



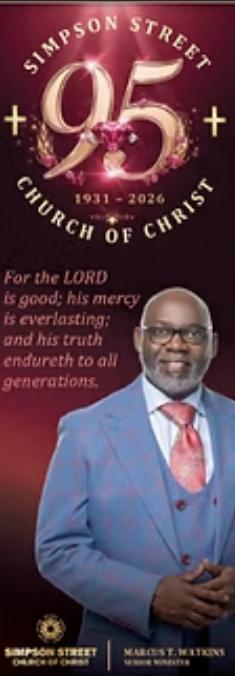
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Sunday Bible Class - 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM
Wednesday Online Bible Study - 7:00 PM
January 25, 2026



The Thief of Purpose

EPHESIANS 5:15-17

BRO. MARCUS T. WATKINS, SR. MINISTER

Central message:

The thief of purpose works through careless living, wasted time, and spiritual ignorance—but purpose is reclaimed through wise walking, intentional living, and a deep understanding of God's will, all made possible through Christ, who is our ultimate purpose.

KEY POINTS

1. Walk Wisely, Don't Drift Foolishly (verse 15)

Purpose is stolen when we live on spiritual autopilot. Paul calls believers to walk circumspectly—with intentional, discerning awareness—rather than drifting with culture, routine, and distractions. Foolishness isn't a lack of intelligence; it's living without reverence for God. A wise walk requires honest self-examination, especially of our friendships and faith, to ensure our lives align with God's will and bring Him glory.

2. Redeem the Time, Don't Waste Opportunities (verse 16)

Purpose is also stolen through misused time. Paul urges believers to "redeem the time," meaning to seize God-given opportunities in an age that is hostile to spiritual growth. Evil days don't just tempt us to sin—they distract us from what matters most. When we trade eternal priorities for trivial pursuits, we squander purpose. Redeeming time means investing intentionally in spiritual disciplines and kingdom-focused living.

3. Understand God's Will, Don't Live in Ignorance (verse 17)

Purpose is finally stolen by spiritual ignorance. God's will is not discovered through assumption but through intentional study, understanding, and obedience to His Word. When believers walk wisely and redeem their time, they gain clarity about God's purpose for their lives. Knowing God's will helps us avoid distractions and stay focused on the greatness He has destined for us.



ATTENDANCE:

Bible Study - n/a

Worship Service - n/a

Virtual - 400

BAPTISMS / YTD 3



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

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 31st. Adults: \$30/person; Ages 11-College Students: \$20; children 10 & under are free.

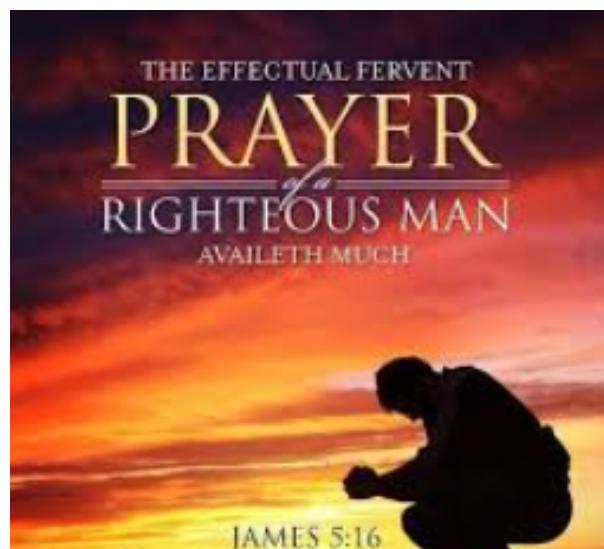
April 2 - 5, 2026 - 39th Annual CoC Ladies Lectureship Retreat (Houston, TX) See Pat Applewhite for details

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

The Family of Marvin Johnson - We are asking for your prayers as the family mourns the passing of our beloved Bro. Marvin Johnson. Please keep the family lifted up in prayer and pray for their strength in the Lord.