

**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 "Visitor" card and send it to the center aisle so we can have a record of your presence.

**This Week's Events**



**Monthly Singing & Fellowship  
Sunday, July 2, 7 pm**

The theme for July will be indoor picnic and homemade ice cream. Bring your favorite picnic foods and your best homemade ice cream (or other desserts) and drinks. Schedule for the evening:  
Singing 5:30 pm  
KidSing 6:20 pm  
Worship Service 6:30 pm  
Fellowship 7 pm

**Manna in the Morning  
Will NOT Meet on July 3**



**Women's Recovery Group  
Mondays at 6:30 pm, room 205**

If you would like to be a part of the recovery for women, please attend. Classic Brumley is the group facilitator.



**Men's Recovery Group  
Mondays at 6:30 pm, room 206**

If you would like to be a part of the 12-step recovery for men, please attend. See Dave Brannan for questions.

**Pantry Items of the Week**

Pancake Mix, Mustard, Laundry Detergent, and Shampoo



**Church Office Closed**

The office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the Holiday. Have a great 4th of July.



**L2L Second Language  
Wednesday, July 5, 7 pm  
Spanish, room 205  
Sign Language, room 206**

If you have any questions, please see Shawna Powell.



**Sewing Club  
Summer Schedule  
Wednesday, July 5, 10 am  
Thursday, July 6, 7-9 pm**

If you do not want to quilt, just bring your own project and enjoy the group.



**2017 Summer Series  
I Will Sing With The Spirit  
And I Will Sing With The Understanding**

**Wednesday, July 5, 7:30 pm**  
"I Come to the Garden Alone"  
Jeremy Green: Ellijay Church of Christ



**Building Maintenance  
Friday, July 7**

We are having the parking lot restriped. The company will be here Friday, July 7, weather permitting. The backup date is July 10. If you are planning a visit to the church building during the morning hours, please use the entrance without cones. It will be ready to drive on when the cones are removed.

**Movies  
on the Lawn  
"The Secret Life of Pets"  
Friday, July 7, 8 pm  
Movie Starts at Dark**

Bring a lawn chair and a blanket. Come early for good seats. Good, clean family entertainment. Invite your friends and neighbors.



**Men's Breakfast & Prayer Meeting  
Saturday, July 8  
Breakfast at 8:30 am**

All men and boys are invited to the men's breakfast and meeting. If you would like to help with the cooking, come early.



**Knit/Crochet Classes  
Saturday, July 8  
11 am-1 pm**

**Coming Soon**



**Area-Wide Youth Devo  
Sunday, July 9  
South Cobb Church of Christ**

MS & HS youth, please make plans to attend. More details to come.



**Ladies' Inspiration Day  
Planning Meeting  
Sunday, July 9, 5 pm, room 206**

We are looking for ladies to help with planning for Inspiration Day this year. Please join us if you have an interest. Please see Louise White or Terri Hall for questions.

**BABY SHOWER  
July 16, 4 pm  
fellowship hall**

Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower for Wendy Rodgers. Andrew & Wendy are expecting a girl. She is registered at Target, Babies "R" Us, Buy Baby, and Amazon.



**Super Seniors  
in Service  
Saturday, July 29  
Explorations in Antiquity**

Join the group for a trip to the Biblical History Center (formerly called Explorations in Antiquity) in LaGrange, Georgia. It helps people encounter the ancient biblical world through its history and culture. Price is \$35 per person, this includes lunch. Sign up on the SS bulletin board. See Barbara Murphy for questions.

**News & Information**



**Heart to Heart Sisters in Prayer**

It's July! Don't forget to send a card this month to your Heart to Heart sister and let her know you are praying for her every day.



**Birthday Calendars**

A list of members' birthdays for July, August, and September is available on the credenza in the foyer. Get your copy today and send a card!



We have reached enough subscribers. Check out our sermon video streams at [www.youtube.com/c/woodstockchurchofchrist](http://www.youtube.com/c/woodstockchurchofchrist)

**New Brother in Christ**



Baptized 6/25/17  
Mike Rossignol

Care Zone 2.4

**INVITATION RESPONSE  
Sunday, June 25  
Megan Markham**



Dear Church family,  
Thank you for the prayers, cards, and food during and after my recent surgery. Recovery is slower than I expected, but I'm getting there. In Christian Love,  
Nancy Phillips

Woodstock Church,  
Thank you so much for the calls, cards, and best wishes during my recovery. God is so good to me that I have such a loving family. Heartfelt thanks.  
Your sister in Christ,  
Vickey Castro

**God's Blessing Bags**

The Blessing Bags are ready! Please take what you can give away. In the foyer or room 205.

**2017  
Bible in a Year**

July bookmarks are now available. Please check out [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com) to see the daily passages online. Place completed bookmarks back in the tray. Currently: Jan. 49, Feb. 39, Mar. 37, Apr. 35, May 31, June 5.

**Our Love Expressed**

Bible Study.....158  
Worship AM.....298  
Worship PM.....155  
Wed. Night Bible Study.....167

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**SHUT-INS**

Frank Blackwell	Ethel Miles
Jennifer Chambers	Janice Moody
William Flatt	Kenneth Payne
William Goodwin	Margaret Payne
Carole Gunter	Barbara Snook
Thamara Howell	Lillian Sutton
Howard Key	Jewell Tucker
Mary Legg	

**OUR MEMBERS**

Don Cowart	Nancy Phillips
Pat Harris	Robert Phillips
Tim Locker	Doug Reed
Bobby Mason	Anerol Reese
Floyd Garner	Glen Rice
Troy Golden	Mark Roby
Gayle Goodwin	Carson Vitrano
Wanda Jenkins	Daniel Welker
Herman Phillips	Louise White
	Paula Williams

Christians in Pakistan  
Kyle Clayton Family in India

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

Jimmy Ray Bowe, friend of Mike Rossignol  
Helen Booth, friend of Gary Kyle family  
Mignon Ridings, mother of Cindy Schumacher  
Olen Baker, father of Mark Berkenmeier  
Morgan Dudley, step-sister of Morgan Pigg  
Nicole Uher Fisher, daughter of manager of Tom Markham  
Mike Wofford, brother-in-law of Darlene Pawlicki  
Raul Correa, frequent visitor  
Devon Sprayberry, friend of Shannon O'Dell  
Ashley Rice, granddaughter of Glen & Sandi Rice  
Barbara Napier, mother of Rick Laukka  
Sue Tenant, friend of Stephanie Mason  
Amanda, cousin of Catherine Cravy  
Don Hood, brother of Louise White  
David Wilkinson, father of Emily Hydrick  
Wanda Zeanah, aunt of Don Williams  
Nancy Bender, sister of Leslie Torkildsen  
Donald Carlisle, brother of Jerry Wallace  
Amelia McGuire, mother of Sandy Covington  
Joe Isaksen, friend of Jeremy & Shawna Powell  
Sam Perrine, father of Laura Cravy  
Cole Putnam, son of Bob & Cathie Putnam  
Juanita Sigman, mother of Corey Lloyd  
Thomas Sanders, husband of Ruth Sanders



Donevan Brand  
Austin Cooper  
Christian Duren  
Colton Umstead  
Shane Umstead  
Joseph Vasquez

### This Week's Events

Sun.	5:30 PM	Singing
Sun.	6:20 PM	KidSing
Sun.	7:00 PM	Fellowship Meal
Mon.		No Manna in the Morning
Mon.	6:30 PM	Women's & Men's Recovery
Tues.	All Day	Church Office Closed
Wed.	10:00 AM	Sewing Club
Wed.	7:00 PM	L2L Second Language
Wed.	7:30 PM	Summer Series: Jeremy Green
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Sewing Club
Fri.	8:00 PM	Movies on the Lawn
Sat.	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast & Prayer Mtg.
Sat.	11:00 AM	Knit & Crochet Class

### Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Elders</b>
Bible Study	9:30 AM	elders@woodstockchurchofchrist.org
Worship	10:30 AM	
	6:00 PM	David Cravy
<b>Wednesday</b>		Gary Kyle
Bible Study	7:30 PM	Rick Reynolds
		Don Williams
<b>Friday</b>		
Spanish Bible Study	7:00 PM	

### Deacons

Charles Bailey	Rick Lauka
Reg Berry	Jack Lewis
Dave Brannan	Tom Markham
Frank Cole	Barry Payne
Ron Cox	Jeremy Powell
Larry Crawford	Doug Reed
Eric Dotson	Walter Sessions
Greg Garner	Joe Stephens
Troy Golden	Joe Stickers
Mike House	Lincoln Waddell

### Ministers

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

### Social Media

[www.facebook.com/groups/6063394680/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/6063394680/) - Woodstock Church of Christ page  
[www.facebook.com/groups/681085048620415/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/681085048620415/) - Young Christian Adults page (YCA)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/163427743687505/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/163427743687505/) - Fellowship of Christian Adults (FCA)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/205772372829263/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/205772372829263/) - Woman IN God's Service (Wings)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/414178388605466/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/414178388605466/) - Woodstock Church of Christ Ladies (WCOCLadies Group)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/35792174237/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/35792174237/) - Woodstock Day School Twitter: @wccoc219  
 Stream sermons at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzIDPK3tAJSF4UCOKYAS3A>

### Privileged to Serve

If you are unable to serve, notify Frank Cole,

Ushers for July: Marshall Brown, Jerry Wallace, David Stoker, and Ron Cox

Worship AM	July 2	July 9
Welcome	Mike House	Eric Dotson
Song Leader	Mike Tomlin	Joey O'Dell
Opening Prayer	Troy Golden	Jack Kyle
Lord's Table	Rick Reynolds	Joe Stickers
1	Mark Wood	David Laikind
2	Tom Markham	Chris Jennings
3	Paul Dotson	Billy Wood
4	Charles Little	David Dangar
5	Don Slocumb	Ray Allen
6	Jeremy Wallace	Logan Morrison
Scripture Reading	Jared Tomlin	Tripp Stephens
Sermon	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Shepherd's Closing Prayer	Gary Kyle	Rick Reynolds
Prepare Communion	Frank & Glenda Cole	Tom & Kristie Markham
	Joe & Katherine Stickers	Jeremy & Shawna Powell
Greeters	Don & Tammy Williams	Barry & Ellen Payne
	Larry Crawford	Richard & Lisa Hammonds
Sound Room (AV)	Frank Cole	Michael Maldonado
Building Lock-up	Rick Lauka	Don Slocumb
Nursery	Tammy Williams	Terri Hall
	Olivia Williams	Marcy Cox
Worship PM	July 2	July 9
Welcome	Troy Golden	Joe Stickers
Song Leader	Jeremy Powell	Jack Kyle
Opening Prayer	Don Williams	David Patterson
Scripture Reading	Keaton Brumley	De'artae Pernel
Sermon	Gary Kyle	Matt Amos
Lord's Table	Larry Crawford	Barry Payne
Assist at Lord's Table	Woody Woodyard	Daniel Welker
Closing Prayer	Jack Kyle	Don Williams
Building Lock-up	Rick Lauka	Don Slocumb
Nursery	Cathie Putnam	Anna Golden
	Wanda White	Darlene Vasquez
Wednesday	July 5	July 12
Song Leader	Trevor Stephens	Troy Golden
Invitation	Jeremy Green	Lance Leavens
Closing Prayer	Billy Allen	Lincoln Waddell
Sound Room (AV)	Frank Cole	Michael Maldonado
Building Lock-up	Marshall Brown	Don Slocumb

### Local TV Shows/Other Social Media

In Search of the Lord's Way with Phil Sanders, WATC-TV 57, Sunday 7:30 am, [www.facebook.com/insearchofthelordsway](http://www.facebook.com/insearchofthelordsway), Blog: [searchtelevision.blogspot.com/](http://searchtelevision.blogspot.com/)  
 YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/SearchTVMinistry](http://www.youtube.com/user/SearchTVMinistry)  
 Good News Today on GBN  
 Preaching the Gospel program available on DISH NETWORK Channel 267 and DIRECTV Channel 376, Sunday Mornings only, 7:30 Eastern Standard Time  
 The Gospel Broadcasting Network may be viewed in the Atlanta area:  
 Online at <http://www.gbnv.org/>  
 Through the Roku device (<http://gbnv.org/roku.html>)  
 On iPhone/iPad with GBN app in the iTunes Store (<http://bit.ly/1nqMwK>)  
 On Android with GBN app from the Android Market (<http://bit.ly/XREhXl>)



# Woodstock Church of Christ Weekly Bulletin

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.

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BORN OF H2O AND THE SPIRIT

July 2, 2017

It is simply amazing the lengths that some religious folks will go to take water (H2O) out of the scriptures in order to support ideas that water (H2O) baptism is not necessary for salvation! How is one born of water and the Spirit? Jesus said that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven, we (all) must be born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5). Some say that water in John 3:5 doesn't mean water, but that it means the Spirit. So they allege that Jesus is saying, "Except a man be born of the Spirit and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God". It is quite clear then that the water in John 3:5 does not mean the Spirit. One is caused to wonder what word would Jesus have used if he meant (H2O) water? Perhaps what water means in John 3:23: the water of the Jordan in which John baptized people for the remission of their sins (Luke 3:3)? No doubt!

Many of our religious friends also say that water in John 3:5 refers to the water (amniotic fluid) of the physical birth. In response to what Jesus said, Nicodemus answered by asking how one man could be born physically a second time. Jesus answered by saying that being born again involved both water and the Spirit! He was not dealing with the question, "How is a person born the first time?" He was dealing with how a person is born the second time, stating that an adult already born "must" be born the second time of water and the Spirit! The non-scriptural position that Christ told Nicodemus who had (years before) been born of "water" (amniotic fluid) that he had to be born of water (amniotic fluid) again is absurd and ridiculous! Why, in the name of common sense, would our Christ say to the man Nicodemus that if he wanted to enter the kingdom he had to first be born again naturally of amniotic fluid? He had already done that, and both he and Christ were quite aware of it! Nicodemus was a fully grown man that, as all who would enter the kingdom of heaven, would have to be baptized in water (H2O) as directed by the Holy Spirit (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; I Corinthians 12:13; I Peter 3:21)!

Martin Luther wrote:

"It is true that the word water does often symbolize temptation in Holy Writ, especially in the Psalms. (Psalms 18:16; 69:1-3.) But here (John 3:5), it cannot be interpreted that way; for here Christ is speaking of baptism, of real and natural water such as a cow may drink, the baptism about which you hear in sermons on this subject. Therefore, the word water does not designate affliction here; it means real, natural water, which is connected with God's word and becomes a very spiritual bath through the Holy Spirit or through the entire Trinity. Here Christ also speaks of the Holy Spirit as present and active, in fact, the entire Holy Trinity is there. And thus the person who has been baptized is said to be born anew. In Titus 3:3 Paul terms baptism "a washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark we read that "he who believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:16.) And in this passage Christ declares that whoever is not born anew of the water and the Holy Spirit cannot come into the kingdom of God. Therefore, God's words dare not be tampered with." (Martin Luther's Sermons on the Gospel of Saint John, Vol. 22, p. 283.)

Luther had it right! The water of John 3:5 does not mean Spirit, nor amniotic fluid, nor any other suggestion of man. It means baptism in water (H2O) by direction of The Holy Spirit! This obviously is the most natural definition of water and the definition which taken in its immediate and remote context of the scripture rightly interprets what the Lord and other inspired writers intended to say! Immersion in H2O that is for the remission of sins and into the body of Christ is necessary to go to heaven! After all it was Jesus who said, "Unless a man is born of H2O and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). It is our prayer and the Lord's desire that you will choose to apply the blood of Christ in H2O today!

-Matt