

2016 SPIRITUAL GROWTH PLAN



ELLIJAY
CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“PRACTICING MY FAITH
EVERY DAY”**

“I will show you my faith by my works” – James 2:18

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Tate McCoy
John Painter
Barry Pritchett
Garry Rittenberry

Ministers

Jeremy Green
Butch Jones

Missionary

Michael Dunbar
Highgate, Jamaica

Dear Church Family,

Our theme for 2016 is “Practicing My Faith Every Day” based on James 2:18 and the statement “I will show you my faith by my works.” Our prayer for this year is that each of us will take this idea to heart and apply the things we learn in God’s Word in a very real, practical way. Our faith cannot be based on theoretical ideas or be given only lip service – we have to LIVE it every single day! We want to challenge each member of our family to take part in practicing our faith so that we can all grow stronger and be better examples throughout this new year.

In 2015, our family saw encouraging spiritual and numerical growth. However, we never want complacency or apathy to make its way into our family, so we have set challenging goals for 2016. **Chief among our goals is a desire to move our ministry outside the walls of the church building and be a stronger presence for Christ in our community.**

Throughout the 2016 spiritual growth plan, there are specific goals, projections, and areas of responsibility. We hope that as we review the plan each of us will find the areas where we can best use our God-given talents and abilities. 1 Corinthians 12 plainly tells us that we all have different roles and that God has placed us together just the way he desires so that the church can function to its maximum potential (1 Cor. 12:18).

We are so blessed to be part of the family here at Ellijay, and we hope that the idea of “Practicing My Faith Every Day” will encourage and challenge us all to be like Jesus and show the world who He is by the way we live. We look forward to a great 2016 together! With the Love of Christ,

Robert Burton
Curtis Kingsley
Mark Pettit
Jeremy Green
Butch Jones

“Practicing My Faith Everyday”

Goals for 2016

1. Continue initiatives to take God’s word outside the walls of the church building– **Evangelistic Outreach Ministry**
 - Conduct a minimum of 150 Bible studies with adults and youth
 - Work toward adding 20 new families
 - Reach out to members not attending and participating on a regular basis- Brothers Keeper’s program
 - Reach out to the community through an area wide event- IMPACT Youth Camp
 - Reach out to the community by having Bible studies outside the building
 - Conduct a spring gospel meeting
 - Increase CARE teams
 - Continue to make available someone to provide counseling for our families
 - Conduct outreach by assisting the community food bank
 - Develop an outreach brochure

2. Provide opportunities to expand and participate in the Education program- **Education Ministry.**
 - Provide intergenerational classes in the Education Program for all ages
 - Conduct Bible class teacher meetings
 - Schedule teacher workshops for the adult and youth education programs
 - Publish Congregational Devotional book

3. Based upon continued growth of the congregation and to meet additional space needs, continue the planning for a fellowship/ educational building–
Youth/Educational Outreach Ministry
 - Consider expanding the auditorium by providing additional seating space
 - Provide cans for change to support the planned Fellowship/Building Program
 - Encourage more members to give to the Fellowship/Building Program

4. Continue special prayer times outside of worship services– **Shepherd’s Ministry**

5. Consider the appointment of additional deacons and mentor men for the eldership- **Shepherd’s Ministry**

6. Expand our outreach to the youth community– **Youth/Education and Evangelistic Outreach Ministries**
 - Year Round Homework Club
 - Mentoring
 - Special Projects
 - Summer Reading Program
 - Involve our youth in participation and mentoring

7. Continue to support our youth in their spiritual growth and development and to expand their outreach into the community and schools --**Youth and Family Ministry**
 - Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes, youth, C-Squad
 - Utilization of social media for youth evangelism
 - Mission Trip
 - Special Events- IMPACT Youth Work Camp

8. Consider hiring a Youth and Family minister to assist in the growth of the congregation–**Youth and Family Ministry.**

9. Mentor young families and/or adults with children, including intergenerational activities & events-**Youth and Family Ministry.**

10. Average Attendance and Goals for 2011 - 2015

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Avg.	Goal
Bible Study	135	142	148	131	150	137	165
Sunday Morning Worship	200	224	233	217	240	221	255
Sunday Evening Worship	142	145	149	138	150	142	165
Wednesday Bible Study	124	137	141	128	150	138	165
Friends Day				353	360	336	400

AREAS OF SERVICE

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH.....Elder Contact: Bob Burton	Contacts
Attendance.....	Barry Pritchett, Dennis Dove, Butch Jones
Membership	
Community	
C.A.R.E. Groups	
Nursing Homes	Tom Hall
Wayward Members	Elders
Gospel Meetings/Area Wide Campaign.....	Elders
Correspondence Courses.....	Butch Jones
Media Outreach.....	Rob Burton, Jeremy Green, Ben Kingsley, Barry Kingsley Barry Pritchett
 MISSIONS OUTREACH.....Elder Contact: Bob Burton	
Jamaica	Barry Pritchett, Butch Jones
Murphy, N.C. Church of Christ.....	Elders
North Georgia Bible Camp.....	Barry Pritchett
Faulkner University.....	Butch Jones/Barry Kingsley
 ADULT EDUCATION..... Elder Contact: Curtis Kingsley	
Adult Classes.....	Richard Bohannon
Library	John Painter
Georgia School of Preaching	Elders
Summer Series	Jeremy Green, Butch Jones
Seminars/Workshops.....	Elders
 YOUTH/EDUCATION	Elder Contact: Mark Pettit
Nursery-High School	Nathan Collier, Barry Kingsley
C- Squad (through grade 6).....	Nathan Collier, Brandon Jones
Youth Grade 7- High School	Jeremy Green, Tim Hall, Jason Ledford, Ben Kingsley
V.B.S.	Barry Kingsley
Lads To Leaders	Tim Hall, Barry Pritchett
F.L.O.....	John Johnson, John Painter
 BENEVOLENCE	Contact: Elders
Member Assistance	Curtis Kingsley
Non-Member Assistance	Billy Green
AGAPE/Raintree Village.....	Butch Jones
Fruit Baskets.....	Barry Pritchett, Marvin Pritchett
Disaster Relief.....	Miles Peoples, Ken White
 EDIFICATION/FELLOWSHIP.....Elder Contact: Elders	
Snak-N-Yak	Ken White
Picnics	Ken White
Congregational Meals.....	Ken White
Family Retreats.....	Ken White, Barry Kingsley, Jeremy Green
Ladies Activities	Ladies as assigned
 WORSHIP.....Elder Contact: Curtis Kingsley	
Order of Services	Roy Walker, Barry Kingsley, Barry Pritchett, John Painter, Ken White, Garry Rittenberry, Butch Jones, Jeremy Green
Song Leading Coordinator.....	Barry Kingsley
Greeters-Ushers	Roy Walker, Clyde Cody, Greg Burrell
Worship Preparation	Roy Walker, Garry Rittenberry, Dale Hunter
 ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICE.....Elder Contact: Curtis Kingsley	
Office.....	Elders
Finances.....	Bob Burkewitz, Rob Burton, Tim Hall, George Hall
Building/Grounds Upkeep.....	John Johnson Garry Rittenberry, Jerry Cole
Building Security	Tate McCoy, John Johnson
Transportation.....	Tate McCoy, David Green
Technology.....	John Painter, Nathan Collier, William Parker, Ron Kimsey
Supplies	John Johnson, Jackie Cochran

EVANGELISM OUTREACH

(Butch Jones & Barry Pritchett)

“Practicing My Faith Every Day” is our theme for 2016 and we are asking each member to help in sharing their faith with family and friends to evangelize and reach a minimum of 20 new families this year by doing a minimum of 150 personal Bible Studies. In addition to these goals, we propose the following:

- Increase numbers of CARE Teams and encourage increased individual participation
- Encourage each member/family to invite 5 families or individuals to services during the year
- Encourage each member/family to teach or refer a minimum of 2 individuals to the ministers or trained personal work teachers for Bible studies
- Contact first time visitors to services from the local community by Tuesday following their visit
- Work with leadership and others who are willing, in striving to bring back unfaithful members (Brothers/Sisters Keeper Program)
- Explore a possible evangelistic meeting in the community at a location away from the building
- Reach out to the community through an area wide service project (Impact Youth Camp)
- Utilize a brochure we are developing to let people know about the Lord's Church through local mail delivery
- Continue to conduct worship service at the Gilmer Nursing Home as often as allowed to be scheduled
- Continue to offer Bible correspondence courses to anyone in the world, and promote through the Church's website
- Continue to stream our worship services on the church website to shut-ins and others who cannot attend in person and to post audio copies of sermons on the Church's website

These are just some of the examples of opportunities for us to help the Ellijay Church to achieve our evangelistic goals for 2016.

MISSION OUTREACH

(Butch Jones & Barry Pritchett)

Continue to support the following missions:

- Highgate, Jamaica
- Roy Stephenson, Murphy, North Carolina
- Faulkner University Bible Department
- North Georgia Bible Camp

ADULT EDUCATION

(Richard Bohannon)

All Christians should be interested in:

- Studying the Bible, God's word, including personal study and attending Bible classes during scheduled times with the congregation
- Bible classes are taught for all ages by knowledgeable, dedicated, qualified teachers
- Parents should attend Bible classes and bring their children
- Encourage adults without children in the home to be in one of the different classes available on Sundays, Wednesdays, and other scheduled times, including the Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies classes

Adult Bible Class Schedule (Draft)
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Sunday Morning					
Location	Teachers	Winter Dec - Feb	Spring Mar - May	Summer June - Aug	Fall Sept - Nov
Auditorium	Miles Peeple Mark Pettit	Mark	Mark	Luke	Luke
Fellowship Hall 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , & 5 th	Richard Bohannon John Johnson Ken White	The Spiritual Sword	FLEX Study	OT Survey	OT Survey
Fellowship Hall Combined 4 th	Richard Bohannon Jeremy Green	Topical Study	Topical Study	Topical Study	Topical Study
Fellowship Hall II 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , & 5 th	Jeremy Green	Selected Topics	Genesis I	Genesis II	Selected Topics
Foyer	Butch Jones	First Principles (Jan)	Acts	John	John
Tuesday Morning					
Fellowship Hall (Ladies Class)	Gail Adams, Cleah Boaz Judy Mailen	Heirlooms: Bible Keepsakes, New and Old	Heirlooms: Bible Keepsakes, New and Old	No classes during the summer	TBD
Men's Dev/Projects	Richard Bohannon Curtis Kingsley	Devo/Projects 2 nd & 4 th Thurs 9a.m.	Devo/Projects 2 nd & 4 th Thurs 9 a.m.	No classes during the summer	Devo/Projects 2 nd & 4 th Thurs 9 a.m.
Wednesday Evening					
Auditorium	Mark Pettit Jeremy Green	II Timothy/Titus (M. Pettit)	Philippians (M. Pettit)	Summer Series James 2:18	James (J. Green)
Reception Area	Butch Jones	Grief/Support	Personal Evangelism Library	Summer Series	Grief/Support
Foyer	Curtis Kingsley Lloyd Ferrell	Proverbs	Proverbs	Summer Series	Daniel
Fellowship Hall II	Richard Bohannon	I Kings	I Kings/II Kings	Summer Series	II Kings
Library	Miles Peeple	Study of the Prophets	Study of the Prophets	Summer Series	Study of the Prophets
Georgia School of Preaching					
Fellowship Hall		(Mar – May) S. Harp “Evangelism”	(Mar – May) S. Harp “Evangelism”	Summer Series James 2:18	(Sept-Oct) D. Decker “Between the Testaments”

For additional information contact Richard Bohannon

LIBRARY

(John & Jennifer Painter)

Great resources are available in the library. Please use these resources in your study of the Lord's word.

- Available Resources
 - Online Card Catalog is available via 2 sources:
 - From the Church Library Website <http://elijaycoc.mysurpass.net> which is linked from the church website under the "Resources" menu.
 - From the **Library Trek** app (available in the Android Play Store and the Apple App Store) ***Please see Jennifer with questions**
 - Laptop for online research and for searching the online card catalog
 - Projector checkout for use in the fellowship hall or classrooms as needed
 - Religious DVD movies
 - Bible Commentaries
 - Religious Books for ALL ages: Children, Teens, and Adults
 - Audio CDs of Polishing the Pulpit speakers (men and women)
 - Many non-religious fiction books
- Plans
 - Continue updates of patrons in library computer, print, and laminate library cards
 - Put more materials into library computer for circulation
 - Inform church members of library materials through PowerPoint and Email
 - Host a minimum of two Get-To-Know training sessions in the library
 - Plan and Oversee the Youth Summer Reading Program

LADIES

(Judy Mailen & Katrina Kingsley)

The goals of the Ladies Ministry are to get the ladies of the church more involved in visiting, ministering, and outreach (both within our family and outside in the community).

In the upcoming year, we hope to:

- Plan a ladies retreat for all adult ladies for encouragement and growth
- Encourage those not attending ladies class to become involved
- Encourage women to grow in service to the church

The Ladies Ministry includes:

- A Tuesday morning class from September through May
- Food ministry for church family needs and funerals
- Grading and mailing of Bible correspondence courses
- Preparation of communion bread
- Preparation and distribution of handouts for visitors
- Collection of children's clothes
- Conduct Wednesday evening ladies Bible class (Fall Quarter)
- Other selected projects as needed

CHILDREN/YOUTH EDUCATION

(Nathan Collier, Barry Kingsley)

PRE-K THROUGH 12TH GRADE

The Youth Education program is very important in the development of children's Christian lives.

- Teach children of all ages the importance of studying the Bible
- Teach younger children Bible basics that will serve as building blocks as they grow older
- Teach teens how to use their knowledge of the Bible to handle situations they are faced with on a daily basis
- Encourage parents to be involved in their children's education and see that their child participated in all activities that are planned
- Provide opportunities for children to fellowship with other young Christians
- Promote an atmosphere of togetherness among children, young and old
- Encourage youth to use Facebook and other social media to reach out to their friends to know more about God's word

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Psalms 127:3 - Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

YOUTH

7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE

(Jeremy Green, Tim Hall, Jason Ledford, Ben Kingsley)

The youth group is made up of students from 7th to 12th grade.

Youth Goals and Activities for 2016:

- Participate in classes and activities that build and develop Christian attitudes, knowledge, and comradery
- Hold devotionals at church members' homes
- Host Annual Georgia Back to School Night
- Maintain youth bulletin board to keep the congregation informed of youth news
- Use social media to announce and share youth events
- Encourage youth to participate in the scheduled family lectureship
- Schedule a graduation luncheon honoring our graduates
- Conduct scheduled worship services at the building and other locations
- Conduct a youth rally in September with assistance from Faulkner University students
- Encourage youth to participate in special workshops, camp and other teaching events

C- SQUAD
(Nathan Collier, Brandon Jones)

C-Squad (Christian – Squad) Grades K to 6th

FUSS

Fun

- Participate in FUN activities throughout the year!

Unity

- Participate in joint activities with Youth group
- Reach out to “older” members to develop relationships
- Nurture friendship and outreach within the C-Squad

Spiritual Growth

- Conduct quarterly devotionals & singing
- Teach children new youth and worship songs
- Help develop leaders within the C-Squad
- Encourage personal spiritual development outside of worship times

Service

- Seek opportunities to help and encourage older members
- Seek opportunities to help in the worship service and Bible classes
- Seek opportunities to help the hungry and needy of the community

Faith & Love Outreach (FLO)
(John Johnson, John Painter)

Faith & Love Outreach was organized in the spring of 2014 as a means to lead young souls to Christ, by identifying and meeting their spiritual, physical and educational needs. The van kids are heavily involved in this outreach, but it is open to any youth within our church family or community. Program includes:

- Year Round Homework Club- currently averaging 23 students per session
- Mentoring
- Summer Reading Program
- Special Projects
- Encourage more adults to participate

LADS TO LEADERS
(Tim Hall, Barry Pritchett)

Lads To Leaders is the oldest and largest leadership training program used by the churches of Christ.

- Develops young people's abilities
- Prepares youth for service in the Kingdom of God
- Takes the whole congregation to make it work. Youth, parents, teachers, mentors
- Offers a variety of Bible-based materials for all ages
- Youth can pick from around 40 events/projects to work on that covers a wide range of interests
- Teaches our youth to be Leaders
- Look at the talents developed with God's help in our youth
- Encourage all youth in the congregation to participate

CAMP WETOGA
(Barry Pritchett)

Then Ellijay congregation was involved in the organization and development of the North Georgia Bible Camp, which began in 1969. It was later renamed to Camp Wetoga in 1983. The Camp continues to expand and offer additional activities and training for youth by the different congregations of the church in North Georgia. Some of the activities that have been accomplished by the camp are listed below:

- Over 1200 baptized into Christ since its beginning in 1969
- Most young people from area churches are baptized at camp
- Thousands have asked for prayers during their week of camp
- Great environment for youth to find their inner self away from worldly distractions
- Thousands of lifelong friendships made
- Over 30 marriages from couples meeting at camp
- Rekindles the fire in many of our young people
- A great place to be spiritually uplifted
- Encourage more youth to participate and assist in serving at Camp

We hope to have a minimum of 15 youth to attend a summer camp session along with a minimum of 5 adults to volunteer as camp workers.



January 8	L2L Lock-in (6PM-9PM)
January 10	Youth Winter Series – Ellijay Hosting
February 5	L2L Lock-in (6PM-9PM)
February 12	2nd Annual Dinner Theater/ Talent Show
February 14	Youth Winter Series - Adairsville
March 4	L2L Lock-in (6PM-9PM)
March 25-27	Lads to Leaders Convention – Atlanta GA
April 16-17	Stone Mountain – Combined Activity (University CoC, Montgomery)
June 2-5	Vanguard Preaching Camp – Faulkner University
June 5-10	Backwoods Christian Camp
June 12-17	Week one Camp WETOGA
June 19-24	Week two Camp WETOGA
July 10-14	IMPACT Work Camp – Ellijay Hosting
July 22-24	AIM Conference – Faulkner University
August 14	North Georgia Back to School Youth Night – Ellijay Hosting
August 27	Back to School Cookout
September 10	Vanguard Youth Rally and Apple Barn Cookout
October 29	Trunk or Treat
November 12	Fall Festival
December	Christmas activity
December 27-30	Exposure Youth Camp



January 8	L2L Lock-in 6PM-9PM
January 16	Skyzone
February 5	L2L Lock-in 6PM-9PM
February 12	Annual Dinner/Talent show (for senior couples, with youth)
March 4	L2L Lock-in 6PM-9PM
March 20	Easter Egg Hunt – ETC Pavilion (after AM services)
March 25- 27th	L2L Convention
April 9	Cherokee Valley Ranch
May 14	Picnic & Hike at Fort Mountain
May 29– 1	VBS
June 10	Friday Night Game Night (for everyone)
July 8	Lake Winnie (dress code for swimsuits)
August 5	Teacher Appreciation Dinner
August 14	Back to School Youth Night
September 10	Youth Rally + Pritchett Farm Hayride
October 26	Trunk or Treat
October 29	Pumpkin Carving
November 12	Fall Festival
December 4	Make & Deliver Christmas Cookies - Caroling
December 10	Christmas Party

We will have Quarterly Devotionals & Service Projects. Events, dates and times are subject to change. Contact Nathan Collier if you have any questions or suggestions.

BENEVOLENCE

(Billy Green)

The mission of the Benevolence Ministry is to provide assistance for families in need.

- Provide food or clothing
- Assist with rent, utilities
- Assistance is provided to church families as well as those in the community
- Provide assistance to Georgia AGAPE and Raintree Village Christian Home
- To assist with family emergency needs in Ellijay, Gilmer County

Financial support given to local families in 2015 was over \$32,593.00 thru December 31, 2015. This includes:

- \$16,500.00 to members
- \$14,254.00 to non members
- \$1,839.00 in Food Lion Gift Cards

DISASTER RELIEF

(Miles Peebles & Ken White)

DISASTER RELIEF OUTSIDE THE USA

To provide assistance when disasters occur

- Give money to Healing Hands International
- Seek to find a supporting congregation in the USA and see what can be done through them

DISASTER RELIEF WITHIN THE USA

- Give money to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
- Contact the lead congregation in the city or cities affected to see if there are any special needs we may be able to meet

DISASTER RELIEF IN GILMER COUNTY

- Contact immediately Churches of Christ Disaster Relief
- Remind the Police and County Sheriff Departments, as well as the Fire Department, there are emergency supplies at the building of the Ellijay Church of Christ
- Hand out emergency supplies and help in other ways as we are able
- Research the possibility of using the church building for members who may need it during a disaster

EDIFICATION/FELLOWSHIP

(Garry & Brenda Rittenberry, Ken & JoAnna White, Barry & Katrina Kingsley)

Planned Fellowship Events for families to build one another up in service to the Lord.

Family events planned for 2016:

- Monthly Fellowship Meals (Snak-N-Yak)
- Men & Ladies Prayer Meeting 2/28
- Family Retreat Water Tower Restaurant 2/26-2/27
- Family & Friends Luncheon 4/24
- Labor Day Picnic 9/5
- Cookout & Hayride Pritchett Farm 9/10
- Veteran's Day Service 11/6
- Holiday Party Fellowship Hall 12/2
- Other Special Events

WORSHIP

(Elders)

WORSHIP/FOYER ASSIGNMENTS

(Roy Walker, Garry Rittenberry, Clyde Cody, Dale Hunter, Greg Burrell, Alan Hall, Jerry Cole)

Inform men and youth who are scheduled to lead and assist with the worship services of the congregation and assign substitutes when needed.

This Ministry is a vital part of the Ellijay church. Greeters and Ushers serve an important role in greeting people on a person-to-person basis when they first arrive at the church building.

- Assist and greet outside front door
- Greet and welcome and hand out bulletins
- Direct visitors to ushers to be seated
- Direct children and adults to classes and nursery
- Assign ushers
- Collect attendance cards
- Oversee communion setup
- Count and record number present
- Serve communion in nursery and children's bible class
- Staff foyer at all times
- Communion cleanup and setup for evening services

Emphasize more focus on those we are serving.

- Host "Best Practice" training session/luncheon January 17th
- Implement procedures learned in training session

Greeter Coordinators: Quentin Holloway, Jerry Cole

Assist with Greeting: Ernestine Hall, Edith Hensley, Pat Ledford

Greeters: As assigned

Ushers Coordinator: Clyde Cody, Greg Burrell

Emergency: Jackie Cochran, Jessica Cochran, Brenda Rittenberry, Teresa Weeks

Attendance Cards: Diane and Vercel Miller, Brent and Sandra Parker

ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICES

FINANCES

(Bob Burkewitz, Rob Burton, Tim Hall, George Hall)

Contributions to provide for the growth and building up of the Lord's church in Ellijay.

FINANCE GOALS:

- Achieve average contribution goal of \$6900 per week
- Maintain up to date records of church financial activities
- Provide leadership and members with a monthly report of all church income and expenses
- Provide timely deposit of weekly contributions
- Receive and deposit special contributions and disburse in a timely manner
- Provide timely payment of church bills
- Provide each member with an itemized report of their tax-deductible contributions for the year
- Continue to encourage more members to contribute to the Building Fund in order to construct a New Fellowship/Education Building

BUILDING AND GROUNDS
(John Johnson, Jerry Cole, Garry Rittenberry)

May we use the building to assist in the growth and building of the Lord's church in Ellijay.

- Maintain and care for the building and grounds
- Plan to renovate the auditorium to accommodate future growth
- Plan to build a multi-purpose fellowship/education building based upon adequate funds
- Encourage members to contribute to the building fund
- Build a partition in the Fellowship Hall to minimize the noise of the refrigerator and ice machine.
- Paint hallways in the new building

TECHNOLOGY

(John Painter, William Parker, Nathan Collier, Kelly Cochran, Pam Hall, Jeremy Green, Zach Pritchett, Barry Pritchett,
Barry Kingsley Ron Kimsey)

The use of technology includes providing the following services and resources for the congregation.

•Church Website

- Church contact information, worship times, and directions
- Leadership Information: Elders, Deacons, and Ministers
- Ministry Information: Lads to Leaders, Camp Wetoga, Faith & Love Outreach, etc.
- Audio sermon database: Searchable by keyword, speaker, and more
- Special Events are advertised under the "Upcoming Events" section of the homepage
- Online membership directory including birthdays, addresses, phone numbers, etc. (Accessible to members only)
- Archive of church bulletins

•Facebook

There are 2 types of group pages, Public and Closed.

- A public page is viewable by anyone on the internet.
- A closed page is only visible to Facebook users that have had their Facebook account added to the list of users for that page.

- **Ellijay Church of Christ** page (Public) - This resource is used to provide an easy to use online photo album for all of our church activities AND to advertise upcoming events and news about our congregation to the community.

- **Ellijay COC Youth** page (Closed) - used to communicate all news, activities, and updates pertaining to the youth group.

- **Ellijay Church of Christ Young Professionals** page (Closed) - used to communicate news, activities, and updates pertaining to the members of the Young Professionals class.

- **ECOC L2L** page (Closed) - used to communicate news, activities, and updates pertaining to the Lads to Leaders program.

• Mobile Apps (available for Android and Apple smart phones)

- **Facebook** – A social media app available to access the Facebook pages listed above

- **Twitter** – A microblog social media app. Search for "ellijaycoc"

- **Instagram** – A photo sharing social media app. Search for "ellijaychurchofchrist"

- **Ustream** – A live stream and video sharing app. Search for "Ellijay Church of Christ" to view the live stream and past recordings.

• Other Technology

- Announcements, songs, scriptures, and sermon Power Points are projected prior to and during worship
- Mass Email messages are sent to members with Email addresses in our online membership database
- Automatic phone call system is used when needed for emergency notifications, news, and reminders

• Recording and Streaming

- All sermons are recorded in audio format and archived by month on CDs (copies are available on CD by request using the sign-up list on the Love Board)

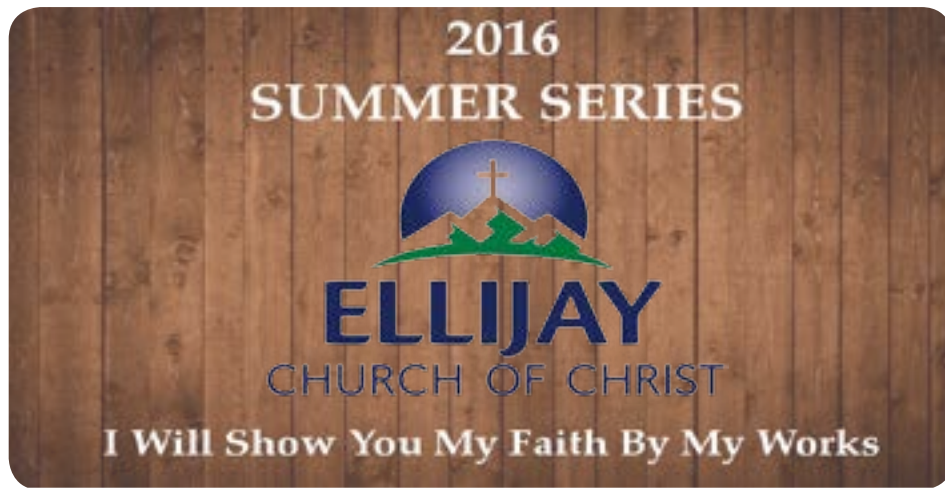
- The worship services and sermons are streamed using Ustream and are available live and archived for later viewing

• General Support

- Ministers, Library, Office, and Sound Room computer support and maintenance

- Wireless access point maintenance

- Internet filtering configuration for entire network



Practicing My Faith Every Day Means...

- June 1 – *“My Faith is the Foundation of My Life”* Mike Gurganus, Ringgold Church of Christ, Ringgold, GA
- June 8 – *“My Faith is the Foundation of My Home”* Randy Medlin, University Church of Christ, Montgomery, AL
- June 15 – *“Christ is at the Center of My Marriage”* Letson McCoy, Thomaston Road Church of Christ, Macon, GA
- June 22 – *“I Learn to Manage Conflict in My Home”* Brian Collins, Central Church of Christ, Dalton, GA
- June 29 – *“I Strive to Imitate Jesus”* David Lipe, Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, Knoxville, TN
- July 6 – *“My Faith Triumphs Over My Fears”* Harold Savage, Snellville Church of Christ, Snellville, GA
- July 13 – *“I Reach Outside My Comfort Zone to Help My Fellow Man”* Andrew Thompson, Rose Hill Church of Christ, Columbus, GA
- July 20 – *“I Evangelize in My Community”* Greg Nance, Signal Mountain Church of Christ, Signal Mountain, TN
- July 27 – *“I Evangelize Abroad”* Scott Harp, Buford Church of Christ, Buford, GA
- August 3 – *“I Seek to Find My Place in the Church”* Jeff Archey, Eastside Church of Christ, Cleveland, TN
- August 10 – *“I Practice the Things I Preach”* Kelvin Teamer, Bouldercrest Church of Christ, Atlanta, GA
- August 17 – *“I Love Without Reservation”* Andrew Kingsley, Asheville Road Church of Christ, Leeds, AL
- August 24 – *“My Faith is Not Shaken by the Changing Culture Around Me”* Michael Whitworth, Keller Church of Christ, Dallas, TX
- August 31 – *“I Accept Change and Still Stand for the Truth”* Ralph Gilmore, Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ACTIVITIES 2016

JANUARY			
3rd.....	Growth Plan to Congregation	JULY	
8th.....	L2L Lock-in 6:00 PM-9:00 PM	4th.....	View Fireworks from back parking lot and tailgating
10th.....	Area Wide Winter Series, 5:00 PM	1st-11th...	Jamaica Campaign
17th.....	Greeter/Usher Workshop, following AM service	10th-14th...	IMPACT Work Camp/Elijah
24th.....	Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Coordinators; 4:30 PM	17th.....	Special Prayer Service, 5:00 PM
24th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service	24th.....	Elders, Deacons, Minister & Coordinators mtg.
31st.....	Mike Williams, President Faulkner University PM Service	24th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service
FEBRUARY			
5th.....	L2L Lock-in 6:00 PM-9:00 PM	AUGUST	
7th.....	Snak-n-Yak/C.A.R.E. Team Orientation	14th.....	North Georgia Back to School Youth Night
12th.....	2nd Annual Dinner Theater/Talent Show	19th-25th...	Polishing the Pulpit/Sevierille
14th.....	Area Wide Youth Meeting at Adairsville	27th.....	Back to School Cookout
26th-27th...	Family Retreat - Water Tower Rest.	28th.....	Youth in Charge of P.M. Service
28th.....	Men and Ladies Prayer Meeting, 5:00 PM	31st.....	Summer Series Ends
28th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service		
28th-3rd.....	Faulkner Lectureship	SEPTEMBER	
		1st-3rd.....	AIM Conference/Faulkner
MARCH		5th.....	Labor Day Picnic (ETC Pavilion)
4th.....	L2L Lock-in 6:00 PM-9:00 PM	10th.....	Youth Rally, Hayride, Cornerstone with Faulkner Students
6th.....	Snak-N-Yak	12th.....	Georgia School of Preaching Class Begins
12th.....	Northwest Georgia Men's Training Day	25th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service
13th.....	Daylight Savings Time begins		
14th.....	Georgia School of Preaching class begins	OCTOBER	
20th.....	Young Men in charge of evening service	2nd.....	Snak-N-Yak
25th-27th..	Lads to Leaders	22nd.....	Fall Festival (Rochester's)
27th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing Service	24th.....	Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Coordinators Mtg.
		24th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service
APRIL		26th.....	C-Squad Trunk or Treat
10th.....	Special Prayer Service Men and Ladies, 5:00 PM		
23rd.....	Work Day	NOVEMBER	
24th.....	Friends Day	6th.....	Daylight Saving Time Ends
24th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service	6th.....	Special Prayer Service, 5:00 PM
24th.....	Elders, Deacons, Minister & Coordinators Mtg.	6th.....	Veterans Day Service
		13th.....	Congregational Planning Day
MAY		20th.....	Annual Thanksgiving Appeal for GA AGAPE
1st-4th.....	Gospel Meeting with Alan Highers, Editor, Spiritual Sword	23rd.....	Special Prayer/Singing Service
8th.....	Mothers Day	27th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service
8th.....	Annual Raintree Children's Home Appeal		
22nd.....	Graduation Luncheon	DECEMBER	
22nd.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service	2nd.....	Congregational Holiday Party
29th-1st.....	VBS	10th.....	C-Squad Christmas Party
		16th.....	Prepare Fruit Baskets
JUNE		21st.....	Special Prayer/Singing Service
1st.....	Summer Series begins	25th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service
2nd-5th...	Vanguard Preaching Camp- Faulkner	29th-1st.....	Exposure- Huntsville, Alabama
5th.....	Snak-N-Yak		
5th-10th.....	Backwoods Christian Camp		
12th.....	Fathers Day/1st week of Camp Wetoga		
19th.....	2nd week of Camp Wetoga		
26th.....	4th Sunday Night Singing service		