

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).

Order of Worship

Announcements

Song (#23) Our God, He Is Alive
 Song (#490) It Is Well With My Soul

Opening Prayer

Song (#383) Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Partake of the Lords Supper

Song (#878) Sweet By and By
 Song (#452) Standing on the Promises

Song (#528) I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Scripture Reading - Hebrews 12:1-2

Message - "Distracted"

Jeremy Green

Song (#943) Do You Know My Jesus?

Song (#535) The Glory-Land Way

Closing Prayer

Worship Assignments

	April 23rd	April 30th
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Scripture Reading	Tucker Hall	Landon Burton
Open Prayer	Barry Pritchett	Chase Sharp
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Curtis Kingsley	Mark Pettit
Head Table	Ken White	Eddy Mullinax
Assist	Br. Jones B. Weeks J. Ledford R. Bohannon Ti. Hall L. Ferrell J. Chancey R. Burton	J. Johnson M. Hill G. Chancey T. Rochester J. Ralston Ry. Cochran C. Hall B. Burkewitz
Usher	J. Cochran Ry. Cochran Sp. Hall Tu. Hall	R. Burton L. Burton J. Ledford J. Cochran
Greeters	G&A Chancey L&B Ferrell B&S Burkewitz	J&C Ledford R&T Wood D.Green J.Mailen S.Norton
	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Jeremy Green	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	James Barr	Ken White
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Jason Ledford	Mark Wilson
Communion	Ken White	Eddy Mullinax
	April 26th	May 3rd
Announcements	J. Jenkins	B. Pritchett
Song Leading	J. Green	M. Johnston
Prayer	J. Johnson	E. Mulkey
Devo	C. Sharp	J. Green



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

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jessica Cochran - 26th
 Ann Johnson - 26th
 Tommie Stephens - 28th

Richard & Sandra Bohannon - 27th

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THE HEART OF A MAN PLANS HIS WAY, BUT THE LORD ESTABLISHES HIS STEPS.
 PROVERBS 16:9

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 3/5/17 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$278,005.12 PLEASE CONTINUE TO DONATE.

Week of April 16th

Contribution.....	\$6748
Budget.....	\$7000
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$7324
Bible Study.....	104
AM Worship.....	250
PM Worship.....	142
Wednesday Evening.....	163

APRIL 23, 2016

Since we are surrounded
 BY SO GREAT A
 CLOUD OF WITNESSES,
 let us lay aside every weight
 and sin which clings so closely,
 AND LET US RUN
 WITH ENDURANCE

the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Family News

Darla Dove has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. Doctors are determining a treatment plan for her, but they are trying to address a back problem she is having first.

Vondell Evans is at home and on IV antibiotics to continue treating sepsis. She spent several days in the hospital.

Kathleen Sisson continues to grow weaker. Please keep she and the Sisson and Barr families in your prayers.

Jessica Pablo-Ramos is in Scottish Rite Hospital recovering from a ruptured appendix. We would like to “card shower” her for encouragement. If you would like to send a card, address it to 728 Tickanetley Road, Ellijay 30536, and we will make sure she gets it.

George Hall will be going to Blue Ridge twice a week for outpatient rehab. He can now have visitors, but please call first.

Lorene Bass is recovering from a broken ankle.

Tina Messer’s sister, **Teresa Kyle**, is in Erlanger after suffering a light stroke.

Others to Remember

Kathleen Sisson, Zach Pritchett, George Hall, Ernestine Hall, Jeff Cams, Elmer LaRue, Tim Ramsey, CiCi Rivera, Burt Hinton, Bonnie Smith, Laura Huckabey, Phillip Johnson, Billy Teems, Glenell Fricks, Perlie Mae Sluder, Joyce Bennett, Shannon Queen, Shirley Fisher, Dustin Bolman, Reathel May, Sue Smith, David Hickerson, Alyce Dunn, Kay Corn

CANCER PATIENTS

Andrew Lowe, Dorothy Gaddis, Mary Hensley, Harry Dennard, Steve Sisson, Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Donald Watkins, Morris Hill, Chris Watkins, John Watts, Cathy Thurman Patterson, Mindy Banks, Phillip Weeks, Vernon Rodman, Travis Lucas, Clifford West, Lynn Tudor, Randall Brown, Tim Jones (Glenda Eller)

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

The GSOP class on the Book of Revelation has been completed. The next session will start in September. Thank you to everyone who participated in the class.

Upcoming Events

TODAY - Welcome to **Friends and Family Day!**

29th - **Men’s Fish Fry and Fellowship**

30th - **Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Recognition Day** at the end of the A.M. service.

30th - **Household and Tool Shower** for Joelleigh Wright & Sawyer Thompson, 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

30th - **Elders, Deacons, Ministers, and Leadership Meeting**, 4:30 p.m. in the F.H. classroom

May 1st - The **Raintree Village Children’s Home food truck** will be in our area May 1st to pick up items. There is a large list of items needed posted on the bulletin board.



Raintree Village Children’s Home has been ministering to the orphans of our state for 50 years in a Christian environment. This Mother’s Day represents the 30th Annual Mother’s Day Special Collection benefiting the children of Raintree Village. It is the largest fund raising effort of the year, and this year’s funds will go toward renovating and upgrading the boys’ cottage. Gifts can be made in honor (or in memory) of a beloved Mother. Please plan to give generously to this great work on Mother’s Day Sunday, May 14th.”



She sat alone in a senior citizens’ home, Lonely and old and gray; She wished that someone, just anyone, would call on her that day. Did you?

He lay for days on his hospital bed; The hours were long and hard. He wished someone, just anyone, would send him a cheery card. Did you?

He was far from home on foreign soil, Feeling homesick, lonely, and blue. He wished that someone, just anyone, would write him a letter. Did you?

She felt a stranger, that little bride; No husband with her to church came. She wished that someone, just anyone, would stop and call her name. Did you?

Her loved one died a few weeks ago; All sad and brokenhearted she sat. She wished that someone, just anyone, would come to her house and chat. Did you?

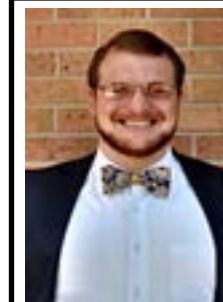
That matter of Christian service— We are living it day by day, when we help someone, just anyone, As we walk along life’s way

- Author Unknown

According to James 1:27 one of the characteristics of “pure religion” is to care for orphans and widows in their time of need. Hopefully, the above poem and the principle outlined in James reminds us that one of our most important responsibilities as Christians is to care for those that are struggling. The woman in the nursing home, the man in the hospital, the soldier in the middle of a deployment, the single mother trying to raise her children to be people of faith, and the brother or sister mourning the loss of a loved one are all examples of those who are in desperate need of love and attention. Unfortunately, we think that we cannot make a difference because we are unable to preach a sermon or not able to make some grand gesture to someone in a troubling situation. Perhaps we are just uncomfortable so we simply avoid doing what we know is right. Truthfully, when we are in the midst of a struggle it is just nice to know that someone cares. The most valuable people to a church family are the encouragers that are willing to care for those in their time of need – let’s all strive to serve in that role!



Lesson Notes:



Cut to the Chase

This week, I had a very interesting conversation over dinner about some of the creatures of this world. I grew up watching science shows and nature documentaries, because I was always fascinated by the creation that God has made for us to live in and be part of. In discussing these things, I realized something again that I had forgotten. God’s creation is amazing! If you look around at the world in which we live, you can see just how incredible the works of His hands are. For instance, look at the Octopus. They are one of the most intelligent creatures that live in our oceans. They can learn and solve problems in a way that we would not think possible. An octopus can be sealed in a jar, and by observing and experimenting, can learn how to unscrew the lid of the jar to escape. They truly are amazing creatures. Look at a close relative to the Octopus, the Cuttlefish. They have amazing color changing abilities that allow them to blend in with their environment. They can change color so rapidly, they can even form moving patterns along their body. They are almost like living neon signs, changing color at will to form vibrant patterns and shapes.

These things remind me of Psalms 104, which praises God for His creation, and the works of His hands. When is the last time we looked at God’s creation and saw His power and majesty? When did we last look at the world around us and stand in awe at God’s power? I think we should all take the time to enjoy His creation now and then, because there is nothing that quite compares to the works of His hands.



Announcements: Parents and Youth meeting this Wednesday at 6. This is for Parents and youth from 5th grade to 12th. Please attend as this is a very important meeting.



A donation was made to the Ellijay Church of Christ Memorial Gardens by Ken & JoAnna White in memory of Pat Ledford Charles Walker



Saturday, April 29th
2:00 p.m

A signup sheet is posted

BibleCampDonations are needed for this camping season. \$160 provides everything for a camper, but partial donations are helpful as well. If you would like to make a donation towards the new pavilion for our outdoor chapel services, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Barry or Marvin and thank you.



Household & Tool Shower
Honoring Joelleigh and Sawyer
Sunday, April 30th
2 P.M. Fellowship Hall
Women & Men invited
Registered at Walmart, Target, and Bed, Bath & Beyond

