

Today's Sermon Topics

AM
The Day a Church Member Died
2 Peter 3:9, 10

PM
Questions & Answers

Welcome to our Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our services today. We are thankful for your presence, and pray that you will enjoy this time of worship and fellowship with the brethren here at Woodstock Church of Christ.



AGAPE 2011

Thanksgiving Appeal

Today is Thanksgiving Appeal day for Georgia AGAPE. Today we join with churches all over Georgia to help make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children. Taking care of needy and "homeless" children is a great calling of the church. Today, we make another statement about the tremendous compassion and generosity of Christians. Please give generously! If you are not prepared to participate today, we hope you will still participate by sending your contribution directly to AGAPE or you can give it to one of the elders or the church office. Let's all do what we can to help this important ministry!

Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7:30 pm
No Bible classes will meet

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 24
noon

Everyone is invited to join together in our fellowship hall for dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Sign up on the bulletin board to help with the meal and to let us know that you plan to attend (two separate signup sheets). We will invite elderly from the community senior center as well as families we have contacted through our benevolence program. Make an effort to find someone who is less fortunate and invite them to come. Gary Kyle is the coordinator for this event.



Church Office Closed

Thursday, Nov. 24
Friday, Nov. 25

The bulletin will be printed on Wednesday. Get your announcements in early, please. If you have an emergency, please contact one of the elders or deacons.

FFYF= *First Friday Youth Fellowship*
Friday, December 2
7-9 pm
High School Classroom

Pantry Items of the Week

Thank you for your generous response to the needs we had this past week. These items need to be replenished:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meats
- Laundry Detergent



Saturday, Dec. 3, 6:30 pm

All adults are invited. Please sign up on the bulletin board so plans can be made for the amount of food. Indicate if you will have children who will attend the children's party, and their age.

A list for food items needed for our Christmas dinner party is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up for what you will contribute. Place that item in the kitchen by November 30. See Barbara Murphy if you have questions.

Elders/Deacons Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 4, 4 pm

Fellowship of Christian Adults Tacky Christmas Sweater Party

Friday, December 9
Home of the Masseys

Ladies' Ornament Swap

Saturday, Dec. 10, 6 pm
Home of Rita Brandt

Super Seniors in Service

"A Christmas Carol"
Saturday, Dec. 17, 2 pm
Downtown Woodstock

Sign up on the Seniors bulletin board if you will join the group to attend this play. Tickets are \$10 for seniors.

Military Care Packages

Place donations for "Christmas Care Packages" for the soldiers on our prayer list in the containers in the foyer by Dec. 4. A list of needed items is available there. Please give names and/or updated addresses to Susan Garner or the church office.

Heart to Heart Sisters in Prayer



November marks the last month of the 2011 Heart to Heart: Sisters in Prayer. Please send your prayer sister a card this month and sign your name to it, revealing yourself to her and thanking her for the privilege of praying for her during this year. We look forward to kicking off the 2012 program with a Prayer Breakfast in March.

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe and Gayla Stephens and children on the passing of Joe's father, Joe Stephens, Sr. in Jackson, MS.



New Member

11/13/11
Brianna Weeks
Katlyn & Hunter
Care Zone 2.2

OUR LOVE EXPRESSED

Bible Study.....	132
Worship AM.....	255
Worship PM.....	132
Hispanic (AM worship).....	32
Wed. Night Bible Study.....	108
Contribution.....	\$7,718
Budget.....	\$8,850
Difference.....	-[1,132]

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SHUT-INS

Bobbie Fish	Kenneth Payne
Carole Gunter	Henry Schmid
Marie Hastings	Eileen Skelton
Eulene Howell	Betty Tomlin
Bill Kirby	Katherine West



OUR MEMBERS

Christine Aguirre	Zelma Boothe
Katherine West	Brenna Lloyd
Jennifer Chambers	Rebecca Little

the unemployed of our congregation

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

John Bradley, brother-in-law of Glen Rice
Hank Higgins, grandfather of a Day School student
Bobby Brown, uncle of Greg Hughes
Irene Rogers, mother of Cathie Putnam
Deannie Wingard, sister of Jack Walters
Jeremy Liles, brother-in-law of Apryl (Wallace) Liles
Rick Wilkiewicz & Wife, co-worker of Glen Rice
Sybil Padgett, mother of Frank Blackwell's friend
Wilson Burton, friend of Brandt family
Edna Cox, mother of an acquaintance of Rita Brandt
Chuck Michael, friend of Don Williams
Brian Whitaker, son of Don & Charlie, former members
Judy Newton, cousin of Julie Jones
Deah Aldridge, friend of Jayne Woodyard
Maurice Hill, father of former member, Leigh Burns
Darrell Wright, former member
Yolandra Manning, daughter of Doris Manning

SERVING IN FOREIGN LANDS

Kevin West - former member, nephew of Goodwins
Levan Freeman - great-nephew of Jean Franklin
Brandon Tucker - great grandson of Jewell Tucker
Ben Proctor - son of Sandra Rice's friend
Jeremy O'Hearn - contact of Susan Garner
Matt Callihan - nephew of Mark Mason
Neil Hufstetler - friend of John & Linda Campbell
Mitchell McCoy - son of Debbie Dotson's co-worker
Dale Nelson - minister, contact of Bryan Collins
Devin Dankert - cousin of Bryan Collins
Lucas McTyre - contact of Susan Garner
Brailey Brooks - brother of Stenelle Brewer

This Week's Events		
Wed.	7:30 pm	Special Thanksgiving Service
Thurs.	Noon	Thanksgiving Dinner
Thurs.	All Day	Church Office Closed
Fri.	All Day	Church Office Closed

Weekly Schedule		Ushers for Nov.
<u>Sunday</u>		Marshall Brown
Bible Study	9:30 AM	Keith Taylor
Worship	10:30 AM	Joe Stephens
	6:00 PM	Mark Williams
<u>Wednesday</u>		Billy Wood
Bible Study	7:30 PM	

Deacons			
Eric Aguirre	Mike House	Rick Laukka	Benny Stephens
Dave Brannan	Greg Hughes	Tom Markham	David Stoker
John Campbell	Guy Hydrick	Harold Null	George Stroh
Larry Crawford	Jack Kyle	Barry Payne	Don Williams
Greg Garner	Rick Langosch	Jeremy Powell	

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Office Hours	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

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

Ushers for November: Marshall Brown, Keith Taylor, Joe Stephens, Mark Williams, Billy Wood		
Worship AM	November 20	November 27
Welcome	Rick Laukka	Don Williams
Songleader	Stan Dmytrowitz	Mark Kyle
Opening Prayer	John Campbell	Eric Aguirre
Lord's Table	Woody Woodyard	Joe Moody
1	Rick Langosch	John Hicks
2	Lansil Davis	Verlon Grady
3	Guy Hydrick	Bryan Collins
4	David Stoker	Joey Williams
5	Jeremy Wallace	Trenton Markham
6	Keith Taylor	Tom Markham
Reading: 2 Peter 3:9, 10	Robert Howell	Rick Laukka
Sermon	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Shepherd's Closing Prayer	John Hicks	David Cravy
Prepare Communion	Mark & Felicia Kyle	Joe & Janice Moody
	John & Millie Hardin	Don & Martha Slocumb
Greeters	David & Nancy Cheek Paul & Debbie Dotson Mark & Simone Leonard	David & Nancy Cheek Paul & Debbie Dotson Mark & Simone Leonard
Sound Room	Clint Hall	Stan Dmytrowitz
Security	Eric Aguirre	Marshall Brown
Nursery	Rita Brandt	Laura Cravy
	Kara Brandt	Linda Campbell
Worship PM	November 20	November 27
Welcome	Larry Crawford	Joe Stephens
Song Leader	George Stroh	Johnny Mackey
Opening Prayer	Joe Moody	Woody Woodyard
Reading: 2 Timothy 3:16, 17	Andrew Woodyard	Tripp Stephens
Sermon	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Lord's Table	Mike House	Steve Brandt
Assist at Lord's Table	Carter Hughes	Clint Hall
Closing Prayer	William Goodwin	Glen Rice
Nursery	Loretta Hydrick	Kaela Wallace
	Darlene Pawlicki	Lara Kyle
Wednesday	November 23	November 30
Song Leader	Jeremy Powell	George Stroh
Invitation	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Closing Prayer	Special Service	David Cravy
Sound Room	Frank Cole	Robert Howell
Security	Don Slocumb	George Stroh

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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.

Really Giving Thanks with a Grateful and Understanding Heart

Sandwiched somewhere between Halloween and Christmas is a Thursday holiday that is slowly becoming more minuscule in the minds of millions of Americans and Christians - Thanksgiving. If you search hard you might find one small section of some store with Thanksgiving cards, or a cornucopia with a turkey platter amid the aisles and miles of Halloween costumes, Christmas decorations, and toys!

For some, Thanksgiving is a day to get a list together prior to a day of marathon shopping for the next holiday. (I thought black Friday was the Friday that our Lord was crucified? Maybe the contemporary black Friday is the second death parabolically and financially speaking!) For others it's a time out of work and school to eat big and watch football (OK, I'm guilty!). Somehow our perception of Thanksgiving has gone askew, both nationally and spiritually! We have forgotten the reason for Thanksgiving and how to DO Thanksgiving! We've forgotten the reason why that first Thanksgiving was celebrated in the fall of 1621, and more tragically, we have forgotten the reason for Christians to celebrate thanksgiving every day of our lives! That reason is survival, nationally and spiritually!

The pilgrims had been in America less than a year. During those months, over half their original population died from disease or starvation. The Pilgrims hosted the first feast, not for the reasons why we congregate mentioned above, but to celebrate life and survival with their Indian friends during times of difficulty. Their "black Friday" was truly one that lasted more than a day or a weekend!

Christians should see the obvious need to celebrate thanksgiving for our survival from sin! Christ went through black Friday so we wouldn't have to! Are the thoughts of our minds, and the words that we speak, and the actions from our bodies indicative of a heart that is really grateful and thankful?

Perhaps you would like to redirect your, and your family's, thoughts and actions and truly focus on thanksgiving this Thanksgiving! Beginning tomorrow, the Monday of Thanksgiving week through Saturday, do the following:

1. During your daily family devotions have each family member explain how they have experienced God's blessings during this year and how they are taking those blessings to others.
2. During this week any time family members complain or express ingratitude toward anything, have them place a set amount of money in a jar (family members decide at the beginning of the week how much) and then donate that money to Woodstock Day School!
3. Think of one person who needs to survive spiritually, who is lost and needs Jesus and contact that person this week! Engage that person and bring him or her closer to Jesus. Bring them to our Thanksgiving meal and we'll take them from there!
4. Ask God every day for the wisdom to take all of God's physical blessings that He gives us and turn them into spiritual blessings that we will give to others.

Make this Thanksgiving a time to remember and not just another self-centered event. Really give thanks with a grateful and understanding heart!

-Matt