

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 - Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Song - Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Scripture Reading - Ephesians 3:14-21 - Barry Kingsley

Song - Now to Him

Prayer - Junior Jenkins

Song - What the Lord Has Done in Me

Partake of the Lords Supper - Rob Burton

Contribution - Rob Burton

Song - Redeemed

Scripture Reading - Job 19:23-27 - Curtis Kingsley

Song - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Message - "I Know" - Jeremy Green

Announcements - Mark Pettit

Song - When He Comes in Glory By and By

Closing Prayer - Mark Pettit

Worship Assignments

May 3rd

May 10th

Scripture Reading
Open Prayer
Song Leading
Head Table
Elder Closing

Online
Service

Online
Service

Assist

Usher

Greeters

Sound Room

Nursery

Evening

Evening

Open Prayer
Song Leading
Close Prayer
Communion

Online
Service

Online
Service

May 6th

May 13th

Song Leading
Prayer
Devo

Online
Service

Online
Service


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

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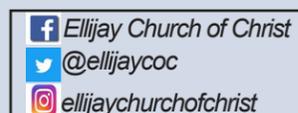
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sybil Norton - 3rd
Tito Mendez - 4th
Samantha Hill - 7th
Angie Stephens - 7th
Mark Stephens - 7th

Eddy & Kim Mulkey - 6th

Phoebe Dunn, the family counselor, is available the first Sunday of each month. 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 April 26th

Bible Study..... Online Service
AM Worship..... Online Service
PM Worship..... Online Service
Wednesday Evening..... Online Service

CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS

	CHECKS	CASH	E-GMING	TOTAL
April 5th	6,110.00		4,984.00	11,094.00
April 12th	2,600.00	427.00	3,380.00	6,407.00
April 19th	2,600.00	250.00	3,190.00	6,100.00
April 26th	1,760.00		3,445.00	5,205.00
Total \$:	13,130.00	677.00	14,999.00	28,806.00

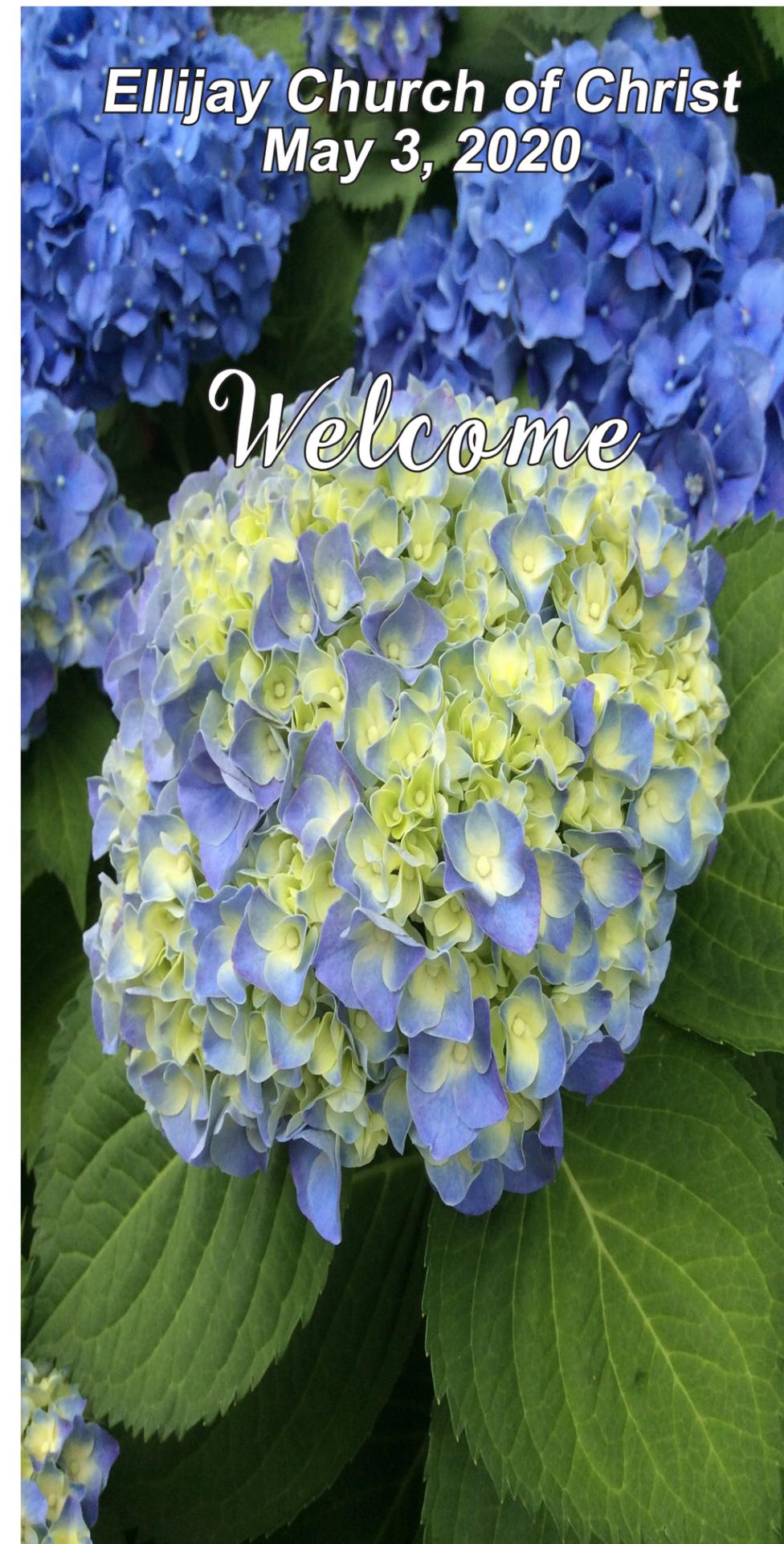
WEEKLY AVERAGES

BUDGET	Y-T-D	APRIL
\$8,100.00	\$7,611.60	\$7,201.50

Let Us Rise Up and Build
Donations and transfers to the Building and Growth Fund for the Fellowship Hall Expansion through 01/31/2020 total \$463,340.95. Please continue to donate. Thanks for your continued donations.

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Prayer Requests

Dale Hunter is in Emory Hospital in critical but stable condition with COVID-19. **Angie and Whitney** also tested positive for the coronavirus but are at home and doing better. **Mark Stephens** as well as **Romario Ramirez** are also quarantined due to the virus. **Sandra Bohannon** is recovering from a heart cath. **Carolyn Howard** continues to receive chemo every two weeks. **Karla Green** continues to recover from surgery. Clyde Cody's aunt, **Barbara Mabry**, is back at home and doing better. **Roger Winslett** from Piedmont Road, continues to recovering from a stroke. **Don Dilbeck** of McCaysville's congregation is doing much better!

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

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

Cancer Patients

Tim Jones, Carolyn Howard, Tom Hall, Billy Stells, Joann Lucas, Cathy Thurman, Ricky Patterson, Linda Vercher, Abby Collins, Charles Derrick, Cindy Setlock

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

Others to Remember

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

Devotional and Memory Verse May 3rd

"but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

Hebrews 3:13

We welcome Caleb, Kristen, Elijah, Alex, Abby, Zeke and Luke Sampson to the Ellijay Church of Christ! Caleb will be working as our Family and Youth Minister. He, Kristen and their family will be relocating to Ellijay from Cookeville, Tennessee,

by June 1st. They will be living at the Roger's house and property that was donated to the church.

There is a workday at the property scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, beginning at 9 AM. Please bring any outdoors tools you may have, such as weed trimmers, mowers, rakes, etc.. Youth are also invited to help as well.

Message from the Elders...

Please remember to make your contribution even though we are not meeting together. This can be done by either: 1) Electronic Giving; 2) Mailing your check to the building; 3) Dropping your contribution by the building

Thank you to those that have been able to continue. We hope to be able to worship together soon in the near future!!

Also, for anyone who made a donation to help with food cards for Lads to Leaders and would like your donation back, please see one of the elders. All donations will be used for next year's convention if you do not receive the donation back.

GREEN CLIPPINGS

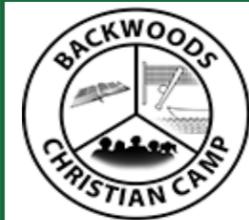


Another page has turned on the calendar for what has been a strange 2020. On Thursday, some of the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted by the governor, but many remain, including a shelter in place order for high-risk individuals across the state. Large gatherings are also banned at least until the middle of May, while retail stores and other businesses have reopened after being closed for over a month. For us, the last week has been the worst so far in this period of health crisis, and we continue to ask for prayers for the Hunter, Stephens, and Ramirez families as they battle this devastating virus.

As restrictions change, opinions are varied as to how to proceed. We are sharing an article from Jack Wilkie in the bulletin that addresses some of the controversies associated with this unprecedented period in our history. Like Jack, I pray that we all show each other grace as we move forward.

For my family, this has certainly been an exciting time. Having a baby during a global pandemic is not something you can ever plan for, but we have been blessed tremendously. We also have not had to slap away any grubby, germ hands from trying to hold Nora! Karla, Mila, and I are so appreciative of the thoughts, prayers, and well-wishes and ask for your continued prayers as we go through this transition period.

I am glad to be back preaching this morning, and I am looking forward to continuing to look at the Book of Job. Last Monday, we began the REACH 2020 lessons by looking at how Job's life was turned upside down, and this morning we are going to examine one of Job's most important statements in chapter 19! We have been blessed with another Lord's Day – let us worship together!



THE ORIGINAL WEEK OF BACKWOODS CHRISTIAN CAMP HAS BEEN CANCELLED. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO AT THE END OF JULY. PLEASE SEE JEREMY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING AT THAT TIME.

So, when someone posts something I disagree with, I should either move on or share my thoughts politely and be willing to hear out their responses. If a congregation decides to resume meeting (or never stopped in the first place), I shouldn't look down on them as anti-science or unconcerned about health. I should assume the best, that they're doing so because they want to serve God. If another congregation decides to hold off for the foreseeable future, I shouldn't look at them as being unfaithful or "forsaking the assembly." Once again I should assume the best, that they've made their choice out of concern for each member's well-being. We may very well think another person is as wrong as could be. If we are going to say someone else is wrong about this, though, may we at least grant them the dignity of assuming they are sincere in their wrongness. We have to give each other grace with the understanding that I and those who agree with me are not the only ones who can have genuinely good motives.

I haven't been great about this myself. I hold an opinion just like everybody else, and it's easy to get swept up in the frustration when there's so much at stake right now. Being a Jesus follower means making peace, though (Matthew 5:9). It means trying to understand the other person and realizing they might need the same kind of grace we do on our bad days. That puts the question before us as we engage others – does the world need another voice advocating an opinion, or does it need a peacemaker? May we choose our battles wisely and shed a little grace along the way.

Jack Wilkie of Focus Press



IT'S A GOOD TIME TO GIVE EACH OTHER SOME GRACE

6 weeks into this surreal experience, it's safe to say that nerves are wearing thin for many of us. At first it seemed we were united by fear of the unknown, but the longer things have gone on and the more sides were taken, the greater the divide grew. Add in the change of lifestyle, being locked in without our

usual outlets and without the social connection we so desperately need, and it's no wonder that we've all gotten to be a bit on edge. The online community groups in my area started out with so much support and good will... suffice it to say, that's not quite the case anymore. We're all feeling the strain.

For this reason, it's a great time to remember to give each other a little bit of grace. The longer this goes on, the more confusing it gets. There is much to consider on every level, and any time that's the case there is going to be disagreement. The science is tough to discern, the implications are widespread and affect different people in different ways, and both of these things make it difficult to know how a Christian should act.

The statistics, models, and recommendations have all become a blur at this point. The experts' understanding has changed quite a bit as the situation has developed, and different approaches are yielding different results. None of us can say for certain what is the exact right way to handle things. The question is whether we can concede that this is a complex situation. If we can do that, we can see why people would perceive things differently.

Beyond the scientific aspect is the very real matter of competing concerns. If you have an elderly or immunocompromised loved one, your first concern is probably halting the spread of the virus. Nobody wants to lose a loved one, and nobody wants to see New York City's tragic numbers repeated anywhere. On the other hand, if you have a family to feed and your job is in jeopardy, your first concern is probably finding a way to restart the economy. Add in the uncertainty of what this will mean for economic basics like food production and healthcare and their concern can surely be understood as well. Neither side is wrong in their desires. Will we give each other room to disagree?

Most importantly, it's tough to parse out what it actually means to love one another. Many who advocate for an extended quarantine do so out of love for others. On the other hand, many who advocated for a return to business also do so out of love for others. Should we continue to self-quarantine even as restrictions begin to lift in some states? Some say yes, that's the loving thing to do. Or, should we join in the return to business? Some say that is the loving thing to do. Both sides have valid arguments and good intentions for their favor. How then do we consider others as more important than ourselves (Philippians 2:3) when the way to do so isn't clear?

Whatever loving one another and considering one another means at this point, it definitely includes these three elements. First, it has to include not being condescending toward people for seeing things differently. The level of condescension permeating social media right now is severely off-putting, and Christians should have no part in it. Second, loving one another must also include empathy for their concerns. There are different reasons people have taken up for the sides they represent, but the reason is never "Because they're dumb." As discussed above, the motivations on both sides are understandable and it's our job to love one another enough to care about the other person's perspective. Third, love includes exercising the Golden Rule. When people get irritable, it's important to remember that everyone is going through a lot right now. When I have a bad day, I want people to be empathetic if I'm grumpy. Love means extending that same grace to them that I would want extended to me (Matthew 7:12).

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