₩ e are so glad that you **V V** 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

Song (#647) Soldiers of Christ, Arise Song (#PP) Break My Heart Scripture Reading - 1 Timothy 4:8-11

**Opening** Prayer Introduction of Sermon Series Song (#PP) Night, With Ebon Pinion Partake of the Lords Supper Song (#478) Nearer, Still Nearer Message from the Elders Song (#560) Living By Faith Invitation Song (#792) My Eyes Are Dry Song (#851) I'll Fly Away **Closing Prayer** 

Worship Assignments

C. Martin

L. Burton

R. Burton

J&A Cole

Evening

S. Hall

L. Ferrell

C. Sharp

**Q&J** Holloway

J&K Cochran

**Junior Jenkins** 

S. Hall

Announcements Scripture Reading **Open Prayer** Song Leading Close Prayer Head Table

Assist

Usher

Greeters

Announcements **Open Prayer** Song Leading Close Prayer Communion

Announcements Song Leading Prayer Devo

May 7th May 14th Jeremy Green Butch Jones Lewis Mulkey Isaac Setser Garry Rittenberry Barry Kingsley **Barry Kingsley** Mark Pettit **Richard Bohannon** 

K. Wiggins M. Hill C. Hill E. Mullinax H. Derrick B. Pritchett G. Chancey J. Barr

Evening Butch Jones **Daniel Sisson Barry Kingsley** Jason Ledford Chase Sharp

> May 17th G. Rittenberry C. Sharp D. Green

J. Green

CHURCH OF CHRIST

351 North Main Street Ellijay, GA 30540 Office 706-635-2950 Newsline 706-276-7283

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

#### **Elders**

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#### Deacons

Bob Burkewitz - 706-276-2456 Rob Burton - 706-889-4947 Josh Chancey - 706-669-6848 Nathan Collier - 706-669-0726 Dennis Dove - 706-669-0021 Tim Hall - 706-669-0915 Junior Jenkins - 706-273-6972 John Johnson - 706-669-0422 Brandon Jones - 706-273-8762 Barry Kingsley - 706-276-7842 Jason Ledford - 706-669-4504 Tate McCoy - 706-273-3538 John Painter - 706-889-7822 Will Parker - 706-889-1021 Barry Pritchett - 706-276-3799 Garry Rittenberry - 706-276-4846

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

Samantha Hill - 7th **Chris Martin - 7th** Mark Stephens - 7th Angie Stephens - 7th **Charlene Walker - 8th** Braxton Burrell - 10th **Becky Marshall - 10th** Sharon Burkewitz - 11th Ellie Teague - 11th David Bowman - 12th

## Eddy & Suzanne Mullinax - 10th

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# **Church Office Hours**

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily Monday through Friday, except major holidays. The newsline is updated Monday through Friday. Updates to be shared on the newsline should be given to the church office by 10:00 a.m.. The deadline for including information in the Sunday bulletin is by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

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 4/30/17 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$291,295.68 PLEASE CONTINUE TO DONATE.

Week of April 30th	
Contribution	\$7631
Budget	\$7000
Weekly Average YTD	\$7418
Bible Study	
AM Worship	
PM Worship	
Wednesday Evening	

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Curtis Kingsley Chase Sharp W. Story W. Gregory S. Hall Tu. Hall Ry. Cochran Q. Collier

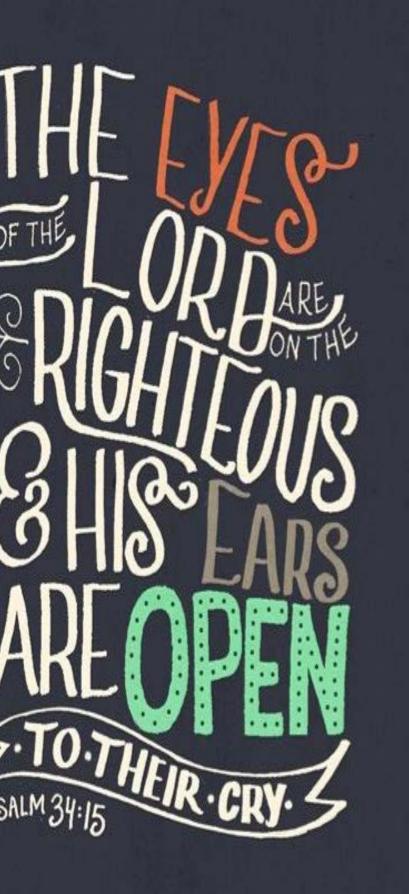
J. Ralston B. Jones J. Barr M. Bailey K&R Wiggins M&R Pritchett **B&T Weeks** 

Josh Chancey **Barry Kingsley** 

James Barr **Richard Bohannon** May 10th J. Ledford

L. Burton L. Mulkey





# **Family News**

Darla Dove is scheduled to have surgery May 22nd in Atlanta.

Jeff Carns continues to be in and out of the hospital waiting on a heart transplant. Other health issues are beginning to arise due to his heart issues.

Vondell Evans continues treatment at home for an infection.

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

Sue Green, Jeremy's aunt, is awaiting test results.

Jessica Pablo-Ramos is finally back home recovering from surgery.

Luke Wright, Sammy Wright's uncle, has been in Dalton's hospital suffering from multiple strokes.

Bruce Stover, Nathan Collier's uncle, fell and broke his pelvis. He lives in Lexington, S.C.

# Others to Remember

Kathleen Sisson, Zach Pritchett, George Hall, Ernestine Hall. Jeff Carns, 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

# **Upcoming Events**

NO Snak-N-Yak tonight

- 9th Ladies' Bible Class. 9:30 A.M.
- 11th Men's Devotional, 9:00 A.M.
- 14th Mother's Day
- 14th Annual Raintree Children's Home Appeal
- 16th Ladies' Bible Class, 9:30 A.M.
- 21st Graduation Luncheon, following morning service

23rd - Ladies' Bible Class, 9:30 A.M. This will be the last meeting until August.

25th - Men's Devo Breakfast @ IHOP, 9:00 A.M. This will be the last meeting until August.

27th - End of School Party

28th - 31st - Vacation Bible School



Join us on Sunday, May 21st as we honor the following graduates: Tiffany Boswell, Ross Cochran, Madison Messer and Harley Weaver. The luncheon will follow the morning service, and the meal will be pot luck.

## 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

# Raintree Village **Don't Forget!**

The 30th Annual Mother's Day Special Collection, benefiting the children of Raintree Village Children's Home, is scheduled for Mother's Day Sunday, May 14th!

We are hoping you are planning to help us again this year. This is our most important fundraising event of the year and we need to raise over \$100,000 to renovate our boys' cottage.



Summer is almost here and the warm weather is right around the corner. One of the enjoyable things about the upcoming season is cooling off in a pool during a scorching afternoon heat. Swimming pools are interesting because they have both a shallow end and a deep end based on the age and skill of the individual taking a dip. Children and those that are uncomfortable in the water tend to stay in the shallow end, while adults and more proficient swimmers find enjoyment in the deep end.

Studying the Bible seems to be the same way. Most people are only comfortable in the shallow end of the examination of the Scriptures because they are either not mature enough to handle the meat of the Word (1 Cor. 3:1-2: Heb. 5:12-13) or have never taken the time to learn more than a few verses or texts. Unfortunately, there are many Christians who have never moved beyond the memory verses and/or proof texts they learned in adolescence.

Hebrews 5:14 tells us that "solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." The Hebrew writer says that we can only study the complex issues of our spiritual lives when we put the necessary work in to be able to handle it. Experienced swimmers can handle the deep end because they have had years of practice. If a novice swimmer tries to take on the deep waters without preparation they will drown, and many people have metaphorically drowned in biblical issues they were not able to handle. Christians have been divided and churches have split because people disagreed on passages they were not able to fully understand!

#### CHANGE OF LIFE, CHANGE OF NAME

Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17)

Eliakim (2 Kings 23:34)

Joseph (Genesis 41:45)

Oshea (Numbers 13:16)

Jacob (Genesis 32:28)

Simon, or Simeon (John 1:42)

Jedidiah (2 Samuel 12:24-25)

Abram and Sarai (Genesis 17:5, 15)

Change of Life, Change of Name (Answers)

Daniel (Daniel I:6-7)

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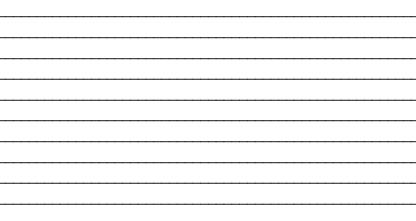
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What were the original names of these biblical characters?

- 1. Abraham and Sarah
- 2. Israel
- 3. Joshua
- 4. Solomon
- 5. Peter
- 6. Paul
- 7. Mara
- 8. Zaphnath-paaneah
- Belteshazzar 9.
- 10. Jehoiakim
- 11 Zedekiah

# Lesson Notes:



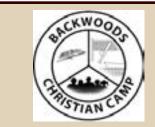


selves. The problem with this is that it is only a matter of time before we move from one desire to the other, almost as a fire burns through a forest. Proverbs 27:20 says, "Sheol and Abbadon are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eves of man." Truer words have never been spoken on the subject than these.

One of the greatest battles we have in life is that of selfishness. I have a theory, that every problem that arises within creation is a result of selfishness. That is another topic for another day. In life, the desire to be selfish is an extremely hard battle, as can be seen in this verse. We, as imperfect people, want and want, and yet we are never satisfied. We are always waiting to move on to the next biggest thing, whether it be a new phone, new clothes, new video games, or anything else that we want. None of these things will ever satisfy us, and yet we continually become wrapped up in them. There are, however things that we can seek that will satisfy us. Look at John 6:35. Jesus offers us the water of life with which we will never thirst again. He offers us the bread of life with which we will never hunger again. Rather than seeking things which we will never be satisfied with, we should be looking for the thing which will satisfy us forever. Rather than seeking the things of this world, we should be seeking Jesus, with whom we will find satisfaction for all eternity. Even the eyes of man can be satisfied in Jesus Christ.







June 4th - 9th Lineville, Alabama Jeremy Green, Director

#### Cut to the Chase



"I really want that!" "I need this." "I have to have it!"

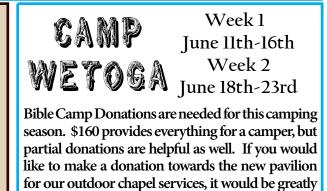
How many times have we said those same words? How many times have we set our eyes on something and truly desired it in our hearts, willing to do almost anything to gain what we desire. We all have things that we want in life. We all have desires for our-

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The following items are needed for Week 1 at Camp Wetoga. If you can help or have questions, please see Pam Hall.

Small stones Small shells Glass beads or stones Any small glass or plastic objects or beads Grout small tiles Pillowcases ...plain or patterned

Sharpies



appreciated. Please see Barry or Marvin and thank you.

