

**Worship Assignments**

**Sunday Morning Services**

	February 28th	March 7th
<i>Announcements</i>	Mark Pettit	Tom Hall
<i>Song Leading</i>	Barry Kingsley	Barry Pritchett
<i>Open Prayer</i>	Garry Rittenberry	Ken White
<i>Close Prayer</i>	Tim Hall	Richard Stephens
<i>Head Table</i>	John Painter	Quentin Holloway

<i>Assist</i>	Ed Busby	Zach Pritchett
	Mike Holloway	Dennis Nicholson
	Mark Wilson	Reid Cochran
	Mike Parson	Mark Wilson
	Johnny Dunaway	Joby Ralston
	David Green	Billy Weeks
	Tom Hall	Tate McCoy
	Joby Ralston	Winston Pettit

<i>Usher</i>	Donnie Bailey	Scott Dove
	Reid Cochran	Clyde Cody
	Terry Rochester	Donnie Bailey
	Danny Hensley	Nathan Weeks
	Rylan Cochran	Danny Hensley
	Dennis Nicholson	Preston Kingsley

<i>Sound Board</i>	James Barr	William Parker
<i>Projector</i>	William Parker	Jackie Cochran

<i>Greeters</i>	Q&J Holloway	S. Norton
	V&J Gibbs	M&P Parson
	Juanita Bloodworth	V&J Gibbs

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

<i>Announcements</i>	Don Kerley	Greg Burrell
<i>Song Leading</i>	Men	Ed Busby
<i>Open Prayer</i>	Barry Pritchett	Dennis Dove
<i>Close Prayer</i>	Tom Hall	Donnie Bailey
<i>Communion</i>	John Painter	Quentin Holloway
<i>Sound Board</i>	James Barr	William Parker
<i>Projector</i>	William Parker	Jackie Cochran

	<b>MONTH OF FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MONTH OF MARCH</b>
<i>Unlock Building</i>	Curtis Kingsley	Mark Wilson
<i>Lock Building</i>	Marvin Pritchett	Don Kerley

	March 3rd	March 10th
<i>Announcements</i>	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
<i>Song Leading</i>	Daniel Sisson	Zach Pritchett
<i>Prayer</i>	Tate McCoy	Marvin Pritchett
<i>Sound Board</i>	Barry Kingsley	Reid Cochran
<i>Projector</i>	Zach Pritchett	John Painter

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 Tate McCoy.....706-273-3538  
 John Painter.....706-636-4366  
 Mark Pettit.....706-276-6610  
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**Missionary**

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<b>Week of February 21st</b>	
Contribution.....	\$5203
Budget.....	\$5600
Under Year to Date.....	\$818
Bible Study.....	157
AM Worship.....	238
PM Worship.....	131
Wednesday Evening.....	114

Gospel Broadcasting Network, 24hours/7days,  
 Channel 52 on ETC Cable  
 "Truth For The World," Sunday, ETC Channel 3,  
 9:00 AM  
 "In Search Of The Lord's Way," Sunday, ETC  
 Channel 24, 7:30 AM

# Ellijay Church of Christ

*...Spreading the Good News*

**February 28, 2010**



*Welcome to our Visitors! Please complete the visitors card so we will have a record of your visit and know that you are always welcome at all of our services. We hope you will stay after services and let us get to know you.*

Copies of all sermons from our pulpit are available on CD for \$1.00. The request sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

## In Our Prayers

Willene Cody is at home and on hospice care. She continues to grow weaker. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Esta Woody fell and broke her hip again. Doctor's cannot operate. She is on hospice and in an assisted living center.

Abby Collins, a Gilmer middle school student, was determined last week to have another tumor behind her eyes. She is Bobby and Lynn Collins' youngest daughter.

Homer Hefner continues to be in critical condition. The cancer is growing and spreading.

Wally Schmidt, Mary Giannone's brother, had his first chemo treatment this past week. He was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Mary will be going to visit him in a few days. Please remember both of them in your prayers.

Calvin Reneau is recovering well from knee replacement surgery.

Freddy Monday, Johnny Dunaway's best friend since school days, passed away this past Thursday in Florida. Please pray for Johnny as well as traveling mercy for him.



We express our sympathy to Leon Beavers and his family in the passing away of his mother, Brenda Sue Long. She is also the grandmother of Brittney, Mason, Tanner and Hope Beavers.

## Please remember our Cancer Patients

Willene Cody, Martha Rollins, Wally Schmidt, Ethan Jones, Billy Stells, Emory Pankey, Treet Tilley, Linda Beaver, Jewell Green, Laverne Dove, Lupita Stephens, Garlin Davis, Mildred Davis, Susan Logan, Homer Hefner, Rochell Griffith, Jack Milko, Buddy Atcheson, Bobby Long (of Fannin County), JB Cochran, Richard Davenport, Ricky Bryan, Sonya Self, Kenneth Davis

### Others To Remember

Doyle Stanley, Jack & Eulyeen Callihan, Laura Pettit, John Bennett, Elmer LaRue, Deborah Dotson, Harold Waddell, Jason Baker, A.E. Stephens, Esta Woody, Nancy Laws, Richard Davenport, Faye Jones, Randy Rittenberry, Joe Kingsley, Joy Martin, Donna Brumbelow, Christy Shule, Doug Knott, Mildred Gudger, Phil Hinton, Chuck Sisson, Keith Martin, Pam Sullivan, Johnny Savage, Tia Teague, Marlene Milko

## Lads to Leaders T-shirts

If you want to purchase a Lads to Leaders t-shirt please see Jay or Lydia Hall. A picture of the shirt is posted on the bulletin board. The cost per shirt is \$8.00. Make checks out to either Promos & Logos or Jay Hall.

Sizes Youth sizes: XS-XL  
Adults sizes: Small to 3XL  
Deadline to order is Sunday, March 7th.

TODAY - After the morning service, we will be **working on the Scrapbook**. All children are asked to stay to help. Pizza will be provided. Children 4th grade and under are required to have a parent stay with them.

TONIGHT - Worship in song.

## MARCH

1st - GA School of Preaching class- "History of the Church" 6:30pm-8:30p.m.

2nd - Ladies Bible Study, 10 am in the library. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to come.

6th - Highland (Dalton) Ladies Day. More info on the board.

7th - Snak-n-Yak following evening service

21st - Third Sunday Sing, Boardtown

28th - Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Appreciation Lunch.

Don't keep it a secret...the kids at Ellijay Church of Christ are great! Mark your calendars for March 28th immediately following Sunday morning services. We will have a Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Appreciation lunch for all children from birth to 12th grade. They have worked so hard to prepare for the convention and we need to show them how much we appreciate their efforts. We ask parents to bring "kid friendly" dishes and drinks for this luncheon. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Love Board. Please make plans to attend and encourage our kids!

## "A Winter to Remember"

Much of our country has been under winter storms again this week. A million homes in the Northeast are without power. The weather man is telling us that we might have winter precipitation again this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. I hope the following story helps us to remember the need of preparing for the winter storms but also the spiritual needs of getting ready for eternity.

In her book, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, Annie Dillard tells of a British Arctic expedition which set sail in 1845 to chart the Northwest Passage through the Canadian Arctic to the Pacific Ocean. Neither of the two ships – the *Erebus* and the *Terror* – and none of the 134 men aboard returned.

Captain Sir John Franklin prepared as if they were embarking on a pleasure cruise rather than an arduous and grueling journey through one of earth's most hostile environments. He packed a 1,200 volume library, a hand-organ, china place settings for officers and men, cut-glass wine goblets and sterling silver flatware, beautifully and intricately designed. Years later, some of these place settings would be found near a clump of frozen and reportedly cannibalized bodies.

The voyage was doomed when the ships sailed into frigid waters and became trapped in ice. First ice coated the decks, the spars and the rigging. Then water froze around the rudders and the ships became hopelessly locked in the now-frozen sea.

Sailors set out to search for help, but soon succumbed to severe Arctic weather and died of exposure to its harsh winds and subfreezing temperatures. For some twenty years, remains of the expeditions were found all over the frozen landscape.

The crew did not prepare either for the cold or for the eventuality of the ships becoming ice-locked. On a voyage which was to last two to three years, they packed only their Navy-issue uniforms and the captain carried just a 12-day supply of coal for the auxiliary steam engines. The frozen body of an officer was eventually found, miles from the vessel, wearing his uniform of fine blue cloth, edged with silk braid, a blue greatcoat and a silk neckerchief – clothing which was noble and respectful, but wholly inadequate.

Historians may doubt the wisdom of such an ill-prepared journey. But more important for US are the following questions:

- "Are WE prepared for the lengthy voyage we've embarked upon, that journey we call 'life'?"
- Are WE also prepared for DEATH and the JUDGMENT to come?
- Have WE made ourselves ready for ALL that surely awaits us?"

**Because of His great love for us, God has provided the means by which we can prepare ourselves for life, death, and the judgment to come.** He has given us a Map, the Bible, to guide us. He has given us a Captain, Jesus Christ, to lead the way through life and into eternal life in heaven. Jesus gave His life to prepare the way for us as payment for our sins, which would cause our lives to end in destruction.

**THOSE WHO:** believe in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ (Acts 2:38) have their sins washed away. **THOSE WHO:** continue to follow Him faithfully will continue to have their sins washed away by His blood.

**To embark on a journey unprepared can set us up for disastrous results....**

**But the GOOD NEWS is: WE can still prepare for OUR journey by trusting and obeying Christ!**

**Are YOU ready?**