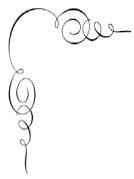


We are so glad that you are with us today! Our service will be to praise and worship God and to encourage and uplift us to face another week. We will sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16), pray (James 5:15-18), and partake of the Lord's Supper to remember our Savior's sacrifice on the cross (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 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!"



Announcements

Scripture Reading

Song (#429) Oh, to Be Like Thee

Song (#506) No One Ever Cared for Me like Jesus

Opening Prayer

Song (#318) O Sacred Head

Partake of the Lords Supper

Song (#PP) Break My Heart

Song (#608) He Gave Me a Song

Message - "Impartial"

Song (#935) Sinners Jesus Will Receive

Song (#779) I Love You, Lord

Closing Prayer



**Worship Assignments
Sunday Morning**

	October 9th	October 16th
Announcements	Chase Sharp	Nathan Collier
Scripture Reading	Rylan Cochran	Walker Gregory
Open Prayer	Richard Bohannon	Josh Chancey
Song Leading	Nathan Collier	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Bob Burton	Curtis Kingsley
Head Table	John Painter	Ken White
Assist	M. Hadden D. Sisson M. Hill D. Ledford S. Hall R. Ramariez T. Hall J. Ralston	B. Kingsley S. Wright Jo. Stephens T. Rochester J. Ledford E. Mulkey B. Burkewitz G. Chancey
Usher	R. Burton T. Rochester D. Bailey J. Chancey	S. Hall M. Brackett Tu. Hall Jo. Chancey
Greeters	B. Morse J. Mailen B&T Weeks R&T Woods	M&R Pritchett E&S Mullinax Q&J Holloway

	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Chase Sharp	Nathan Collier
Open Prayer	Jason Ledford	Miles Peeples
Song Leading	Nathan Collier	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Spencer Hall	James Barr
Communion	John Painter	Ken White

	October 12th	October 19th
Announcements	Barry Pritchett	Nathan Collier
Song Leading	David Green	Junior Jenkins
Prayer	Junior Jenkins	Ben Kingsley

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 2/29/16 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$258,150.36. "FILL A CAN" ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP.

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

Week of October 2nd	
Contribution.....	\$7279
Budget.....	\$6900
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$6890
Bible Study.....	129
AMWorship.....	213
PMWorship.....	144
Wednesday Evening.....	171

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Service Times
Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM



October 9, 2016

Religion

Religion seems to be a dirty word among those who criticize people of faith. It has been in vogue for many years to claim spirituality but a disdain for organized "religion." Unfortunately, this is often an excuse for a lack of faithfulness or a desire to avoid being under the authority of God's Word and biblically-ordained church leaders. According to James 1:26-27, false religion is indeed worthless, but genuine religion can make a tremendous difference in the world!

"If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

David L. Roper, in his Practical Christianity, asserts that pure religion defined in these two verses involves speaking (bridling the tongue), sharing (reaching out to others), and separating (remaining pure and unspotted). It is interesting to note that James does not define true religion as perfect piety, but a need for self-control and an attitude of self-sacrifice.

To be "religious," we must desire to help those in need. Many other passages echo this same sentiment:

"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
(Acts 20:35 NKJV)

"Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
(Luke 14:12-14 NIV)

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."
(Galatians 6:9-10 NKJV)

Most of us describe ourselves simply as Christians as opposed to religious people. However, through the inspired writer God has told us that we are religious, and our religion needs to be authentic. Every day, we need to ask ourselves one simple question, what am I doing to make the world a better place?



Jeff Carns, Sammy and Judy's son in law in Mississippi, is recovering well from surgery for an artificial heart. He will probably remain in the hospital at least another 7-10 days. Sammy & Judy are there as well.

David Harper, Barbara Morse's brother, has leukemia and has decided not to take any more treatment.

Marie Overton is having some health problems including an allergic reaction of some sort.

Pam Hall, Sandra Pankey's sister, remains in critical condition in Gainesville's hospital from an automobile accident. **Theodore Hall** continues to recover as well.

Bonnie Smith, Edith Hensley's sister in law, now has staph infection in her back where she had the surgery.

Bobbie Logan, a friend of many here, was released from Erlanger and on hospice. Prayers, phone calls & cards are greatly appreciated but she requests no visitors.

Barry Kingsley continues to have problems with blood pressure.

Sherry Kersey, Curtis and Shirley's daughter, is doing well after her surgery for a broken collarbone.



Congratulations to Bobbie Logan on her decision last Wednesday to be baptized into Christ.

We will be having next month's Snak-n-Yak on Sunday evening, November 13th. It is going to be centered around giving thanks for our many blessings. We hope you will invite family and friends. There will be a sign up menu.

Dr. Ralph Gilmore

Professor of Bible and Philosophy
Freed-Hardemann University

Sunday,
November 6th

"Morality & Ethics"



OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Ernestine Hall, Barbara McKee, Mary Hensley, CiCi Rivera, Eli Chastain, Burt Hinton, Carl Hinton, Bruce Stroud, Gladys Holloway, Bonnie Smith, Laura Huckabey, Phillip Johnson, Barbara McKee, Opal Corbin, Genell Cantrell, Edith Hensley, Luisa Varin, Jeremy Ferrell, Hayes Tate, Billy Teems, Glenell Fricks, Perlie Mae Sluder, David Harper, William Sparks, Bobbie Miller, Bill Miller

CANCER PATIENTS

Kathy Holloway, Dennis Nicholson, Harry Dennard, Barbara Dilbeck, Steve Sisson, Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Donald Watkins, Susie Rep, Morris Hill, Chris Watkins, John Watts

Nursing Home		Assisted Living
Eulyeen Callihan	Pauline Mullinax	Polly Cochran
Gladys Holloway	Gladys Logan	Alice Crow

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Tina Bailey - 9th
- Geneva Holloway - 9th
- Winston Pettit - 9th
- Jessica Burrell - 10th
- Edna Ralston - 10th
- Jaclyn Kingsley - 11th
- Howard Mahaffey - 11th
- Sharon Rep - 11th
- Barbara Morse - 12th
- Sawyer Thompson - 12th
- CiCi Rivera - 15th

TEACH
encourage
instruct
PRAISE
influence
GUIDE
INSPIRE

The sign up list to be a Mentor for our youth is on the bulletin board. Please indicate if you have a particular child in mind.



TODAY - **Devo at 8:00 AM** in front of the court house for Apple Festival vendors and visitors.

9th - 12th - Gospel Meeting at Adairsville with John DeBerry. Sunday 11 AM & 6 PM, Monday-Wednesday 7 PM nightly

10th - **Georgia School of Preaching class.** Taught by Bob Burt, Monday evenings through October 24th, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

11th - **Ladies Weekly Bible Class,** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

13th - **Men's Devotional,** 9:00 AM. Fellowship Hall, all men are invited and encouraged to come.

13th - **Trip Georgia Mountain Fall Festival.** Leave the building at 10:30 AM and return around 5:00 PM. Lunch in Blairsville/Hiwassee. Sign up on the board.



16th - **Devo at 8:00 AM** in front of the court house for Apple Festival vendors and visitors.

22nd - **Keeper/Providers** will have a joint working meeting, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information, call or text Judy Mailen 706-273-9043 or see John Johnson.

23rd - **Congregational Planning Day** to prepare for 2017. Everyone is encouraged to attend, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM.



23rd - **Gilmer Nursing Home Devo,** 3:00 PM

29th - **Trunk or Treat.** More information to come.



Coming in NOVEMBER...

6th - **Dr. Ralph Gilmore** will be teaching a combined morning Bible class for teens through adults, as well as bringing the morning and evening lessons on "Morality & Ethics."

Cut to the Chase....

This week, something pretty incredible happened that we really all should be thankful for. Thursday, students across the nation took part in a nationally planned day to bring their Bibles to school with them for the day. When you think about how bad things seem these days with our nation, it really is great to see some good going on through all the negativity. I know I was extremely happy to see this taking place, and I hope that all of our students took the opportunity to bring their bibles to school and be an example to their classmates around them. This started an interesting discussion in our Wednesday night class about reaching out and spreading the gospel to those around us. I made the point that Thursday would be a great opportunity to share the gospel with their classmates, especially since they would have a copy of God's word with them.

In the same way, we as adults, (although I'm probably not in this category yet) should be doing our part to spread the gospel to those in our lives. We take the time to talk about doing God's work and doing mission work, but many times we forget to think about starting right in our own communities. Just last week, we received a flyer in the mail from a group with a program deigned to do mission work in several areas across the nation. The prices for this varied from place to place, but two things stuck out to me. They were asking for \$300 to work in two areas that really hit close to home, literally. Blue Ridge and Copper Basin were both listed as areas to pay to do mission work. People are paying money to come to our backyard and do mission work. But what steps have we taken to do our part? Are we telling others about Jesus? Are we spreading the word to those around us? Are we telling his story? And if we aren't, we need to stop and really ask ourselves, why not?