

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

December 9th December 16th

Announcements	Quentin Holloway	Butch Jones
Scripture Reading	Spencer Hall	Tucker Hall
Open Prayer	Ken White	Miles peeples
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Curtis Kingsley	Mark Pettit
Head Table	Don McKee	Tim Hall

Assist	Tom Hall	Don Kerley
	Bob Burkewitz	Ben Kingsley
	Billy Weeks	Daniel Sisson
	Tim Hall	John Johnson
	Jobie Ralston	Nathan Collier
	Richard Stephens	John Stephens
	John Stephens	Zach Pritchett
	Billy Green	Garry Rittenberry

Usher	D.Kerley	G.Rittenberry	J.Cochran	T.Rochester
	C.Cody	Rob Burton	G.Rittenberry	C.Cody
	S.Hall	Ross Cochran	Russ.Cochran	Sp.Hall
Sound Board	William Parker	William Parker		

Projector	J&A Johnson	K&J White
	Sandra B. Shriley K.	B&S Burkewitz
	J&A Cole	S.Norton B.Morse

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Announcements	Tom Hall	Tim Hall
Open Prayer	Marlin Brackett	Rob Burton
Song Leading	John Painter	Nathan Collier
Close Prayer	James McGee	Marlin Brackett
Communion	Don McKee	Tim Hall
Sound Board	William Parker	William Parker
Projector		

DECEMBER

Unlock Building Barry Kingsley
Lock Building Alan Hall

JANUARY

	December 12th	December 19th
Announcements	Don Kerley	Don Kerley
Song Leading	John Painter	John Painter
Prayer	Miles Peeples	Miles Peeples
Sound Board	William Parker	William Parker
Projector		

Please contact Roy Walker, 706-632-7052, if you have a conflict and are unable to serve.

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Week of December 2nd

Contribution.....	\$9462
Budget.....	\$6000
Over Year to Date.....	\$14,720
Bible Study.....	132
AM Worship.....	210
PM Worship.....	156
Wednesday Evening.....	116

Gospel Broadcasting Network, 24hours/7days,
Channel 21 on ETC Cable
"Truth For The World," Sunday, ETC Channel 3,
9:00 AM
"In Search Of The Lord's Way," Sunday,
Channel 24, 7:30 AM



The bulletin is printed on Thursday. Any items coming in after noon on Thursday will go in the following week's bulletin.



Ellijay Church of Christ

...Spreading the Good News

December 9, 2012

Welcome to our Visitors!
Please complete the visitors card and pass it to the end of the aisle. It will be collected after announcements so we will have a record of your visit.



Peggy Walker is scheduled for surgery Tuesday, January 8th.

Brent Parker will be undergoing surgery at Emory Hospital on December 20th for his back.

Travis Cantrell is recovering at home from surgery on his collarbone.

Billy Dotson, a friend of several here, remains in very serious condition in Kennestone Hospital.

We express our sympathy to the family of Kim Wiggins in her passing away. Her funeral was yesterday. Please remember Kenny and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Nursing Home

Pauline Mullinax, Florence Stanley, Milla Turley, Gladys Logan Shultz

Family & Friends In The Military

Kourtney Bolen, Eli Chastain, Reid Cochran, David Giannone, Steven Giannone, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Jacob Mahaffey, Patrick Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, Rushton Pettit, William Pettit, Winston Pettit, Stephanie Hunter Silva, Travis Sisson, David Taylor

OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Fred & Gladys Holloway, Clay Holloway, Elmer LaRue, Jason Baker, Keith Martin, Loretta Jenkins, Kim Cline, Betty Johnson, Mary Parker, Butch Davis, James Mullinax, Martha Ralston, Betty Bevins, Opal Corbin, Chuck Sisson, Ronnie Messer, Mary Giannone, Ed Marks, Betty Hall, Lois Dover, Melanie Lunsford, Jean Chastain, Lillie Hall, Scott Huffman, Casey Sullivan, Ed Busby, Kathy Holloway, Paul Danger

OUR CANCER PATIENTS

Martha Rollins, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Nancy Lockheart, Lillie Scaglione, Eddie Adams, Connie Stover, Buddy & Lafern Dove, Mark Hyde, Connie Bishop, Angie Hodge, Calvin Michael Evans, Tressa Carter, Kris Murphy, Diane Davis, Kim Wiggins, Warren Watson, Bobby Long, Renee Mashburn Jeffers, Ray Ritchie, Warren Karr, Doris Dean

I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need.
-selected



A donation was made to the Ellijay Church of Christ Memorial Gardens by Billy Green.



Billy & Becki Crump - 13th
Marlin & Karen Brackett - 15th

DECEMBER

9th - Purpose Sheets for Giving 2013 given to congregation.

9th - C-squad and youth project. Please see more information on the next page.

9th - Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Leaders meeting 4:30pm.

11th - Weekly Ladies Bible Study, 9:30am-11am

20th - C-Squad Christmas Party at the Bobcat Den. See Tim, Pam or Diane for special details.

23rd - Fourth Sunday Night Worship in Songs

26th - Special Devotional Service

JANUARY

2nd - Special Devotional Service

6th - Spiritual Growth 2013

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Gail Adams - 9th
Rebeka Christa - 9th
Reid Cochran - 10th
Bill Green - 10th
Ernestine Hall - 11th
Billy Joe Howard - 12th
Wendy Jones - 13th
Annette Corson - 15th
Curtis Kingsley - 15th

It was a conversation I've had with several people before. I'm always cautious about it and feel the need to explain the meaning of the statement. But it really does appear true that some people try too hard to be good Christians. The way it came up was in a conversation with a young friend last week who was distraught over some impure motives she saw at work in her heart.

Just to set the record straight, Becky (not her real name) is one of the finest and most genuine people I know. Everyone else in her family and the circle of friends who know her best would tell you the same. But that, you see, is the root of her problem. She is so authentic and earnest about things that she is on the verge of driving herself crazy! If the problem with some people is that they are devoid of introspection and conscience, hers is the opposite. She tries too hard.

The gospel of Jesus is the good news that we have release from our past and hope for our future because of what he did. It is not the bad news that we might climb out of the pits we have dug for ourselves and find a way into God's heart if we master all our character flaws and resist every temptation.

Becky is *too* introspective, *too* self-critical, and *too* unwilling to give herself the benefit of the doubt she would give a total stranger. And it is making her miserable: Perhaps even spiritually neurotic. Jesus offered pardon and peace to his followers. Becky has turned his offer on its head and lives with a constant sense of judgment and fear. About the only thing I can think of that would be worse would be for her to decide she has conquered all her flaws. She just might turn into a self-righteous pig that couldn't stand those of us who still struggle.

Surely the better way is to walk with a lighter step and happier heart. Yes, we are sinful people – but people who have been loved, redeemed, and secured to God through the work of Christ. Yes, we still name and confess our sins – but with gratitude for pardon rather than in fear of rejection. Don't presume on grace; be grateful for it. Don't be cavalier about failure; confess it and move on.

Remember the story in Luke 18 about the man who tried so hard to be holy and could name the steps of progress he had made? The other person in the story was anything but holy, but he went home at peace with God for confessing his unworthiness! His confessional and prayerful attitude seems to be at the heart of true holiness – the holiness that God himself seeks and honors in us.

"My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous" (1 John 2:1 NLT).

So keep trying. Just don't try *too* hard. It could be your downfall.
(F.o.L.)
In Him,
Terry

The C-squad and youth will meet in the fellowship room after morning worship on Dec. 9th. Everyone please bring sandwiches or some lunch for your family. Also bring prebaked cookies and some decorating supplies. We will then decorate the cookies together for some of the elderly members. Other baked goodies, candy, fruits, etc. are also welcome in lieu of cookies. It would be good to have a variety of items to put in the baskets. We will then deliver our packages to different homes and sing Christmas carols at their front doors. Please see Holly Collier with questions!

Thanks,
Youth & C-Squad Groups