



## SIMPSON STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

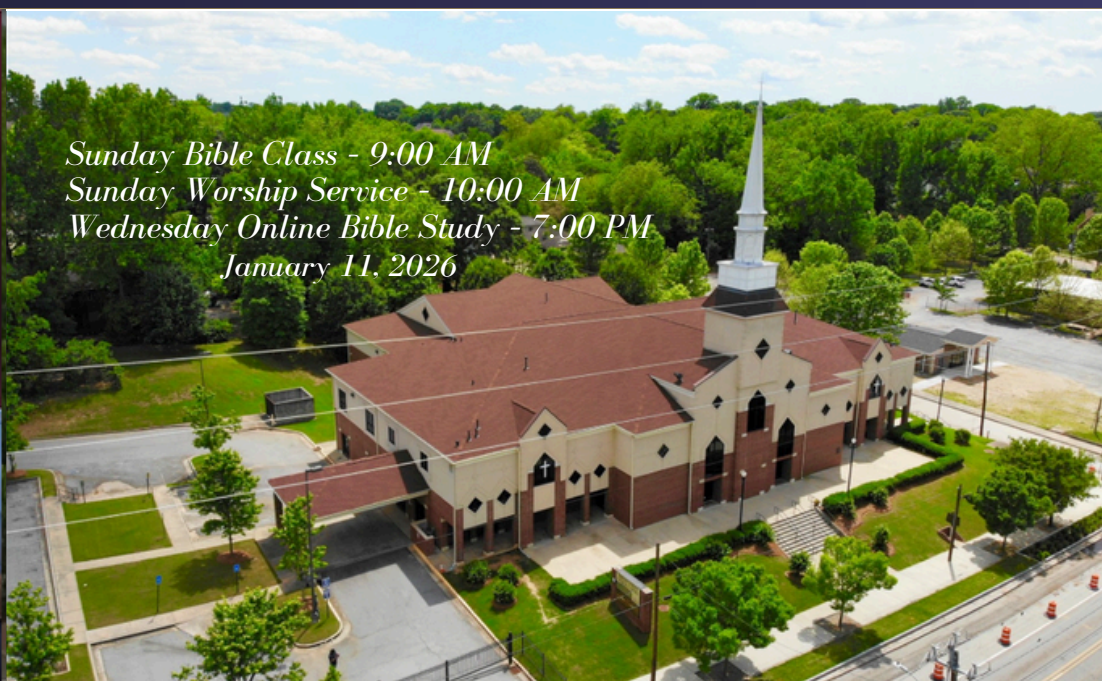
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*Sunday Bible Class - 9:00 AM*  
*Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM*  
*Wednesday Online Bible Study - 7:00 PM*  
*January 11, 2026*



## The Peace of Purpose

PROVERBS 19:21

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### Central Text

**Proverbs 19:21:** “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will prevail.” It teaches that while people naturally make many plans, true peace comes only when those plans align with God’s singular, sovereign purpose.

### Key Points

- **Plans vs. Purpose:** God is not against planning, but human plans—formed from limited perspective, fear, or desire—often fail to bring peace. When plans are disconnected from God’s purpose, they produce anxiety, frustration, and restlessness. Peace comes from trusting God’s purpose, not controlling outcomes.
- **Anxiety as a Warning Sign:** Ongoing anxiety may signal that we are fighting for our own plans instead of surrendering to God’s will. Whenever peace is missing, it’s time to examine what we’re holding onto that God may be asking us to release.

- **Purpose Is a Person to Trust:** God’s purpose is not a puzzle to solve but a path of trust to walk. God often reveals purpose step by step, requiring faith rather than full understanding.
- **The Problem of Presumption:** We often presume our plans are God’s plans. Even good, moral, or spiritual desires may not align with God’s purpose. Therefore, prayers should always end with, “Not my will, but Your will be done.”
- **God Cares More About Conformity Than Comfort:** God’s goal is not our comfort but our transformation into the image of Christ. Discomfort, loss, and struggle are often tools God uses to shape character and maturity.
- **God’s Purpose Is Singular and Unstoppable:** While we juggle many plans, God has one definitive purpose for each life. God has no “Plan B.” His purpose is eternal, unbreakable, and will prevail despite obstacles, failures, detours, or disobedience.
- **Peace Comes From Acceptance:** Peace is not the absence of storms but confidence in the God who controls them. When we stop fighting God and accept His purpose, peace follows—even in hardship.
- **Relationships and Purpose:** Some people cannot go with you into God’s purpose. It may be necessary to release relationships that distract or discourage obedience to God’s calling.

## ATTENDANCE:

*Bible Study - 111*  
*Worship Service - 262*  
*Virtual - 230*

## BAPTISMS / YTD 3

*Deondra Waldron*



## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS / YTD 2

*Doris Wilburn*

**REMINDER:** Wednesday Night  
Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00PM

**REMINDER:** The last  
Wednesday of each month is  
Wednesday Night Prayer Service  
via Zoom - 7:00PM

**REMINDER:** The last Sunday of  
each month is *Casual Sunday*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please respond to the email questionnaire regarding our 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**January 16, 2026** – Men's Ministry presents Gun Safety Firearms Training at 6PM lead by Kenneth Rucker Sr. Please see Tommy Berry for details

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Bible Class meets at 10:00 AM see Gloria Watkins for details

**January 18, 2026** – Guest Speaker: Dr. Olu Shabazz, Harlem Church of Christ; Guest Worship Leader: Brandon Carter

**February 1, 2026** – Vision Casting Congregational Meeting following Worship Service

**February 28, 2026** – Please join us for our annual Extravaganza at the Douglasville Convention Center (Douglasville, GA). Theme: We Have Come This Far By Faith. Event colors: ruby red, gold and black. Deadline for registration is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Adults: \$30/person; Ages 11-College Students: \$20; children 10 & under are free.

**April 2 - 5, 2026** – 39th Annual CoC Ladies Lectureship Retreat (Houston, TX) See Pat Applewhite for details

**April 10 - 12, 2026** – The 2026 National Association of Celebrated Seniors Conference hosted by Camp Creek CoC (Atlanta, GA), Early bird registration \$125. See Roosevelt and Karen Stripling for details

**April 24 - 26, 2026** – Save the Date for the Vienna CoC Ladies' Day and Health Fair, 915 East Union St., Vienna, GA 31092 Theme: Praise Him Anyway, The Blessing is the Storm. Keynote speaker: Dr. Stephanie Bernard. Participants are responsible for their transportation, lodging and Saturday dinner. RSVP March 1, 2026, \$35 cost for Friday's meal. Saturday breakfast and lunch and Sunday lunch will be served.

**June 6 - 10, 2026** – Save the Date: Joshua Ministerial Conference & Conclave. Theme: Lord, Build Your Church Matthew 16:18. Dr. Jeremy J. Flowers, Host Minister, Gray Road CoC, Cincinnati, OH

**October 3 - 8, 2026** – Southeastern Regional Lectureship (SERL) hosted by Simpson Street CoC (Atlanta, GA), Hope Unshaken "Anchoring Your Soul In A Shifting World", Pre-registration \$150

**"Rooted in Purpose, Renewed in Power" T-shirts are available to purchase in the Kingdom Apparel store.**

## PERSONAL STATEMENTS:

Victoria Alexander – Expressing gratitude for prayers. Did not pass the nursing school entrance exam but will retake it on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please continue to pray and offer words of encouragement.

Alexis Ludy – Please pray for son (Mekhi) as he navigates his military career. He will be traveling from Hawaii to the Philippines in April. Please keep the family lifted up in prayer.

Sheila Sumpter – Requesting prayers for self, husband and volunteers for the upcoming Aloha Medical mission trip to Honduras. Requesting prayers for safe travel and return. Also, asking for prayers for traveling grace for the trip next month for our triplets 28<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lastly, want to express thankfulness and gratitude for those that reached out during my bereavement and medical procedure. I thank God for the peace He has given me!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Ricky Golden - Requesting prayers for traveling grace back from Mississippi. Debra's brother had a stroke, please pray for his complete recovery.

Kameron Winn - Please pray for my mental health. I just feel lost at times.

Charlie Simmons - Requesting a special prayer for the Hudson Family who lost a grandson to gun violence. Pray for healing of her illness. Pray for peace for our leadership team to find our purpose God want us to be.

Shirley Williams - Please pray for healing for my brother (Arthur). He has had 2 surgeries and is in the ICU. Also, pray for my neighbor (Ms. Cousin) who attends church with us. Her brother-in-law died.

Bryana Finney - Asking for prayers for my health. I will have a follow-up appointment this week and I pray the results are good. Also, prayers for the Finney family as my grandma was put in hospice.

Donyale Miller - Prayers for teachers and students going back to school. Bring them peace during exams and SAT's.

Trena Grady - Asking for prayers for safe travel. I leave for Ghana today.

Melissa Clements - Pray for peace on my job and as I grow in my leadership role. Thank God for my challenges in 2025.

Nancy Blackamore - Requesting prayer for traveling grace this week.

Brother Jae - Pray for my sister (Shanikka) who is not feeling well and for her to get better.

Anonymous - Prayers for a young man named Corey for healing for appendix surgery.