

**WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS**

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES**

December 23rd

December 30th

Announcements Butch Jones  
 Scripture Reading Preston Kingsley  
 Open Prayer Garry Rittenberry  
 Song Leading Barry Kingsley  
 Close Prayer Bob Burton  
 Head Table Richard Bohannon

Butch Jones  
 Tucker Hall  
 Marvin Pritchett  
 Barry Kingsley  
 Curtis Kingsley  
 Quentin Holloway

Assist Tate McCoy  
 George Hall  
 Billy Weeks  
 Ed Busby  
 Richard Stephens  
 Jerry Cole  
 Nathan Collier  
 Billy Green

Joby Ralston  
 Daniel Sisson  
 Don Kerley  
 Bob Burkewitz  
 John Johnson  
 Ben Kingsley  
 Rob Burton  
 Richard Stephens

Usher C.Cody Rob Burton  
 J.Ralston T.Rochester  
 Sp.HallP.Kingsley  
 William Parker

C.Cody T.Rochester  
 G.Rittenberry D.Kerley

Sound Board  
 Projector  
 Greeters J&K Cochran  
 C&M Giannone  
 J.Mailen T.Weeks

William Parker  
 E&S Busby  
 M&R Pritchett  
 J&A Cole

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

Announcements Barry Kingsley  
 Open Prayer Daniel Sisson  
 Song Leading Barry Kingsley  
 Close Prayer Billy Green  
 Communion Richard Bohannon  
 Sound Board William Parker  
 Projector

Butch Jones  
 Billy Green  
 Men  
 Nathan Collier  
 Quentin Holloway  
 William Parker

**DECEMBER**

**JANUARY**

Unlock Building Barry Kingsley  
 Lock Building Alan Hall

Charles Walker  
 Don Kerley

December 26th

January 2nd

Announcements Butch Jones  
 Song Leading Men  
 Prayer Men  
 Sound Board William Parker  
 Projector

Butch Jones  
 Men  
 Men  
 William Parker

Please contact Roy Walker, 706-632-7052, if you have a conflict and are unable to serve.

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**Week of December 16th**

Contribution.....\$6301  
 Budget.....\$6000  
 Over Year to Date.....\$15,034  
 Bible Study.....137  
 AM Worship.....204  
 PM Worship.....129  
 Wednesday Evening..... 129

Gospel Broadcasting Network, 24hours/7days,  
 Channel 21 on ETC Cable  
 "Truth For The World," Sunday, ETC Channel 3,  
 9:00 AM  
 "In Search Of The Lord's Way," Sunday,  
 Channel 24, 7:30 AM



The bulletin is printed on  
 Thursday. Any items  
 coming in after noon on  
 Thursday will go in the  
 following week's bulletin.

# Ellijay Church of Christ

## ...Spreading the Good News

December 23, 2012

Welcome to our Visitors!  
 Please complete the  
 visitors card and pass  
 it to the end of the aisle.  
 It will be collected after  
 announcements so we  
 will have a record of  
 your visit.

**SUNDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Copies of all sermons from our pulpit are available on CD for \$1.00. The request sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Free Bible Correspondence is also available. Please contact the church office or Cleah Boaz, at 706-636-4516.



Peggy Walker's surgery went well. She remains in guarded condition. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

Brent Parker's back surgery went well. He had complications the first night but has since done well and hopefully will be coming home today.

Caleb Cochran was scheduled to preach this evening, however he and his wife are suffering with the flu.

Fred Holloway was moved to Grandview Nursing Home in Jasper, yesterday. He is in room 309.

Randall and Derek Key, along with Samuel Rogers, were on a mission trip in Haiti with others from East Ellijay Baptist and were involved in a very serious motor vehicle accident. Both Derek and Samuel were evacuated by air ambulance to Erlanger due to the trauma they suffered. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Billy Dotson remains in Kennestone Hospital after being involved in an accident about a month ago.

Sandra Pankey and her family are all suffering with the flu.

We express our sympathy to Lois Chastain, Carolyn Howard's sister, in the passing away of Lois' husband, O.D. Chastain. His funeral was this past Friday at Boardtown.

**Zephaniah 3:17** The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

**OTHERS TO REMEMBER**

Fred & Gladys Holloway, Clay Holloway, Elmer LaRue, Jason Baker, Keith Martin, Loretta Jenkins, Kim Cline, Betty Johnson, Mary Parker, Butch Davis, James Mullinax, Martha Ralston, Betty Bevins, Opal Corbin, Chuck Sisson, Ronnie Messer, Mary Giannone, Ed Marks, Betty Hall, Lois Dover, Melanie Lunsford, Jean Chastain, Lillie Hall, Scott Huffman, Casey Sullivan, Ed Busby, Kathy Holloway, Paul Danger

**OUR CANCER PATIENTS**

Martha Rollins, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Nancy Lockheart, Lillie Scaglione, Eddie Adams, Connie Stover, Buddy & LaFern Dove, Mark Hyde, Connie Bishop, Angie Hodge, Calvin Michael Evans, Tressa Carter, Kris Murphy, Diane Davis, Warren Watson, Bobby Long, Renee Mashburn Jeffers, Ray Ritchie, Doris Dean

**Nursing Home**

Pauline Mullinax, Florence Stanley, Milla Turley, Gladys Logan Shultz



**Family & Friends In The Military**

Kourtney Bolen, Eli Chastain, Reid Cochran, David Giannone, Steven Giannone, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Jacob Mahaffey, Patrick Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, Rushton Pettit, William Pettit, Winston Pettit, Stephanie Hunter Silva, David Taylor

**DECEMBER**

Tonight - Fourth Sunday Night Singing

26th - Special Devotional Service

**JANUARY**

2nd - Special Devotional Service

6th - Spiritual Growth Plan for 2013 will be handed out.

7th - "Encouraging One Another", New GA School of Preaching Class starts.

8th - Weekly Ladies Bible Class will start back up, 9:30am-11am.

The Tuesday Ladies Class will not meet for the next three weeks. Our next class will be on January 8.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Alan Hall - 26th  
Benjamin Kingsley - 26th  
Josh Stephens - 27th  
Kathleen Sisson - 28th  
Butch Jones - 29th

Curtis & Shirley Kingsley - 24th  
Lee & Joyce Long - 24th  
Mark & Laurie Pettit - 25th  
Ed & Shirley Busby - 26th  
Chuck & Gail Adams - 28th  
Larry & Glenda Eller - 28th



I truly enjoy the Christmas Season every year. I like the lights, trees, and time to be with beloved family and dear friends. And I like the presents – both getting and giving! I get caught up in the greenery, travel, and broad smiles. Sure, there is a downside too. I get caught up in the tension and rush (FoL).

However, I - like most - know that history reveals that we do not know the true date of Christ's birth. I also know that the Catholic church took a pagan holiday and honored the birth of Christ with a "holy day." That being said, I fear that many will not think about the birth and then miss it. The "it" is that without birth, there is no death. Christ came and lived among us and died and rose again!

Stores and ad agencies have stolen the story. Writers have pilfered it. TV specials – as one I saw promoted last night as "great family television" – recast it to "reveal the true meaning of Christmas – families being together!" *Humbug!*

Precious as they are, Christmas isn't about families. It is about resurrection (FoL).

I am simply reminding those of us who believe the baby was born to be both Son of Man and Son of God that the "true meaning" of the story does not surface at Bethlehem. Not even on the awful hill named Golgotha – "place of the skull." Only at the empty tomb.

The birth of every healthy infant to a loving family still brings joy and hope. Everything else is suspended for a time as hearts are warmed by love's soft glow. Beautiful face. Fragile form. Warm embrace. Dreams of what can be. From the hearts of believers come both praise and prayers. Love becomes flesh.

Only resurrection makes sense of things – whether Christ's coming as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world or your life and mine as mixed experiences of joy and sorrow, occasional triumph and too-frequent failure. It is resurrection's empty tomb that gives meaning to Christ's birth then or now.

So rejoice. A child is born in Bethlehem! But remember that the Christmas Story is not about babies, family togetherness, and tender feelings. It is not about crowded airports, new iPads, and overeating. It is about the rescue mission of God come among us. Love for wayward sons and daughters that cannot be conquered. The once-for-all sacrifice for our sin. And life. *New and eternal life.*

God came to a sinful and suffering world, took all its evils upon himself, and triumphed. In his triumph over sin and death, you and I find our hope.

If you long for heaven's peace, receive its Raised and Glorious Prince.  
Merry Christmas!  
Terry

