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).

How to Become a Christian

Hear the Gospel (Rom. 10:17)

Believe in Jesus (Eph. 2:8-9; Heb. 11:6; John 8:24)

Repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 17:30)

Confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 8:38; 1 Pet. 3:21)

Then, Live Faithfully (Rev. 2:10)

Order of Worship

Welcome

Song (#144) O Worship the King

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 9:6

Song (#PP) Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Opening Prayer

Song (#387) Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Partake of the Lords Supper

Contribution

Song (#768) Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Song (#83) God Is So Good

Scripture Reading - Matthew 18:3

Song (#587) Sing and Be Happy

Message - "The Perfect Christiam"

Spencer Hall

Song (#180) Jesus Is Lord

Elders' Closing Comments and Prayer

Tim Hall

Song (#15) Step By Step

Closing Prayer

Worship Assignments

	December 22nd	***December 29th***
Scripture Reading	Titus Maxwell	Quinn Collier
Open Prayer	Richard Bohannon	Tim Hall
Song Leading	Tucker Hall	Barry Kingsley
Head Table	Rob Burton	Curtis Kingsley
Elder Closing	Tim Hall	Mark Pettit
Assist	C. Scarbrough, J. Ledford Ry. Cochran, J. Maxwell Ru. Cochran, J. Ralston T. Hall, J. Barr	R. Holloway T. McCoy C. Scarbrough R. Wood J. Cole T. Rochester TJ. Painter M. Johnston
Usher	L. Burton W. Teague Ja. Cochran	Ru. Cochran Ry. Cochran K. Wiggins
Greeters	E&S Mullinax G&A Chancey	Q&J Holloway J&S Jenkins
Nursery	Abby Chancey	Jen Oleksa
	Evening	***Evening***
Open Prayer	Robert Wood	Mike Linkous
Song Leading	Singing Service	Barry Pritchett
Close Prayer	Caelan Scarbrough	Landon Burton
Communion	Rob Burton	Curtis Kingsley
	December 25th	***December 1st***
Song Leading	Special Prayer	Special Prayer
Prayer	and Singing Service	and Singing Service
Devo		

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Laurie Kay Pettit - 22nd
Ginny Barr - 26th
Alan Hall - 26th
Matt Hill - 27th

Mark & Arlene Johnston - 22nd (50TH!!)
Curtis & Shirley Kingsley - 24th
Mark & Laurie Kay Pettit - 25th
Larry & Glenda Eller = 28th

Phoebe Dunn, the family counselor, will be available again Sunday, January 5th, 2020. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please feel free to call, text, or leave a message with her directly at 334-398-1310.

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

Week of December 15th

Bible Study	138
AM Worship	253
PM Worship	263
Wednesday Evening	131

CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS

	OFFERING	E-GIVING	TOTAL
Dec 1	7,944.03	2,425.00	10,369.03
Dec 8	7,169.00	1,150.00	8,319.00
Dec 15	5,706.17	1,170.00	6,876.17
Dec 22			
Dec 29			
Total $:	**20,819.20**	**4,745.00**	**25,564.20**

Weekly	BUDGET	Y-T-D	DECEMBER
Average	**$ 8,000.00**	**7,967.19**	**8,521.40**

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Prayer Requests

John Stephens is under hospice care and not doing well at this time.

Zach Pritchett remains very sick and will see a new doctor soon.

Lori Morrow, Lloyd and Betty's daughter, has serious health problems.

Ernestine Hall continues to have back issues.

Luke Crump has been released from the hospital and is undergoing therapy.

Jaxon Wilson was recently diagnosed with strep.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

Ralph Chancey Polly Cochran Geneva Holloway Jaque Holloway
Pauline Mullinax Gladys Shultz Perlie Mae Sluder

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Reid Cochran, Andrew Edmondson, Michael Gregory, Corey Henry, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Wayne Jones, Dillan Ledford, Jacob Mahaffey, Wilson Pettit, CJ Reid, Frankie Silva, Eric Spisak, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw

This week's daily Bible reading:

DECEMBER

22nd.....Hebrews 7-10
23rd.....Hebrews 11-13
24th.....2 Timothy
25th.....2 Peter; Jude
26th.....1 John
27th.....2 John; 3 John
28th.....Revelation 1-5

Events Calendar

TODAY - **Spencer Hall** will be bringing the lesson for the morning service; evening will be **worship in songs.**

TODAY - **Purpose Financial Giving** sheets handed out. Please be planning your contributions for 2020

25th - **Special Prayer/ Singing Service**

27th - 30th - **Exposure Youth Camp**

31st - **New Year's Eve Family Game Night in the fellowship hall at 7 PM.** We will play games and sing in the new year. Bring snacks and drinks but eat dinner before you come.

Coming in January

5th - **Spiritual Growth Plan** will be presented.

10th-11th - Leadership Retrerat

12th - Snak-n-Yak Teacher Appreciation, early service

Cancer Patients

Carolyn Howard, Tom Hall, John Stephens, Billy Stells, Joann Lucas, Cathy Thurman, Ricky Patterson, Linda Vercher, Abby Collins, Charles Derrick

Others to Remember

David Green, Eric Hedden, Julius Jones, Genell Cantrell, Lori Morrow, Jason White, Abel Robinson, Betty Hall, Lisa Huffman, Joyce Butler, Zach Pritchett, George & Ernestine Hall, Lynn Coleman, Doris Davis, Brenda Price, Anita Tucker, Dianna Burnette, Jody Sales, Cathy Johnson, Blanch Raines

She's headed out of town, but before she goes we are throwing her a party to let her know how much she will be missed.

Join us to say farewell to

Morgan Painter

Tonight after church in the fellowship hall.

Morgan is moving to Lancaster PA to be a student at the Sight & Sound Conservatory at Sight & Sound Theater.

Church Office Holiday Hours

December 23rd	9 am - 3 pm
24th-26th	Closed
27th	9 am - 12 pm
31st	9 am - 12 pm
January 1st	Closed
2nd - 3rd	9 am - 3 pm

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board to attend and encourage the Hiawassee congregation. Please sign up!

"So encourage each other to build each other up, just as you are already doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Upcoming Youth and C-Squad Activities

27th-30th - Exposure Youth Camp

31st - New Year's Eve Family Game Night

Green Clippings

Merry Christmas! We are sad to be away today but excited to be celebrating the holidays with our families. When we first moved to Ellijay, I always said we were going "home" when we traveled to see family, but I can honestly say that this is our home, and we love living in the beautiful mountains of North Georgia. More importantly, you guys have made this feel like our home, and we have grown to love each member of our amazing, loving church family. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the so many ways you have blessed our growing little family. For those that may have missed it on social media, daughter number two is going to be named Nora, and we cannot wait for her arrival in April!

In our Wednesday night class with the teenagers, we are studying through Hebrews using a series of videos and class discussions. Last week, we were in chapter two, and I was reminded of one of my favorite texts of the entire book. In verses 14-18 the writer says, ***"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason, he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."***

As the world celebrates the incarnation of Jesus this week, we remember that he became flesh so that he could sympathize with our struggles and then lay down his life. We serve a Lord who knows our fears and anxieties, as well as our joy and happiness. He not only sacrificed his physical life, he temporarily sacrificed his deity so he could comfort us in our weaknesses. Verse 1 of that same chapter says, "We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away." The message of Christ is a daily reminder of what has been done for us so that we can hang on for dear life, knowing that our Lord loves us! This is the reason for every season and the motivation to serve him every day! I pray that everyone has a blessed week!

Thanks to all who helped with the dinner Sunday night and for all who assisted with the bilingual service. We especially want to thank John and Ann Johnson and the rest of the Homework Club volunteers for their hard work and service.

We also want to thank everyone who stayed to help celebrate Curtis Kingsley's 80th birthday. We are truly a blessed church family.

The Elders

Susan and I would like to wish each and every one a joyous and merry Christmas! This is the 40th Christmas that we have celebrated with the family here at Ellijay. God has richly blessed us, and we hope that during this time of celebration that each one will pause and return thanks to the greatest gift giver that could ever be imagined. One of my favorite scriptures is found in 2 Corinthians 9:15, ***"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."***

The work in Hiawassee continues to be blessed. We had 22 present this past Lord's Day. It was great to see David Green and Jim Welch with us. I hope that you will make plans to come and visit soon. Please keep the family in Hiawassee in your prayers!

Sermon Notes