

We are so glad that you are with us today! Our service will be to praise and worship God and to encourage and uplift us to face another week. We will sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16), pray (James 5:15-18), and partake of the Lord's Supper to remember our Savior's sacrifice on the cross (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). We will also give back a portion of the monetary blessings that God has granted us so that we can carry out His work in our community (1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:7). We will also study a lesson from His Word that will hopefully be applicable to our daily lives, so that we can be equipped to handle the pressures of this world and reach those outside of Christ (2 Tim. 2:15).

Order of Worship

Announcements

Song (#555) Seek Ye First
 Song (#792) My Eyes Are Dry

Opening Prayer

Song (#180) Jesus Is Lord

Partake of the Lords Supper

Song (#851) I'll Fly Away

Song (#895) I'll Live in Glory

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 9:16

Message - "Some of the Things I've Learned in 45 Years"

Butch Jones

Song (#924) Just As I Am

Song (#470) Victory in Jesus

Closing Prayer



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 AM

Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Free Bible Correspondence is available by contacting the church office or Cleah Boaz at 706-636-4516.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jalynn Ledford - 11th

Morgan Painter - 11th

Robert Wood - 11th

Daisy Sisson - 12th

Mattie Sisson - 12th

Brody Hill - 13th

David Teague - 14th

Kelly Cochran - 15th

Jerry & Alice Cole - 11th

Joshua & Miranda Chancey - 12th

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Let Us Rise Up and Build Envelopes are available on the back of the pews to make your donation to the Building Fund for the new Fellowship Hall/ Education Building. Total funds through 3/5/17 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$278,005.12 PLEASE CONTINUE TO DONATE.

Week of April 2nd

Contribution.....	\$7342
Budget.....	\$7000
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$7345
Bible Study.....	157
AM Worship.....	249
PM Worship.....	143
Wednesday Evening.....	109

Worship Assignments

April 9th

Announcements Barry Pritchett
 Scripture Reading Walker Gregory
 Open Prayer John Painter
 Song Leading Nathan Collier
 Close Prayer Mark Pettit
 Head Table James Barr

April 16th

Butch Jones
 Quinn Collier
 Lloyd Ferrell
 Barry Kingsley
 Bob Burton
 Josh Chancey

Assist B. Parker D. Ledford
 Q. Collier D. Sisson
 Tu. Hall Ry. Cochran
 M. Bailey W. Teague

R. Stephens E. Mulkey
 W. Gregory J. Stephens
 L. Ferrell J. Cochran
 D. Green B. Green

Usher L. Mulkey
 B. Jones
 J. Chancey
 S. Hall
 Greeters R&T Wood
 M&R Pritchett
 B&T Weeks

J. Barr
 M. Wilson
 M. Brackett
 J. Ralston
 Q&J Holloway
 K&J White
 E&S Mullinax

Evening

Announcements Barry Pritchett
 Open Prayer Daniel Sisson
 Song Leading Nathan Collier
 Close Prayer Carl Hall
 Communion James Barr

Evening

Butch Jones
 Gerald Chancey
 Barry Kingsley
 Marlin Brackett
 Josh Chancey

April 12th

Announcements G. Rittenberry
 Song Leading S. Hall
 Prayer L. Burton
 Devo C. Sharp

April 19th

T. Hall
 D. Sisson
 W. Gregory
 J. Green

APRIL 9, 2017

FOR IF I PREACH
 THE GOSPEL
 I HAVE NO REASON
 for BOASTING

BECAUSE

I AM COMPELLED
 TO DO THIS.
 WOE TO ME
 IF I DO NOT
 PREACH THE GOSPEL!

1 Cor.
 9:16

Family News

Kathleen Sisson is not doing well. She remains at the hospital in Rome.

George Hall continues to undergo therapy.

Tommie Stephens is recovering from a foot injury after stepping on a nail.

Sue Smith, of Adairsville's congregation, fell and broke her hip. She underwent surgery last Friday.

Tim Jones was unable to undergo surgery for pancreatic cancer and in need of prayers. He is the father of Glenda Eller's daughter in law, Candace.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Charles Walker** in his passing. His service was Friday.

Others to Remember

Kathleen Sisson, Zach Pritchett, George Hall, Ernestine Hall, Jeff Cams, Elmer LaRue, Tim Ramsey, CiCi Rivera, Burt Hinton, Bonnie Smith, Laura Huckabey, Phillip Johnson, Billy Teems, Glenell Fricks, Perlie Mae Sluder, Harold Shepherd, Joyce Bennett, Shannon Queen, Shirley Fisher, Dustin Bolman, Reathel May

CANCER PATIENTS

Andrew Lowe, Dorothy Gaddis, Mary Hensley, Harry Dennard, Steve Sisson, Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Donald Watkins, Morris Hill, Chris Watkins, John Watts, Cathy Thurman Patterson, Mindy Banks, Phillip Weeks, Vernon Rodman, Travis Lucas, Clifford West, Lynn Tudor, Randall Brown

Upcoming Events

TODAY - **Young ladies** will conduct a ladies service, 4 p.m.

TODAY - **Youth** will be leading the evening service.

11th - **Ladies Weekly Bible Class, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

11th - **Homework Club**

11th (Tuesday night) - **Georgia School of Preaching class, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

13th - **Men's Devo/Bible class, 9:00 a.m.**

14th-16th - **Lads to Leaders**

21st - **Work Day at Camp WETOGA**

22nd - **Work Day for church building and grounds**

23rd - **Friends and Family Day**

29th - **Men's Fish Fry and Fellowship**

30th - **Household and Tool Shower** honoring Joelleigh Wright and Sawyer Thompson, 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

30th - **Leadership Meeting, 4:30 p.m.** in the F.H. classroom

JAMAICA CAMPAIGN

July 7th-17th
\$1750- includes
airfare, lodging,
transportation & 2
meals a day.
Jimmy Davis of
Elmore CoC in
charge.



The work day at Camp WETOGA is April 21. Ellijay's cabin, B1, needs:

- Tin is bent on back right corner of cabin
- The outside of the back door needs cleaning
- The hinges on the back door need to be adjusted
- Two 4' fluorescent light covers
- Three 9 volt smoke alarm batteries
- The header boards over front door of cabin need to be replaced
- Cover for breaker box

Let Barry Pritchett know if you can help



It is with a great deal of gratitude I share a few things with you today. It was on April 9th, 1972, that I preached my first sermon for the church in Columbus, Georgia.

In these 45 years, I have worked with the church in Columbus, known as Warm Springs Road, the Macedonia congregation in Fannin County, the Adairsville congregation, and for the past 37 years I have shared the Gospel here in Ellijay.

Today's celebration with family and friends coming to worship with us is not a retirement celebration, but rather a moment of encouragement for me "to keep on keeping on!" Thank you to all for your love, prayers, and support.

A special thanks to Susan who knowing she was wedding a gospel preacher did so bravely and has spent the past 45 years encouraging and keeping our home going while I preached the Word. Also a big thank you to Jenny and Brandon for making me look good by the way they have grown into a fine Godly woman and a faithful servant.

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:14-17

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY - APRIL 23

Everything is
BETTER
WHEN YOU BRING YOUR FRIENDS

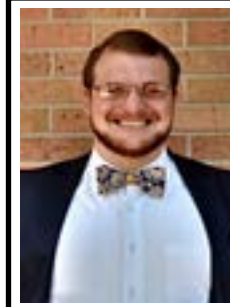


9:30 AM - COMBINED BIBLE CLASSES
10:30 AM - MORNING WORSHIP
11:45 - LUNCH
1:30 PM - WORSHIP/MINISTERS' Q&A

Grass and lawn maintenance is starting back for the Ellijay Church of Christ Memorial Gardens. If you would like to make a donation to the cemetery to help with this, please see Ken White or Judy Mailen.



Household & Tool Shower
Honoring
Joelleigh and Sawyer
Sunday, April 30th
2 P.M. Fellowship Hall
Women & Men invited
Registered at Walmart, Target and
Bed, Bath & Beyond



Cut to the Chase

One of the greatest works of fiction that has ever been written comes from the amazing mind of J.R.R. Tolkien. Many have engulfed themselves in the world which he created and brought to life. Many stories could be told concerning his masterful work of literature. For me, I find myself engulfed by the stories, picturing the story as it unfolds. Tolkien was a genius, and in addition, was actually quite religious. In fact, the universe of his stories has a very religious background to it, once you begin to do a little research.

My Dad loves to quote movies and books. Many times, he will quote movies in response to questions I ask, or comments I make. One line he quotes, and one I remember well, is from the Lord of the Rings Trilogy. Frodo, speaking to Gandalf, says, "I wish the ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened." Gandalf responds to him by saying, "So do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

In situations we face today, it is easy to have the mentality of Frodo. Through the many difficulties we face, it is easy for us to say, "I wish this had never happened." Unfortunately, we cannot change the past, and we cannot alter the things outside of our power. What we can do is decide how to best use our time. Paul wrote a similar thing to the Ephesians, in saying to "make the best use of the time, because the days are evil." Things may seem bad, but we must continue to stand firm, to walk in the light as Jesus walked, and to remain faithful until the end.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9th - **Youth lead the evening services**

14th-16th - **Lads to Leaders Convention in Atlanta**

19th - **Parents' Meeting**

The young ladies will be conducting a ladies service today at 4 pm in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend and support these young ladies.

Today is the last day to donate money for the snack gift cards for the Lads to Leaders convention. You may give your donation to Tim. Thanks



Saturday, April 29th -
2:00 p.m.
A signup sheet is posted



VOLUNTEERS
CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS
Church Work Day
Saturday, April 22nd Starting at
8:30 a.m.