

Worship Assignments		
Sunday Morning Services		
	December 20th	December 27th
<i>Announcements</i>	Quentin Holloway	Don McKee
<i>Song Leading</i>	Barry Kingsley	Barry Pritchett
<i>Open Prayer</i>	Burt Hinton	Mark Pettit
<i>Close Prayer</i>	Robert Wood	Bob Burton
<i>Head Table</i>	Bob Burton	Ken White
<i>Assist</i>	Mike Parson	Michael Kingsley
	Hollis Lowman	Ben Kingsley
	Johnny Dunaway	Andrew Kingsley
	Jackie Cochran	Reid Cochran
	Billy Weeks	Joel Pritchett
	Jack Stanley	Zach Pritchett
	Daniel Sisson	William Pettit
	Dennis Dove	Winston Pettit
<i>Usher</i>	Terry Rochester	Charles Walker
	Scott Dove	Donnie Bailey
	Charles Walker	Ross Cochran
	Reid Cochran	Russell Cochran
	Billy Green	Preston Kingsley
	Donnie Bailey	Nathan Weeks
<i>Sound Board Projector</i>	Mike Holloway	William Parker
	William Parker	Jackie Cochran
<i>Greeters</i>	K&J White	Larry Cantrell
	Juanita Bloodworth	P. Walker A. Crow
	G&B Rittenberry	M&R Pritchett
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES		
<i>Announcements</i>	Barry Pritchett	Barry Kingsley
<i>Song Leading</i>	Mark Pettit	Men
<i>Open Prayer</i>	Joby Ralston	James Barr
<i>Close Prayer</i>	James Barr	Mark Wilson
<i>Communion</i>	Bob Burton	Ken White
<i>Sound Board Projector</i>	Mike Holloway	William Parker
	William Parker	Jackie Cochran
<i>Unlock Building</i>	MONTH OF DECEMBER	MONTH OF JANUARY
<i>Lock Building</i>	Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
	David Green	Men
<i>Announcements</i>	December 23rd	December 30th
<i>Song Leading</i>	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
<i>Prayer</i>	Men	Men
<i>Sound Board Projector</i>	Men	Men
	John Painter	William Parker
	Jackie Cochran	Jackie Cochran

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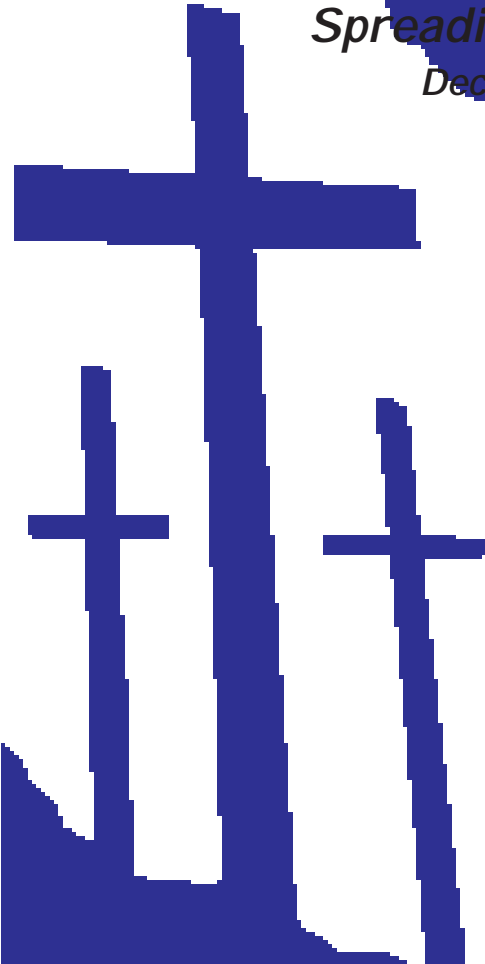
Missionary
Oliver Bembridge
Highgate, St. Mary Jamaica

Week of December 13th	
Contribution.....	\$5244
Budget.....	\$6100
Under YTD.....	\$13,382
Bible Study.....	125
AM Worship.....	161
PM Worship.....	128
Wednesday Evening.....	100

ELLIJAY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Spreading the Good News

December 20, 2009



Come as a guest, leave as a friend...

Welcome to our Visitors! You are our honored guest. We hope that you find our worship uplifting and meaningful. 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.

SERVICE TIMES

<i>Sunday Morning</i> Class.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 am	<i>Sunday Evening</i> Worship.....6 pm	<i>Wednesday Evening</i> Bible Study....7:00 pm
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or email us at office@ellijaychurchofchrist.com

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

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



Kenneth Davis continues to be under doctor's care. He is breathing better after surgery.

Edith Hensley continues to recover from pneumonia and bronchitis infection.

Lillie Scaglione, Lynn Kiser's mother, was unable to have the surgery originally planned. She is coming back to Ellijay with Lynn and will be scheduled for a different surgery after the first of the year.

Willene Cody underwent test at Duke and will begin new treatment next week.

Lupita Stephens was diagnosed with a brain tumor and will undergo a biopsy on Monday.

Hollis and Vernell Lowman are recovering from flu.

Bill Smith of Adairsville, is critical in Redmond Park Hospital in Rome.

Gail Adams continues to recover well from knee replacement surgery.

After 9 years of service on the Cemetery Committee, Joann Holloway is resigning. We say a special thank you to her for her service and welcome aboard Diane Miller. Cemetery Committee members are Marvin Pritchett, Ken White, Garry Rittenberry, Brandon Jones, Mark Wilson and Diane Miller. Any and all donations to the Ellijay Church of Christ Memorial Gardens are appreciated.

Please remember our Cancer Patients

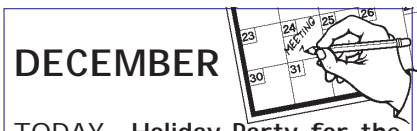
Martha Rollins, Willene Cody, Ethan Jones, Billy Stells, Emory Pankey, Wally Schmidt, Treet Tilley, Linda Beaver, Jewell Green, Laverne Dove, Lupita Stephens, Holly Mullins, Linda Hill, George Raven, Debbie Dotson, Ed Word, Roxy Pinson, Alex Doyle, Garlin Davis, Mildred Davis, Susan Logan, Homer Hefner, Rochell Griffith, Jack Milko, Kenneth Davis, Buddy Atcheson, Bobby Long (of Fannin County), JB Cochran

Others To Remember

Doyle Stanley, Jack & Eulyeen Callihan, Laura Pettit, Clay Holloway, John Bennett, Esta Cochran, Steve Braille, Jeremy Underwood, Micky Langley, Elmer LaRue, Deborah Dotson, Billy Burnette, Harold Waddell, Jason Baker, A.E. Stephens, Esta Woody, Nancy Laws, Richard Davenport, Faye Jones, Randy Rittenberry, Joe Kingsley, Joy Martin, Mike Williams, Sonny Jenkins, Donna Brumbelow, Christy Shule, Doug Knott, Mildred Gudger, Julia Lowe, Ann Mason, Mark Smith, Scott Harsh, Phil Hinton, Chuck Sisson, Dudley Maddox, Robert Jones, Keith Martin, Kristy Gray

Nursing Home Residents

Pauline Mullinax, Florence Stanley, Annette Fitch, Bonnie Conner, Dell Beaver, Eva Thurman



DECEMBER

TODAY - Holiday Party for the Van Ministry Children. We will need help with refreshments, please see the signup list on the board. 4:30pm

23rd - Special Prayer Service- Men leading

30th - Special Prayer Service - Men leading

JANUARY

3 - Elders will present Spiritual Growth Plan 2010

11th - New class from GA School of Preaching "History of the Church" with David Decker 6:30pm-8:30p.m. Each Monday night for 7 weeks.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jackie Cochran - 20th
 David Jones - 21st
 Brenda Rittenberry - 21st
 Donny Jones - 22nd
 Laurie Kay Pettit - 22nd
 Alan Hall - 26th
 Benjamin Kingsley - 26th

Curtis & Shirley Kingsley - 24th
 Lee & Joyce Lone - 24th
 Mark & Laurie Kay Pettit - 25th
 Ed & Shirley Busby - 26th

Please note the 2010 signup sheets for Snak-N-Yak and to Unlock and Lock the doors are posted on the bulletin board. We appreciate everyone who helps with these!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I have a newsletter that I receive weekly from a brother and enjoyed his sharing his thoughts about the holidays. Please take time to read it and see if you can identify with his thoughts.

I have been asked on occasions if I "celebrate" Christmas. I must admit that this time of the year has a special warmth about it. There is something special about the lights, busy shoppers, and the "holiday music." Before you brand me as a heretic let me assure you that I do not believe the Jesus was born on Christmas Day, and even if He was born in the depth of winter (which He was not), there is nothing in the Scriptures that even hints that we should "celebrate" His birthday.

It has been more than ten years since I first came across the following article. I thought it worth sharing with our readers. Unfortunately I do not have the name of the author.

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS?

The spirit of Christmas is kindness, tolerance for an unpleasant relative, allowing someone else to turn first at a busy intersection. It is smiling and saying something nice to a hurried clerk who has just been chewed out by an irate customer.

The spirit of Christmas is compassion, food for hungry people, secret gifts for needy children, and spending part of your holiday time with a lonely person in a nursing home.

The spirit of Christmas is understanding, feeling the emptiness of someone who is spending her first Christmas without a husband who died recently. It is listening to the mixed-up musings of a teenager who has gotten into trouble or reaching out to someone whose personal anguish over a lost job or divorce has him on the brink of suicide.

The spirit of Christmas is sacrifice. It is children breaking piggy banks to buy gifts for their parents. It is someone missing a party to be with the rest of the family on Christmas Eve, or someone refusing to pass an unkind judgment or choosing to forgive an insult.

It is doing something for someone who cannot repay you. It is kindness and compassion, understanding and sacrifice, and love. Not one of these is a "secular" virtue which arises naturally from humankind. They are primary spiritual qualities which have been exhibited best in this world by Jesus of Nazareth.

With all due respect to Santa Claus, he is not the one who brought us these gifts. Santa is reindeer and elves, snow and red cheeks, pretty packages and stockings from the mantle. Jesus is much, much more. Jesus was kind enough to befriend the people everyone else avoided. His compassion made him weep with Mary and Martha when the sisters' brother had died. He understood fickle Peter and questioning Thomas. He sacrificed all personal ambition and eventually his life for the sake of others. His very name is synonymous with love.

The "spirit of Christmas" did not originate with Charles Dickens or Jimmy Stewart. They merely wrote and performed the Christmas spirit in artistic settings. This special sentiment is rooted in a religious tradition which changed the world. It is produced by our imitation of the Son of God. Whatever it is you like most about this season of the year cannot be perpetuated by carrying the wallet you get under the tree or wearing the cologne someone gives you. It will endure only for those who remember the Babe of Bethlehem year round and allow him to live in their hearts.

I hope you enjoyed the article as much as I did. Let me close with a sincere wish for a Happy Holiday Season and best wishes for a Wonderful New Year.