

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!"

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Song (#779) I Love You, Lord

Song (#227) On Zion's Glorious Summit

Opening Prayer

Song (#344) Low in the Grave He Lay

Partake of the Lords Supper

Contribution

Song (#810) Listen to Our Hearts

Song (PP) Light the Fire

Song (PP) I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Message - "The Last Words of Jesus"

Song (#927) Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

Song (#23) Our God, He is Alive

Closing Prayer

**Worship Assignments
Sunday Morning**

	April 10th	April 17th
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Scripture Reading	Rylan Cochran	Quinn Collier
Open Prayer	Tim Hall	Josh Chancey
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Nathan Collier
Close Prayer	Mark Pettit	Bob Burton
Head Table	Rob Burton	Marlin Brackett
Assist	L. Mulkey D. Stephens M. Hadden R. Ramariez Sp.Hall Tu. Hall Ru.Cochran W. Gregory	R. Kimsey D. Sisson Re.Cochan J. Stephens T. Rochester J. Ledford E. Mulkey B. Burkewitz
Usher	B. Jones M.Wilson D. Ledford D. Green	J. Ralston Tu. Hall J.Cochran L. Burton
Greeters	J&A Cole C. Ledford P. Ledford M&R Pritchett	J. Mailen E&S Mullinax B&S Burkewitz
	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	Junior Jenkins	Miles Peeples
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Mark Johnston
Close Prayer	Spencer Hall	James Barr
Communion	Rob Burton	Marlin Brackett
	April 13th	April 20th
Announcements	Nathan Collier	Barry Kingsley
Song Leading	Dillon Ledford	Junior Jenkins
Prayer	Marlin Brackett	Lloyd Ferrell

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 2/29/16 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$258,150.36. "FILL A CAN" ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP.

Free Bible Correspondence is available by contacting the church office or Judy Mailen at 706-636-3960.

Week of April 3rd

Contribution.....	\$6597
Budget.....	\$6900
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$7207
Bible Study.....	146
AM Worship.....	208
PMWorship.....	133
Wednesday Evening.....	104

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Elders
Bob Burton
Curtis Kingsley
Mark Pettit

Deacons
Bob Burkewitz
Rob Burton
Nathan Collier
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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



April 10, 2016

I read a satirical piece this week that discussed the long-term consequences of unfaithful church attendance. In the article, a set of hypothetical parents were perplexed as to why their daughter was no longer interested in attending services. Here is a small excerpt:

"Local father Trevor Michelson, 48, and his wife Kerri, 45, are reeling after discovering that after 12 years of steadily taking their daughter Janie to church every Sunday they didn't have a more pressing sporting commitment—which was at least once every three months—she no longer demonstrates the strong quarterly commitment to the faith they raised her with, now that she is college-aged.

Trevor Michelson was simply stunned at the revelation. "I just don't understand it. Almost every single time there was a rained-out game, or a break between school and club team seasons, we had Janie in church. It was at least once per quarter. And aside from the one tournament in 2011, we never missed an Easter. It was obviously a priority in our family—I just don't get where her spiritual apathy is coming from."

The point of the article is obviously that faithfulness is a learned habit and that growth can only happen when a Christian is present at services to be spiritually strengthened. Unfortunately, coming and warming a pew for an hour on Sunday morning is not getting it done either. Research has overwhelmingly shown that true growth, both spiritual and numerical, occurs within small group settings.

Under the direction of our elders, Richard Bohannon (adults) and Nathan Collier (children) have developed classes and a curriculum that offer opportunities for each member of our church family to grow. On Sunday mornings, for example, there are classes for children of all ages and four separate adult classes. On Wednesday, there are once again classes for children of all ages and five separate classes offered for adults.

A variety of classes are offered to provide a chance for EACH MEMBER of our church family to find a place to be comfortable learning and studying the Bible. This is where the meat that the Hebrew writer discusses (Heb. 5:12-14) is taught and true camaraderie is developed among members. I want to personally challenge us all to be faithful in our attendance to services and our classes so that we can experience both personal growth and growth as a body of believers!

- Jeremy Green

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In our Thoughts and Prayers

Burt Hinton is back at home after suffering a stroke.

Dianna Burnette continues to wait on biopsy results from a test done on her stomach.

Eli Chastain is scheduled for surgery the end of April for the tumor on his brain.

Ron Bradshaw, the preacher at the Douglasville, Georgia congregation, was killed in a car accident last week. His wife, Kaye, remains hospitalized in Alabama and will have to have her arm amputated.

Maria Arreaga, the mother of Antonia Arreaga, is awaiting results from a biopsy.

William Sparks, a cousin of Tina Messer, is suffering side effects of diabetes.

Bobbie Miller, a friend of several here, is having health issues at this time.

Vernon Born, a friend of Ken and Jenny Bailey, is suffering with stage 4 lung cancer.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Tom Hall, Phillip Johnson, Jeff Carns, Alan & Barbara Cox, Barbara McKee, Zach Pritchett, Lamar Gorman, Ann Burkett, Gladys Holloway, Opal Corbin, Richard Neal, Genell Cantrell, Edith Hensley, CiCi Rivera, Geneva Holloway, Luisa Varin, Jeremy Ferrell, Hayes Tate, Billy Teems, Brandon Nelson, Glenell Fricks, Perlie Mae Sluder, Romaine Holloway, David Harper

CANCER PATIENTS

Dennis Nicholson, Barbara Dilbeck, Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Donald Watkins, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Doris Dean, Carol Stanley, Lisa Macy, Brandy Nicholson, Carolyn McTyre, Jeff Hunter, Susie Rep



Friends and Family Day

ELLIJAY
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 24
9:30 and 10:30 AM
Lunch Immediately Following

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FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

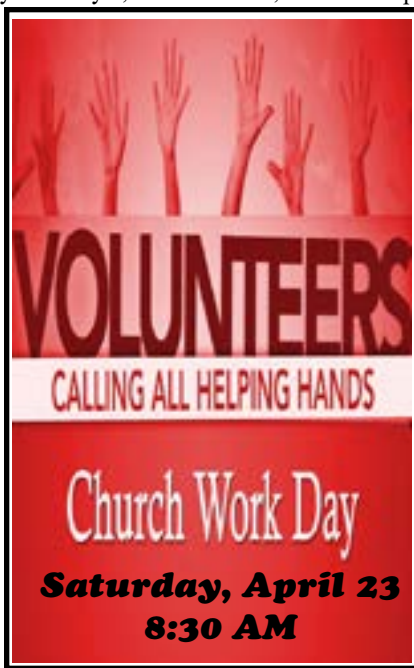
Seth Carswell, Eli Chastain, Reid Cochran, Caleb Covington, Steven Giannone, Corey Henry, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Wayne Jones, Jacob Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, William Pettit, Wilson Pettit, Winston Pettit, Frankie Silva, Canio Sequevia-Cuevas, Eric Spisak, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw,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

Nursing Home Family

Pauline Mullinax, Gladys Logan Shultz

Cameron Hall Family

Polly Cochran, Alice Crow



VOLUNTEERS
CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS

Church Work Day

Saturday, April 23
8:30 AM

TODAY - **Special Prayer Service** Men and Ladies meet at 5:00 PM & we will divide up.
11th - **Georgia School of Preaching** class in the Fellowship Hall. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

12th - **Ladies Bible class** 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Fellowship Hall

14th - **Mens Devotional**, 9:00 AM. Fellowship Hall

17th - **Lads2Leaders/Youth Recognition Day**. Luncheon following morning service.

23rd - **Church Work Day**, building and grounds, starting at 8:30 AM.

24th - **Friends and Family Day**. Luncheon immediately following morning service.

24th - **Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Coordinators Mtg.**, 4:30 PM

24th - **4th Sunday Night service in songs and prayers.**

ELLIJAY CHURCH OF CHRIST GOSPEL MEETING

May 1 - 4, 2016

SUNDAY, May 1st

9:30 AM - "Survey of Church History"
10:30 AM - "What Does Your Religion Cost?"
12:00 PM - Lunch
6:00 PM - "The Power of the Word of God"

MONDAY, May 2nd

7:00 PM - "What Is the Gospel of Christ?"

TUESDAY, May 3rd

7:00 PM - "The Prayer of Jesus from the Cross"

WEDNESDAY, May 4th

7:00 PM - "Five Minutes After Death"



We will also have a Bible class Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM!

Our speaker this year is Alan E. Highers. Brother Highers has spoken, lectured, and written frequently including being a keynote speaker at Polishing the Pulpit and moderating the Open Forum at the Freed-Hardeman lectures. Since 1989, he has been the editor of the Spiritual Sword publication that is released quarterly in over 97 countries. He served as a judge at three levels in Tennessee—Juvenile Court in Memphis and Circuit Court in Memphis, and the Court of Appeals, Western Section at Jackson, where he served as the presiding judge of the court. At the time of his retirement in 2014, he was the senior appellate judge in the entire State of Tennessee. Brother Highers was educated at Freed-Hardeman University, Lipscomb University, and the University of Memphis School of Law. He and his wife, Sandra, have been married for 58 years. They make their home in Henderson, Tennessee where they are members at the North Jackson church of Christ.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jalynn Ledford - 11th
Morgan Painter - 11th
Robert Wood - 11th
Daisy Sisson - 12th
Mattie Sisson - 12th
Brody Hill - 13th
David Teague - 14th
Pat Ledford - 15th
Kelly Cochran - 15th
Ken White - 16th

Jerry & Alice Cole - 11th
Josh & Miranda Chancey - 12th

Lads2Leaders/Youth Recognition Day Sunday April 17th

Luncheon following the morning service. Menu will be pizza. Please bring desserts, cookies & drinks. This is for all youth.

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring

Jamillah Gomez
Saturday, April 30th
3:00 PM
in the
Fellowship Hall

William & Jamillah
are registered at
Target.com