

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). If you are a visitor, please fill out the yellow visitor's card and pass it to the end of the aisle so it can be collected. You are truly an honored guest, so please give us an opportunity to meet you after our services are over! "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

**Worship**

**Scripture Reading**

Song (#66) Doxology

Song (#961) There Is a Balm in Gilead

**Opening Prayer**

Song (#176) Lamb of God

**Partake of the Lords Supper**

**Contribution**

Song (#704) Bind Us Together

Song (#490) It Is Well with My Soul

Song (#452) Standing on the Promises

Song (#528) I Know That My Redeemer Lives

**Message**

Song (#927) Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

Song (#535) The Glory-Land Way

**Closing Prayer**

**Worship Assignments  
Sunday Morning**

	<b>November 1st</b>	<b>November 8th</b>
Announcements	Nathan Collier	Butch Jones
Scripture Reading	Spencer Hall	Quinn Collier
Open Prayer	Josh Chancey	Tim Hall
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Mark Pettit	Bob Burton
Head Table	Don McKee	Richard Bohannon
<b>Assist</b>	R. Burton J. Cole G. Chancey R. Kimsey B. Parker E. Mullinax J. Rep S. Wright	M. Hadden D. Stephens Ry. Cochran D. Ledford Sp.Hall Ro.Cochran Tu.Hall Ru.Cochran
<b>Usher</b>	R. Stephens J. Ralston T. Rochester M. Wilson	Tu. Hall D. Ledford Sp. Hall J. Chancey
<b>Greeters</b>	J&S Jenkins K&J White B&T Weeks	B&S Burkewitz J&S Rep J. Mailen B. Hall
	<b>Evening</b>	<b>Evening</b>
Announcements	Nathan Collier	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	David Green	Junior Jenkins
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Marlin Brackett	Robert Wood
Communion	Don McKee	Richard Bohannon
	<b>November 4th</b>	<b>November 11th</b>
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Song Leading	John Painter	David Green
Prayer	Ben Kingsley	Rob Burton

If you cannot serve, please contact Garry Rittenberry. Copies of all sermons from our pulpit are available on CD for \$1.00 Request sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

**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 9/30/15 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$241,296.96. "FILL A CAN" ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP. Cans will be opened and counted at the September Snak-N-Yak.

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

Week of October 25th	
Contribution.....	\$6474
Budget.....	\$6100
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$6491
Bible Study.....	146
AM Worship.....	221
PM Worship.....	124
Wednesday Evening.....	169



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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

**JESUS IS ETERNAL:** The incarnation of Jesus is one of the most difficult concepts for us to grasp. The Psalmists help us understand that the Father is eternal (**Psalm 90:2, Psalm 102:25-27, etc.**), but we often fail to reconcile that the same Jesus who walked on earth in the flesh also shares this distinction. Jesus is our creator (**Colossians 1:15-17**), yet he humbled himself to come to earth and atone for our sins (**Philippians 2:5-8**). The first chapter of John's gospel does the best job of explaining how Jesus could be both God and man, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (**John 1:1-3; 14 NKJV**). Jesus himself explained his eternal nature in **John 8:58** when he said "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

**JESUS COMMUNICATES ON OUR BEHALF:** It is impossible for us as sinners to have a relationship with God. This is a fundamental truth that we must understand; our transgressions separate us from our Heavenly Father. Yet, through Christ, we have the reconciliation of that broken relationship. Even in our saved state, however, Satan accuses us and Jesus is there to defend us and declare that we belong to him. **1 John 2:1** calls Jesus our advocate while **1 Timothy 2:5** refers to him as the mediator between God and man. What a blessing to know that he is on our side! **Hebrews 7:25 and Romans 8:34** declare that Jesus makes intercession for us to rebuff Satan's accusations and proclaim that we are purified by his blood. Not only is our Lord eternal, he is our lifeline to the Father and communicates with him on our behalf!

**JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR:** **Titus 2:13** says that as Christians we are "looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus." While Jesus is deity, he also has the closest imaginable relationship with us; he is our Savior! One of my favorite passages in the Bible comes from **Romans 5:6-8**, "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (**ESV**). God came to earth in the form of a man and died for me while I was still in my sin; this is truly mind boggling when we even slightly begin to understand it! Jesus is eternal; he communicates to the Father on our behalf, but his most important role is our Savior. **Acts 4:12** makes it clear that there is salvation in NO other name; this is why Peter tells Jesus that only HE has the words of eternal life (**John 6:68-69**).

With everything that we know about Jesus, it is still comforting to hear that he has walked where we walk and sympathizes with our weaknesses and fleshly shortcomings. Although Jesus never sinned, he understands the struggles that we face on a daily basis. This knowledge gives us the confidence to ask for forgiveness and the strength to be better and stronger every day (**Heb. 4:14-16**). Following Jesus is not easy, however, the words of Peter still ring true for us – there is nowhere else to go because Jesus holds the key to eternal life!  
- Jeremy Green

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**In our Thoughts and Prayers**

Lamar Gorman is suffering with pneumonia again as well as continued severe pain in his leg.

Tina Messer is recovering from surgery after taking a fall and severely breaking her arm. She is at home.

Genell Cantrell continues to recover from surgery.

Shirley Kingsley will be having knee surgery in the next few weeks as determined by an orthopedist this past Thursday.

Kathy Holloway remains in the hospital in critical condition at Hamilton Memorial.

Ken Reece continues to be in serious condition.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Buddy Atcheson in his passing away. Mr. Atcheson passed away Saturday, October 24th.



**CANCER PATIENTS**

David Cochran, Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Lillie Scaglione, Doris Dean, Carol Stanley, Lisa Macy, Dean Cleavinger, Brenda Martin, Don Powichroski, Tori Boynton, John Corbin, Benjamin Corbin, Phillip Askew, Brandy Nicholson, Carolyn McTyre, Jessica Campbell, Hugh Long, Jeff Hunter, Susie Rep

**OTHERS TO REMEMBER**

Zach Pritchett, Lamar Gorman, Clay Holloway, Bill & Ann Burkett, Gladys Holloway, Mary Parker, Vernon Gibbs, James Mullinax, Martha Ralston, Opal Corbin, Richard Neal, Genell Cantrell, Edith Hensley, CiCi Rivera, Geneva Holloway, Luisa Varin, Ruth Jones, Glenda Stanley, Chad Luther, Cody Sowder, Jeremy Ferrell, Shirley Jones, Shirley Davis, Elizabeth Arthur

The Raintree Village food truck will be here to pickup on Monday, November 2nd.



**FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Seth Carswell, Eli Chastain, Reid Cochran, Steven Giannone, Corey Henry, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Wayne Jones, Jacob Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, William Pettit, Wilson Pettit, Winston Pettit, Frankie Silva, Canio Sequevia-Cuevas, Eric Spisak, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw, Kourtney Weeks



A class on "Dealing with Grief Through the Holidays" is starting Wednesday, November 4th. It will run Wednesday evenings through January 13th. There is a sign up sheet on the board.



**Nursing Home Family**

Pauline Mullinax, Gladys Logan Shultz and Edith Davis.

Sunday, November 1st is proclaimed as Retired Educators Day by Governor Nathan Deal. We want to thank the men and women who have dedicated their lives to teach our youth.



2nd - Georgia School of Preaching class, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

3rd - Tuesday Ladies Bible Class, 9:30 AM- 11 AM.

4th - Wednesday evening Bible study, 7 PM.

5th - Young Professionals Paint Party. 6 PM, pot luck dinner

8th - Veterans Luncheon. Please be inviting friends and family to join us as we honor our veterans.

8th - Area Wide Youth Service and Devo - Oakhill Church of Christ in Rome. Evening service.

10th - Tuesday Ladies Bible Class, 9:30 AM - 11 AM

12th - Men's Devotional, 9AM

13th - 16th - Pictures being made for the church directory

14th - Youth/C-Squad Activity

14th - Year Round Speech participants will be speaking in the Fellowship Hall, 5 PM.

15th - Congregational Planning Meeting, 4:30 PM



Portraits for our upcoming church directory will be done Friday, November 13th through Monday, November 16th. If you have not made an appointment yet, see Kelly.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Calvin Michael Evans - 2nd

Brenda Ledford - 7th

Maggie Painter - 7th



John & Ann Johnson - 1st

Jeremy & Karla Green - 3rd

Bob & Sharon Burkewitz - 4th

Belated Wishes- Serenity Bingham, October 28th

Special thank you for the items donated for our college freshmen's goody boxes. They are in the process of being mailed.

*God Wants You to Have Joy!*

God wants you to have joy in your life. This truth is lost on some preachers and other churchgoers. Oliver Wendell Holmes was a member of the U.S. Supreme Court for 30 years. His mind, wit and work earned him the unofficial title of "the greatest justice since John Marshall." At one point in his life, Justice Holmes explained his choice of a career by saying: "I might have entered the ministry if certain clergymen I knew had not looked and acted so much like undertakers."

They have forgotten such passages as ...

Psalm 21:6 which says: "Surely you have granted (us) unending blessings and made (us) glad with the joy of your presence."

Or ... Psalm 28:7 - "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him."

Or ... Romans 14:17 - "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Yes, God wants you to have true, blessed joy in your life! - selected