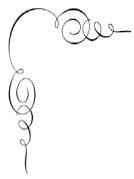


We are so glad that you are with us today! Our service will be to praise and worship God and to encourage and uplift us to face another week. We will sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16), pray (James 5:15-18), and partake of the Lord's Supper to remember our Savior's sacrifice on the cross (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 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 (#226) Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Song (#390) Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah

**Opening Prayer**

Song (#351) He Bore It All

**Partake of the Lords Supper**

Song (#589) Learning On the Everlasting Arms

Song (#699) I'll Be A Friend To Jesus

Message - "A New Journey Begins"  
Jeremy Green

Song (#453) Love Lifted Me

Song (#808) Abide With Me

**Closing Prayer**



<b>Worship Assignments</b>		
<b>Sunday Morning</b>		
	<b>December 11th</b>	<b>December 18th</b>
Announcements	Nathan Collier	Garry Rittenberry
Scripture Reading	Rylan Cochran	Will Bingham
Open Prayer	Junior Jenkins	Josh Chancey
Song Leading	Mark Pettit	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Curtis Kingsley	Mark Pettit
Head Table	John Painter	Ken White
Assist	C. Sharp Sp. Hall Tu. Hall W. Gregory L. Burton W. Bingham Q. Collier M. Hadden	M. Johnston R. Burton B. Weeks J. Ledford J. Jenkins B. Parker D. Sisson J. Barr
Usher	J. Chancey T. Rochester Br. Jones D. Bailey	J. Ralston M. Wilson M. Bailey M. Brackett
Greeters	L&B Ferrell E&S Mullinax B. Morse D. Green	Q&J Holloway G&A Chancey B&S Burkewitz
	<b>Evening</b>	<b>Evening</b>
Announcements	Nathan Collier	Garry Rittenberry
Open Prayer	James Barr	Marvin Pritchett
Song Leading	Gerald Chancey	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Chase Sharp	Brent Parker
Communion	John Painter	Ken White
	<b>December 14th</b>	<b>December 21st</b>
Announcements	Barry Pritchett	Special Service
Song Leading	John Painter	
Prayer	David Green	

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.

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Week of December 4th	
Contribution.....	\$7592
Budget.....	\$6900
Weekly Average YTD.....	<b>\$6894</b>
Bible Study.....	140
AMWorship.....	251
PMWorship.....	130
Wednesday Evening.....	162



**Elders**  
Bob Burton  
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Mark Pettit

**Deacons**  
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Rob Burton  
Josh Chancey  
Nathan Collier  
Dennis Dove  
Tim Hall  
Junior Jenkins  
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Brandon Jones  
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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



*A man once repeated a nasty piece of gossip about a friend. The news traveled, and soon everyone knew the nasty news. The man's friend was deeply hurt, not only by the untruths being said about him but by the betrayal by a friend.*

*The man who had first passed on the gossip was also wounded, wracked with guilt over the pain he had caused his friend. He approached his grandfather, a man he had always seen as very wise, and asked what he could do to set things right.*

*"Buy a chicken, and have it killed. Then on your way home, pluck its feathers and drop them along the road. When you have done this, come and see me again."*

*The man was somewhat perplexed by this advice, but he followed it anyway. The next day, he returned to his grandfather. This time he told him to go and collect all the feathers he had dropped on the road yesterday and bring them to him.*

*"But that's impossible," he said. "They'll have all blown away." "Exactly," said his grandfather, "it's easy to drop them, but it's impossible to get them back. It's the same with gossip. It doesn't take much to spread a rumor, but once you do, you can never undo the hurt. But perhaps you can ask forgiveness."*

The source of the above story is unknown, but it should resonate with each of us. James 3 discusses our inability to tame the tongue and the damage our words can do. Gossip is particularly destructive because the message is often lost in translation. A small rumor can take on a life of its own and spiral out of control very quickly. Furthermore, gossip ruins relationships. Proverbs 16:28 says that **"a gossip separates close friends,"** and we know this to be true! How many bonds have been ruined over a statement made behind someone's back or an untruth spread by a friend? More importantly, how many believers have walked away from the Church because they were wounded by something said about them by a fellow-Christian?

I found this little quote several months ago that explains how a Christian should view gossip: *"Learn this and you'll get along, no matter what your station: An ounce of keep-your-mouth-shut beats a ton of explanation."* We should all endeavor to choose our words carefully and only say things that are beneficial! God expects us to be wise with our words because of the power they have – let's all strive to live up to that expectation!

- Jeremy Green

### In our Thoughts and Prayers

**Ronnie Messer** is at home on hospice. Please keep Tina and Madison in your prayers as well. There is a link on the church website to a sign up sheet to take meals.

**Helen Stephens** will be having her elbow surgery redone the 30th.

**David Harper** is in Piedmont Jasper undergoing treatment.

**Teresa Hallah**, Chase's aunt, is undergoing a serious surgery on Monday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Wade Green** who passed away Thursday.

## Clothing Drive



The Young Professionals class is sponsoring a clothing & coat drive for Gilmer County Schools. There is a list of much needed items and sizes posted on the bulletin board. We will have boxes labeled for the items in the church office.

**If you have signed up to attend CYC in February, please confirm that you are going with Chase Sharp by Sunday evening.**



Beginning January 8, we will have a men's song leading training class. All current song leaders, and any men interested in learning to lead, are encouraged to attend. The class will be each Sunday at 4:30 P.M. and taught by Jeremy and Barry.

Thank you to everyone who completed and turned in 2017 purpose sheets. If you did not get one, please let one of the elders know.

### OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Zach Pritchett, Jeff Carns, CiCi Rivera, Ernestine Hall, Burt Hinton, Bonnie Smith, Laura Huckabay, Phillip Johnson, Jeremy Ferrell, Billy Teems, Glenell Fricks, Perlie Mae Sluder, David Harper, Bobbie Miller, Harold Shepherd, Pam Hall

### CANCER PATIENTS

Mary Hensley, Kathy Holloway, David Harper, Dennis Nicholson, Harry Dennard, Barbara Dilbeck, Steve Sisson, Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Donald Watkins, Susie Rep, Morris Hill, Chris Watkins, John Watts, Cathy Thurman Patterson, Mindy Banks, Phillip Weeks, Bobbie Miller, Terry Smith

#### Nursing Home

Eulyeen Callihan  
Pauline Mullinax  
Gladys Logan Shultz



#### Assisted Living

Polly Cochran

### 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 & Anniversaries



Ernie Hall - 11th  
Billy Joe Howard - 12th  
Wendy Jones - 13th  
Curtis Kingsley - 15th  
Diane Wilson - 16th  
Jobie Ralston - 17th  
Marlin & Karen Brackett - 15th



*A donation was made to Ellijay*

*Church of Christ in memory of*

*Pat Ledford*



TODAY - Baby Shower for Josh and Elise Wright, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

13th - Ladies Weekly Bible Study, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM



13th - Homework Club will be going to Noah's Ark. Permission forms will need to be completed.

16th - Preparing Fruit Baskets. Please see Marvin or Barry if you would like to make a monetary donation.

21st - Special Prayer/Singing service

25th - Caleb Cochran will be bringing the evening lesson.

27th - 30th - Youth going to Exposure Youth Camp. Please see Chase with any questions.

28th - Special Prayer/Singing service

Coming in January...



1st - The Elders will present the Spiritual Growth Plan for 2017.

8th - Baby Shower for Matthew and Rachel Bailey, 3:30 PM.



### Cut to the Chase

This week, it seems like we have experienced almost every season. We have gone from warm fall days to harsh winter mornings, all within a few days. It almost seems like the environment can't decide about what season we will be experiencing from week to week. At least we can be thankful about the rains we received however, and the blessings that they brought with them. At times like these, I am reminded of the cry of the world concerning the state of our global environment. We hear quite often these days about something that has been dubbed as global warming. This is a widely debated issue, and one which I will not weigh in on. The body of Christ has no use for petty disagreements amongst the brethren.

Something that my father always talked about in relation to this issue however has always stuck with me. No matter what happens, we will be ok. God has promised us that until the end of this world, the seasons will continue to change and things will go on as usual here on planet earth. We also know based on God's word that the world will not be brought down by something such as the planet's temperature being raised some. The world will end in a temperature change, although it will be quite a significant one that we won't be able to miss. God has set in motion the workings of this world, and by His will they will continue to function until the end of time. But this brings up a good point. When God makes a promise, you can rest assured that He will keep it. No promise of God has ever gone unfilled, either in the past or today. So for this week, think about and discuss some of the promises that God has made to us that we can be assured in. Talk about how God's promises affect you, and study together the promises we have from God.