

## 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 with us.



## FCA Planning Potluck Today, noon

## Elders & Deacons Meeting



Today  
4:00 pm, Room 206

## L2L Bible Bowl Practice Today, 4:30 pm

## Monthly Sunday Evening Singing Today

There will not be a fellowship meal this evening. Everyone is invited to the Adult Christmas Party on Saturday night. Schedule for tonight's service:

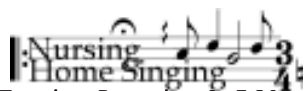
Singing 5:30 pm  
KidSing 6:20 pm  
Worship Service 6:30 pm

## AGAPE'S 2015 Change for Kids Cans

Please return your cans by tonight.

## Manna in the Morning Every Monday @ 5:30 am Woodstock IHOP

Join the men who meet for Bible study. This week, Joey O'Dell will lead the discussion on Acts 21-22.



Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 pm

Everyone is encouraged to meet in the foyer of the Woodstock Nursing Home on Arnold Mill Road on Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm to sing hymns for the residents. We will also sing a few Christmas carols.



## Men's Breakfast & Prayer Meeting Saturday, December 12 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, Dec. 12 11 am-1 pm

## Adult Christmas Party Saturday, December 12 5:30 pm

A sign up sheet has been posted, please sign up to give us an idea of how many plan to attend. All food except dessert will be provided. A sign up sheet has been posted, please sign up to bring dessert. No babysitting provided. Again this year, we ask that you donate new or gently used items for door prizes. Bring them wrapped, please.

## Christmas Kids

If you took a tag from the board, please bring your gift by Sunday, Dec. 13, to the foyer. Please attach the tag to the gift, but do not wrap.

## MS/HS Christmas Party Sunday, December 13

Immediately following evening worship at the home of Don & Tammy Williams. Please bring a \$10 white elephant gift.



## Woodstock Day School Silent Auction Thursday December 17

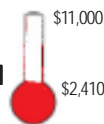
A favorite fundraiser each year is the Christmas Baskets Silent Auction at "Night with Santa". We need your help with items for baskets! You can create a basket with your own theme, or contribute craft items. See Gayla Stephens for ideas. Thank you for supporting the Woodstock Day School. Plan to attend the "Night with Santa" to be part of the fun. Starts at 7:00 pm. Please return your donated baskets by December 16.

## Upcoming Events

DS Chick-fil-A Fundraiser  
Wednesday, Dec. 16, All Day  
All Youth Christmas Caroling  
Friday, Dec. 18, 6:00 pm  
Special Service  
Wednesday, Dec. 23, 7:30 pm  
Bible classes will NOT meet

## 2016 Woodstock Mission Travel Fund

To contribute, make checks payable to WCOC and note for Woodstock Mission Travel Fund.



## New Sister in Christ

Baptized 11/29/15

Cynthia Stephens  
213 Jetta Lane  
Canton, Ga 30115  
404-660-8993



Zone 2.1

## Welcome New Baby



Congratulations to Justin & Kelly Dolive on the birth of their daughter, Elsie Katheryn, on Nov. 30, weighing 7 # 13 oz, 20" long. Kaelyn is the big sister. Mark & Paula Williams are the proud grandparents.

## Thank You



Words can never express my family's appreciation for the food, visits, and most of all for your prayers in the death of Willis. In Christian Love,  
The Michael family

## New Address



Jeremy & Shawna Powell  
Caroline, Joseph & Anna  
Care Zone 1.3

New Address

## Pantry Items of the Week



Dry Milk Packs, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat (no canned Tuna needed) & Laundry Detergent

## Our Love Expressed

Bible Study.....193  
Worship AM.....270  
Worship PM.....172  
Wed. Night Bible Study.....157

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## SHUT-INS

Doug Fish	Eileen Skelton
William Goodwin	Betty Sticher
Carole Gunter	Betty Tomlin
Kenneth Payne	Jewell Tucker

## OUR MEMBERS

Susie Ray	Ray Allen
William Goodwin	Wanda Jenkins
Harold Smith	Joyce Wood
Doug Fish	Jean Franklin
Diana Diamond	William Goodwin
Sandy Sherrill	Carson Vitran
David Schumacher	Jennifer Chambers
Howard Guy	Thamara Howell

Christians in Pakistan  
Kyle Clayton Family in India

## FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Tammy O'Dell, mother of Joey O'Dell  
Jackie Null, former member  
Geri Furline, former member  
Sandra Bohannon, former member  
Ed & Ginger Gastaldo, grandparents of Aaron Martell  
Sherri MacKenney, sister of Diana Diamond  
Ruth Youngblood, sister of Martha Slocumb  
Chuck Foraker, Adam Utterback's brother-in-law's father  
Gracie Bay Gargis, cousin of Hope Cook  
Sloan Family, friends of Christy Bishop  
Sherry Herline, sister of Vickey Castro  
Leslie Higham, daughter of Jack & Shirley Lewis  
John Hiland, friend of C.L. White  
Lauri Wilks, wife of a friend of Rick Reynolds  
Navin Harripersad, friend of Reg Berry  
Jake Rice, grandson of Glen & Sandi Rice  
Pat Vidrine, friend of Lori Baker  
Keith Ellis, brother-in-law of Peggy Winters  
Kenny Cronan, former member  
Avi Francis, great niece of Jack & Shirley Lewis  
The family of Chris Jennings  
Don Bailey, frequent visitor  
Holly Wenson, frequent visitor  
Reva West, aunt of Gayle Goodwin

This Week's Events		
Sun.	Noon	FCA Planning Potluck
Sun.	4:00 PM	Elders & Deacon Meeting
Sun.	4:30 PM	L2L Bible Bowl Practice
Sun.	5:30 PM	Monthly Singing
Sun.	6:20 PM	KidSing
Mon.	5:30 AM	Manna in the Morning
Tues.	7:30 PM	Nursing Home Singing
Sat.	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast & Prayer Mtg.
Sat.	11:00 AM	Knit & Crochet Class
Sat.	5:30 PM	Adult Christmas Party

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

Deacons			
Charles Bailey	Larry Crawford	Rick Laukka	Jeremy Powell
Reg Berry	Eric Dotson	Jack Lewis	Joe Stephens
Dave Brannan	Greg Garner	Tom Markham	
Ron Cox	Mike House	Barry Payne	

Ministers	
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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	
In Search of the Lord's Way with Phil Sanders, WATC-TV 57, Sunday 7:30 am	
Good News Today, www.GNTTV.org	
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 Atlant area:	
Online at <a href="http://www.gbntv.org/">http://www.gbntv.org/</a>	
Through the Roku device ( <a href="http://gbntv.org/roku.html">http://gbntv.org/roku.html</a> )	
On iPad/iPhone with GBN app in the iTunes Store ( <a href="http://bit.ly/nquMvK">http://bit.ly/nquMvK</a> )	
On Android with GBN app from the Android Market ( <a href="http://bit.ly/XREHXf">http://bit.ly/XREHXf</a> )	

Ushers for December, Marshall Brown, Barry Payne, Woody Woodyard & Billy Wood

Worship AM	December 6	December 13
Welcome	Rick Laukka	Joe Stickels
Song Leader	Mike Tomlin	Joey O'Dell
Opening Prayer	Troy Golden	Floyd Garner
Reading	Charles Little	Rick Langosch
Lord's Table	Roger Holloway	Mike House
1	Charles Bailey	Charles Bailey
2	Justin Hedrick	Justin Hedrick
3	Jack Lewis	Jack Lewis
4	Ron Cox	Ron Cox
5	Frank Rhodes	Frank Rhodes
6	Bob Putnam	Bob Putnam
Sermon	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Shepherd's Closing Prayer	Don Williams	Gary Kyle
Prepare Communion	Jerry & Sandra Wallace	Mark & Paula Williams
	Joe & Gayla Stephens	Clint & Terri Hall
Greeters	James & Peggy Dowdy	Paul & Debbie Dotson
	Joe & Gayla Stephens	Frank & Glenda Cole
Sound Room	Frank Cole & Dave Urbay	Eric Dotson & Justin Hedrick
Security	Mike House	Jerry Wallace
Nursery	Susan Garner	Rhonda House
	Linda Coleman	Jaden House
Worship PM	December 6	December 13
Welcome	Johnny Mackey	Troy Golden
Reading	Owen Massey	Reagan Markham
Song Leader	Jeremy Powell	Monty Pernel
Opening Prayer	Mike House	Verlon Grady
Sermon	Stan Dmytrowitz	Matt Amos
Lord's Table	Joe Stephens	Lansil Davis
Assist at Lord's Table	Trevor Stephens	Sean Davis
Closing Prayer	Dave Amos	Mike Tomlin
Nursery	Diane Whitener	Rita Laukka
	Carol Craton	Pam Reynolds
Wednesday	December 9	December 16
Song Leader	Jared Tomlin	Troy Golden
Invitation	Matt Amos	Matt Amos
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Powell	Tom Markham
Sound Room	Eric Dotson & Dave Urbay	Clint Hall
Security	Jerry Wallace	Don Slocumb

Privileged to Serve if you are unable to serve, notify Frank Cole

# Woodstock Church of Christ

## WEEKLY

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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.*

### CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH

When a local congregation of the Lord's people grows, without doubt all are thrilled about it. Growth that is based on bringing others into the fellowship of a local church needs to be an ongoing thing. Of course, the methods used to "bring them in" is important.

God's people must grow by scriptural methods, else growth is valueless. To grow by scriptural means means nothing can be offered that is not authorized by scripture. Our work and worship is unquestionably sound when we recognize and honor the teaching of Christ and his apostles as our pattern in all things. We must "build all things according to the pattern" (Heb. 8:5).

Sometimes, after a period of growth, there is a tendency to let down and enjoy a "status quo." This is a major mistake. Nothing should stand in the way of a continued work of faith and labor of love. Keep the spirit alive that caused the growth. Don't let it flag or die.

When little things become big things, when minor issues are elevated to major issues, the spirit of working together will always suffer. When we start talking about what everybody else is not doing, instead of focusing on our own work, trouble ensues! Some congregations after a period of growth such as ours become less and less interested in an outward reach and then turn inward. Things sometimes get to the point that some become overly concerned about the inward activities of the church more so than about our primary mission of going "into all the world" with the saving Gospel of Christ.

This is not said to minimize internal purity, practices, and soundness. It is but an observation that when non-critical issues develop internally over insignificantly minor issues, growth will always be impeded. So, then let us, as brothers and sisters, always ignore the minor and insignificant issues, continue to tolerate and love one another as is (and has been) our practice and continue do what Paul directed the Philippians to do.

*"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." (Philippians 1:9-11)*

~Matt