted change imposed upon itself, and sees the threat of it everywhere. Anything new or different or involving change is perceived (subconsciously at least) as a direct threat—even if the change in question is positive and in the person's best interests. Very often it is this trait of stubbornness that keeps or, at least, inhibits a prospective convert from repenting of a sinful life and turning to the truth of the Gospel of Christ. Sadly, this same trait often keeps Christians from maturing in His service as they should. Their position often is, "don't rock the boat; I'm content without change, even if growth is the result". Sad indeed!

Stubbornness puts on a mask which says, "It's not me—it's just this situation. Changing it would be wrong and unnecessary. Everything is fine the way it is, actually". When approaching a person who has developed this trait of stubbornness with the Gospel, it is always necessary to exhibit long-suffering void of high-pressure, but, rather, gentle encouragement for one to enjoy and attain to the abundant life in Christ; a life that will prove far better for them than can be experienced in any earthly existence.

Have you noticed those Christians in all congregations who will not commit to the smallest of things when asked by the elders or others? Always an excuse, usually pertaining to some alleged problem with the program! Even if its not the best program in the world, why not participate, encourage your brothers and sisters and make it better, respect the elders, and glorify God? No matter if its Bible classes, the visitation program, fellowship get-togethers, make a contribution pledge, or whatever, there is a hesitancy to commit to the cause. Why? Pride, which effects stubbornness which effects commitment which will ultimately effect salvation! "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another" (Romans 14:19). "Obey those that rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17). Please remember these thoughts this Sunday as we make our commitments to the Lord!

-Matt