

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!"

Worship

Scripture Reading

Song (#3) Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song (#550) I Walk With The King

Song (#603) Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Opening Prayer

Song (#315) When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Partake of the Lords Supper

Contribution

Song (PPT) Footprints of Jesus

Song (#417) Where He Leads I'll Follow

Message - "Celebrating Jesus"

Song (#927) Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

Song (#860) There Is A Habitation

Closing Prayer

**Worship Assignments
Sunday Morning**

	December 20th	December 27th
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Scripture Reading	Rylan Cochran	Russell Cochran
Open Prayer	Rob Burton	Lloyd Ferrell
Song Leading	Mark Pettit	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Bob Burton	Mark Pettit
Head Table	Ken White	John Painter
Assist	R. Kimsey J. Chancey Re.Cochran Jo. Stephens T. Rochester J. Jenkins E. Mulkey B. Burkewitz	J. Jenkins S. Wright E. Mulkey B. Weeks J. Stephens E. Mullinax T. Rochester ReCochran
Usher	R. Burton Tu. Rochester Tu. Hall M. Wilson	J. Chancey D. Green D. Ledford D. Stephens
Greeters	G&A Chancey B. Hall P. Ledford E&S Mullinax	J&A Cole C. Ledford J. Mailen F. Hightower S. Norton

	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	Josh Chancey	Ed Busby
Song Leading	Jeremy Green	Men
Close Prayer	Marvin Pritchett	Ben Kingsley
Communion	Ken White	John Painter

	December 23rd	December 30th
Announcements	Butch Jones	Jeremy Green
Song Leading	Men	Men
Prayer	Men	Men

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 11/30/15 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$244,888.89. "FILL A CAN" ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP.

Free Bible Correspondence is available by contacting the church office or Cleah Boaz, at 706-636-4516.

Week of December 6th	
Contribution.....	\$7211
Budget.....	\$6100
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$6550
Bible Study.....	157
AM Worship.....	255
PM Worship.....	151
Wednesday Evening.....	152



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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

Christmas is almost here!

Many feel a childlike excitement this time of year as our nation's most celebrated holiday approaches. I hope that everyone has finished their shopping and will be able to avoid the madness that will be going on in stores over the next several days. I also hope that all of our members are on the "nice" list and receive gifts from Santa Clause instead of lumps of coal on Friday morning.

As Christmas Day approaches, I hope that we can remember a few things that are very important during the holiday season.

BE GENEROUS: In Acts 20:35 the Bible says "it is more blessed to give than to receive." I have been blown away by the generosity of our church family toward those in need this year. Our elders have pledged to reach out to the community even more in 2016, and my prayer is that we all follow that example. During the holidays, we tend to become a bit materialistic, but let's remember how tremendously blessed we have been this year and give back to God and our fellow man during the holidays and beyond.

REMEMBER THOSE IN PAIN: The holidays are not joyous for everyone. Many have been through painful events during the holiday season and Christmas brings back bad memories instead of yuletide glee. While it is important to try and live in the moment, it is natural to long for those who have gone on and are no longer here to take part in family traditions. We must all be mindful of those who are hurting and remind them that we love them and through Christ death, pain, and sadness are only temporary.

ENJOY THE SEASON: So many times the holidays end up being a time of stress other than a time of merriment. At the end of the day, our holidays are not about how much food we eat or how many gifts are under the tree; they are about relationships. Whether our homes are filled with family, friends, or neighbors this year, let's all remember to enjoy ourselves and take advantage of the time away from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives.

Karla and I feel so blessed to be part of the Ellijay family this year, and we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Enjoy the holidays, and let's all be ready for a tremendous year of service to God in 2016!

-Jeremy Green

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In our Thoughts and Prayers

Alan Cox has blockages and was scheduled for open heart surgery this past Friday.

Garry Rittenberry continues to have problems with his neck & back.

Sandra Bohannon was returning to the dr this past week for treatment plans.

Tina Messer has another week of antibiotics for treatment for MRSA.

Clay Ware, Jeannette Key's grandson, has been in Egleston Hospital this past week with an infection in his blood.

Kathy Holloway continues to be in need of prayers. If you were like to send her and Benny a card or note: P O Box 1972 Chatsworth 30705

Richard Stephens continues to have problems with gout.

Please keep Junior and Sonia Jenkins and their family in your prayers in the passing of Sonia's grandmother, Norma Lee Newton, last week.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY - Jeremy Green will be bringing the morning lesson. Caleb Cochran will be bringing the evening lesson

TODAY - Year round speech group will be speaking in the F.Hall 5:15 PM

23rd - Combined classes for Special Prayer Service

27th - 4th Sunday Night Singing

27th - 30th - Exposure at Faulkner University

30th - Combined classes for Special Prayer Service

A Look Ahead....

January 3rd - Growth Plan presented to Congregation



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jackie Cochran - 20th
David Jones - 21st
Suzanne Mullinax - 21st
Brenda Rittenberry - 21st
Laurie Kay Pettit - 22nd
Jeanne Pfiel - 23rd
Ginny Barr - 26th
Alan Hall - 26th
Ben Kingsley - 26th

Curtis & Shirley Kingsley - 24th
Mark & Laurie Kay Pettit - 25th
Ed & Shirley Busby - 26th



Nursing Home Family

Pauline Mullinax,
Gladys Logan Shultz
and Edith Davis.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Marie Overton, Zach Pritchett, Lamar Gorman, Bill & Ann Burkett, Gladys Holloway, Mary Parker, Vernon Gibbs, James Mullinax, Martha Ralston, Opal Corbin, Richard Neal, Genell Cantrell, Edith Hensley, CiCi Rivera, Geneva Holloway, Luisa Varin, Ruth Jones, Glenda Stanley, Chad Luther, Cody Sowder, Jeremy Ferrell, Shirley Jones, Shirley Davis, Elizabeth Arthur, Judy Thompson

CANCER PATIENTS

David Cochran, Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Lillie Scaglione, Doris Dean, Carol Stanley, Lisa Macy, Dean Cleavinger, Brenda Martin, Don Powichroski, Tori Boynton, John Corbin, Benjamin Corbin, Phillip Askew, Brandy Nicholson, Carolyn McTyre, Hugh Long, Jeff Hunter, Susie Rep

**2016
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and
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**Sign up sheets are posted on the board
Please check to see that we have all 12 months taken care of.**

There will be no Tuesday Ladies Bible class for the next 2 weeks. The class will start back on Tuesday, January 5th.



Don't Forget
If you signed up to be a mentor, the list is on the bulletin board. Please make sure to encourage your mentoree.



We welcome Matt, Samantha, Brody and Brayden Hill to our church family. They live in Jasper at 70 Oriole Trace, 30143. We look forward to worshipping and working with them!



Please be bringing back your cans for change so they can be counted. You may put them in the church office. Thank you!

Please remember to turn in your propose sheet to the elders. They will be working on the 2016 budget these next several days.

Also, if you have cans for change still out, please bring those in so that they may be counted.



Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Merry Christmas from the church office!