

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!"

Scripture Reading

Song (#74) Praise the Lord

Song (PP) Hilltops of Glory

Song (PP) Bind Us Together/A Common Love

Opening Prayer

Song (PP) Night, With Ebon Pinion

Partake of the Lords Supper

Contribution

Song (#711) Blest Be The Tie

Song (#764) Teach Me Lord To Wait

Message

Song (#934) Softly and Tenderly

Song (#755) God Be With You

Closing Prayer

**Worship Assignments
Sunday Morning**

	February 7th	February 14th
Announcements	Nathan Collier	Nathan Collier
Scripture Reading	Tucker Hall	Dillon Ledford
Open Prayer	Ken White	Marvin Pritchett
Song Leading	Jeremy Green	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Mark Pettit	Curtis Kingsley
Head Table	Miles Peeples	Eddy Mullinax
Assist	M. Hill J. Jenkins G. Chancey R. Kimsey B. Parker E. Mullinax J. Rep W. Gregory	M.Hadden D. Stephens Ry.Cochran D. Ledford Sp.Hall R. Ramariez Tu.Hall Ru.Cochran
Usher	B. Jones M. Wilson R. Stephens D. Stephens	T. Rochester J. Ralston L. Mulkey D. Ledford
Greeters	B&S Burkewitz M&R Pritchett K&J White	E&S Busby G&A Chancey B&T Weeks
	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Jeremy Green	Nathan Collier
Open Prayer	David Green	Junior Jenkins
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Marlin Brackett	Russell Cochran
Communion	Miles Peeples	Eddy Mullinax
	February 10th	February 17th
Announcements	Nathan Collier	Barry Kingsley
Song Leading	David Green	Spencer Hall
Prayer	Rob Burton	Barry Pritchett

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 12/28/15 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$255,933.82. "FILL A CAN" ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP.

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Week of January 31st	
Contribution.....	\$8282
Budget.....	\$6900
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$7083
Bible Study.....	134
AM Worship.....	232
PMWorship.....	162
Wednesday Evening.....	142



Elders
Bob Burton
Curtis Kingsley
Mark Pettit

Deacons
Bob Burkewitz
Rob Burton
Nathan Collier
Dennis Dove
George Hall
Tim Hall

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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



February 7, 2016

"THIRTY-SIX YEARS TODAY"

It's hard for me to believe that Susan and I are celebrating our thirty-sixth anniversary with you today. It was Sunday, February 3rd, 1980 that I stood in the pulpit as your evangelist for the first time. Gasoline was \$1.16 a gallon, a gallon of milk cost \$1.19 and a loaf of bread was \$1.19. We also had 106 present that first Sunday morning. Times have changed and it has been a pleasure to be a part of the family at Ellijay.

I want to take a moment to reflect and make a few observations on how God has blessed my family and God's Family at Ellijay. There have been many to obey the Gospel, many to come to our family from other areas and many others who have visited us on a regular basis. Interestingly, there were 106 present for worship service on three consecutive Sundays, and then we started to have those numbers climb to what they are today. God has smiled on our spiritual family and we should never take it for granted.

Susan and I had just celebrated our 26th birthdays. Jenny was four months old. Brandon was only a wish, and it was such a pleasure for us to be in the mountains of Georgia. I had been told about the vacancy in the pulpit and wanted to talk to the Elders about Ellijay. Morris Pettit and Marvin Pritchett invited me to come talk. We spent hours talking about the congregation and about what needed to be done for the church to grow. I expressed to them that I thought a preacher needed to come and stay and become a part of the Ellijay/Gilmer County Community. (Jeremy and Karla, we look forward to the next thirty-six years and having you work with us!) The congregation had 10 preachers in 20 years. They had 5 preachers the previous 10 years. I committed to those men that I would come stay and work for the Lord here in this rural mountain culture where my roots were from.

A few years ago Dr. Nick Stinnett of the Univ. of Nebraska conducted a series of studies in an attempt to discover what characteristics were common in strong families. He and his researchers discovered six qualities. The first quality and one of the most important to be found in strong families was that of appreciation. They concluded that families which were strong were strong because family members expressed appreciation for what each member DID and for who they WERE.

Susan and I want to express our appreciation to you for allowing us to be a part of God's Family in Ellijay. You have adopted us and made our family your family. I give thanks every day for the blessings God has given me. Therefore, I pray for you. I also ask for your prayers for our family.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks TO GOD the Father through him."

(Colossians 3:17)

- Butch Jones

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Cleah Boaz was released from the hospital and will be staying with Gail temporarily to undergo therapy.

Tom Hall continues to recover from the burn on his leg.

George Hall has been having health problems the last several weeks.

Phillip Johnson is out of ICU and in a regular room. He is hoping to go to rehab soon.

Gus Cochran has been placed on hospice care at Cameron Hall. He is not doing well at this time.

Billy Teems is having serious vision problems along with other issues. Billy & Mary's grandson, **Brandon Nelson**, is undergoing more tests after initial tests showed something suspicious.

Eulyeen Callihan has been placed on hospice. Please keep Cathy and the family in your prayers.

Matt and Samantha Hill are both recovering from pneumonia.

Jennifer Burton injured her back and has been on bed rest this last week.

Steve Barr, James' father, underwent a heart cath with 2 stints last week. He is back at home at this time.

Jacob Jenkins has been sick with a sinus infection this past week.

Lori Williams' sister, **Glenell Fricks**, is in Rome Hospital with blood clots.

We express our sympathy to the families of **A.E. Stephens**, **Jimmy Cantrell** and **Ruel Reece** who passed away last week.

TODAY - Leadership Meeting, 4:30 PM

TODAY - Snak-N-Yak /C.A.R.E. Team Orientation Souper Bowl Sunday. Soup/sandwiches, Super Bowl will be playing while we eat.

9th - Weekly Ladies Bible Class - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM. All ladies are invited to attend.

11th - Men's Devo, 9:00 AM

12th - 2nd Annual Dinner Theater/Talent Show. Sign up sheet & more info is on the bulletin board.

21st - Area Wide Youth Winter Series at Boardtown.

26th - 27th - Family Retreat with Greg Nance. Sign up sheet & more info is posted on the bulletin board.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Seth Carswell, Eli Chastain, Reid Cochran, Steven Giannone, Corey Henry, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Wayne Jones, Jacob Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, William Pettit, Wilson Pettit, Winston Pettit, Frankie Silva, Canio Sequevia-Cuevas, Eric Spisak, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw, Kourtney Weeks

Nursing Home Family

Pauline Mullinax, Gladys Logan Shultz and Edith Davis

Cameron Hall Family

Gus & Polly Cochran, Alice Crow

Please stop by the table in the foyer to verify your information we have for our church directory is correct.



Free Bible Correspondence is available by contacting the church office at 706-635-2950

ELLIJAY CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY RETREAT

"Practicing Our Faith in the Home"

February 26 - 27, 2016



Friday, February 26

- Dinner - 7:00 PM
- Games - 8:00 PM
- Singing/Devo. - 9:00 PM
- Late Night Activity - 10:00 PM

Saturday, February 27

- Breakfast - 8:30 AM
- Singing/Prayer - 9:30 AM
- Guest Speaker - 10:00 AM
- Clean Up/Go Home - 10:45 AM

We are excited to have Greg Nance as the guest speaker for our 2016 Family Retreat. Greg is an alumnus of Harding University and currently serves as the minister for the Signal Mountain Church of Christ. Prior to moving to Signal Mountain in 1998, he preached for congregations in both Lancaster and Concord, New Hampshire. Greg has been married to Jenny for thirty-five years and together they have three children and fourteen grandchildren. Our topic for the retreat is "Practicing Our Faith in the Home," and Greg will help us discover practical ways to make our faith a priority every day!

SNAK-N-YAK



TONIGHT @ 7:00 PM

C.A.R.E. TEAM ORIENTATION

2ND ANNUAL

DINNER THEATER TALENT SHOW

FEBRUARY 12, 2016

We will have our *Second Annual Senior Italian Valentine Dinner* for those age 60 and over hosted by our youth and C-Squad on Friday, February 12th at 6:00. Seniors please sign up if you plan to attend. Youth please sign up for what you will bring.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Eulyeen Callihan - 8th
- Tiffany Baker - 9th
- Jacob Jenkins - 9th
- Quinn Collier - 10th
- Sarah Weeks - 10th
- Nathan Weeks - 10th



Congratulations to Maribel on being the first student in the Homework Club to recite 100 Bible Verses. In addition, she has also learned and recited all the books of the Bible. Way to go Maribel!!



Men and Ladies Prayer Meeting February 28 5:00 PM Fellowship Hall