

**WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS**

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES**

	<i>December 29th</i>	<i>January 5th</i>
<i>Announcements</i>	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Russell Cochran	Spencer Hall
<i>Open Prayer</i>	Nathan Collier	Ken White
<i>Song Leading</i>	Jim Wright	Barry Kingsley
<i>Close Prayer</i>	Curtis Kingsley	Bob Burton
<i>Head Table</i>	Ken White	Don McKee
<i>Assist</i>	Tate McCoy	Rob Burton
	Billy Weeks	Tito Humberto
	Billy Green	Jackie Cochran
	Jerry Cole	Ben Kingsley
	John Johnson	Eddy Mulkey
	Bob Burkewitz	Preston Kingsley
	Ed Busby	Nathan Collier
	Joby Ralston	Daniel Sisson
<i>Usher</i>	R.Cochran C.Cody	T.RochesterC.Cody
	R.Burton R.Cochran	P.KingsleyM.Wilson
	J.JohnsonR.Cochran	TuckerHallRyCochran
<i>Sound Board</i>	William Parker	William Parker
<i>Projector</i>		
<i>Greeters</i>	R&S Bohannon	J. McGee M.Teems
	P.Ledford	Q&J Holloway

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

<i>Announcements</i>	Barry Pritchett	Barry Pritchett
<i>Open Prayer</i>	David Green	Quentin Holloway
<i>Song Leading</i>	Jim Wright	Barry Kingsley
<i>Close Prayer</i>	Rob Burton	Marvin Pritchett
<i>Communion</i>	Ken White	Don McKee
<i>Sound Board</i>	William Parker	William Parker

**DECEMBER**

<i>Unlock Building</i>	Barry Kingsley
<i>Lock Building</i>	Greg Burrell

**January 1st**

<i>Announcements</i>	Butch Jones
<i>Song Leading</i>	Men
<i>Prayer</i>	Men
<i>Sound Board</i>	William Parker

**JANUARY**

<i>Unlock Building</i>	Curtis Kingsley
<i>Lock Building</i>	Alan Hall

**January 1st**

<i>Announcements</i>	Butch Jones
<i>Song Leading</i>	John Painter
<i>Prayer</i>	John Johnson
<i>Sound Board</i>	Cochran

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 John Painter.....706-889-7822  
 Barry Pritchett.....706-276-3799  
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**Week of December 22nd**

Contribution.....	\$7020
Budget.....	\$6800
Under Year to Date.....	\$6166
Bible Study.....	139
AM Worship.....	204
PM Worship.....	146
Wednesday Evening.....	113

**Missionary**

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

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

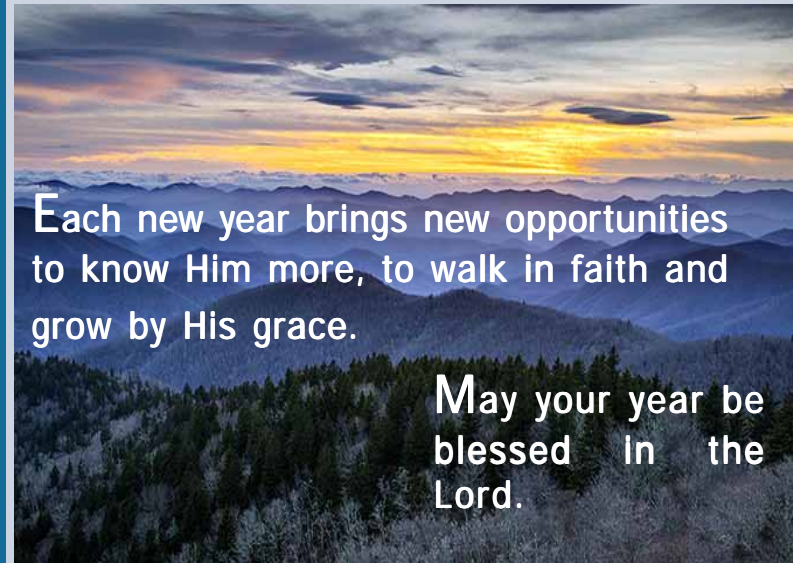
**Building Fund Envelopes**



Please use the white envelopes on the back of the pews to make your donation to the Building Fund for the new Fellowship Hall/Education Building. The amount given thus far from April through December 1st is \$21,515. Thank you to everyone that has donated. Checks should be made to Ellijay Church of Christ and placed in the contribution trays.



**Ellijay Church of Christ**  
*...Spreading the Good News*  
**December 29, 2013**



Each new year brings new opportunities to know Him more, to walk in faith and grow by His grace.

May your year be blessed in the Lord.

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. We hope you come as a guest, and leave as a friend.

**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.**

*If you cannot serve, please contact Garry Rittenberry. The bulletin is printed on Thursday. Information submitted after that day will print the following week.*



Please continue to keep Peggy Walker in your prayers.

Brenda McEntyre continues to recover from breast cancer surgery.

Ernest Clark, Wylene Mullinax's brother, remains in Erlanger Hospital following an automobile accident.

Joe and Kourtney Bolen were involved in a hit and run accident on their way back home to Tennessee.

JW Cochran has been in Erlanger the last several days with an intestinal blockage.

Carmen Rivera continues to be in Jasper's hospital with pneumonia and health issues.

Please keep Cleah Boaz in your prayers as she begins chemo January 13th.



Congratulations to Larry & Glenda Eller on the birth of their grandson, Jack Burton Eller, 7lbs 13oz. Baby and parents, Steve & Condence, are doing well.

Also, congratulations to Holly & James Barr and big brother Charlie on the birth of Ginnifer Holly Barr, 7lb 8.5oz, 19.5" long, born December 26th. Congratulations to the Sisson and Barr families!



#### OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Bill & Ann Burkett, Tammy Wood, June Handte, Carmen Rivera, Brooke Burnette, Vernell Lowman, Gladys Holloway, Clay Holloway, Carl & Mary Giannone, Elmer LaRue, Loretta Jenkins, Kim Cline, Betty Johnson, Mary Parker, James Mullinax, Martha Ralston, Betty Bevins, Opal Corbin, Chuck Sisson, Ronnie Messer, Jean Chastain, Steve Woody, Chuck Hartnett, Wanda Ritchie, Vonnie Busby, Billy Teems, Lane Reece, Vickie Ledford, Chuck Davis, Florene Johnson, Katie Hensley

#### OUR CANCER PATIENTS

David Cochran, Martha Rollins, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Lillie Scaglione, Buddy & Lafern Dove, Mark Hyde, Connie Bishop, Angie Hodge, Calvin Michael Evans, Tressa Carter, Renee Jeffers, Ray Ritchie, Doris Dean, Skylar Naugher, Carol Stanley, Brenda Huffman, Roy Elrod, Lisa Macy, Ronnie Coleman, Dean Cleavinger, Elizabeth King, Adair Owen, Danielle Coats

#### NURSING HOME

Pauline Mullinax, Florence Stanley, Gladys Logan Shultz, Edith Davis, Kathy Queen, Chuck Sisson

#### FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Kourtney Bolen, Eli Chastain, Reid Cochran, Steven Giannone, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Wayne Jones, Jacob Mahaffey, Patrick Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, Rushton Pettit, William Pettit, Winston Pettit, Frankie & Stephanie Silva, Canio Sequevia-Cuevas, David Taylor, Matthew Upshaw

DECEMBER

## Mark Your Calendar



**TODAY - Youth Devo** following evening service, at Barry & Katrina's. Tacky Sweater Party. Boys bring drinks/chips, girls bring desserts.

*Coming in January 2014 . . . . .*

**1st - Special Prayer Service, 7pm**

**5th - Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Leaders meeting, Fellowship Hall Classroom, 8:30am.**

**5th - Spiritual Growth 2014 will be presented to the congregation. Please keep our Elders in your prayers.**



**9th - New Georgia School of Preaching class** begins. On **THURSDAY evenings** this time.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Butch Jones - 29th  
Melia Stanley - 31st  
Noelle Stuart - 31st

Clyde Mullinax - 1st  
Eddy Mullinax - 1st  
Ann Burkett - 3rd

Bill & Ann Burkett - 31st

## Youth News

Congratulations to Mattie Sisson on winning 3rd place in the Creekland Middle School Social Science Fair.

Congrats to Daisy Sisson and her Robotics team on heading to super regionals.

Articles- Anyone writing an article for lads to Leaders must have this turned into Chandra no later than January 12. Reminder: 200-250 words

GIFTS/GUARDS- will meet again in January. We will have exact dates in the next several days.

Other projects- please be working on completing other projects regarding L/L. If you have questions, please ask Barry K or Becca.

*Bible Trivia:  
What two men  
in the Bible  
never died?  
See Ben with  
your answer.*

## The Geese

*"Incarnation"* – n. Literally, "en-flesh-ment" (Latin *carnis*—"flesh"); the doctrine that the Son of God became human (John 1:14). Incarnation, in the Christian understanding, means that Christ was both God and human. – *The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook*

There was once a man who didn't believe in the Incarnation and was skeptical about God. He and his family lived in a farm community. His wife was a devout believer and diligently raised her children in her faith. He sometimes mocked her faith and her religious observances.

One snowy morning around Christmas time, she was taking the children to a church service. She pleaded with him to come, but he firmly refused. He ridiculed the idea of the incarnation of Christ and dismissed it as nonsense. **"Why would God lower himself and become a human like us?! It's such a ridiculous story!"** he said. So she and the children left to worship while he stayed home.

After they left, the winds grew stronger and the snow turned into a blizzard. As he looked out the window, all he saw was a blinding snowstorm. He sat down to relax before the fire for the evening.

Then he heard a loud thump, something hitting against the window. Another thump. He looked through the window but couldn't see. So, he ventured outside. In the field near his house he saw a strange sight: a flock of geese! They had apparently been flying south to a warmer climate when they got caught in the snow storm. The snow had become too blinding and the wind too violent for the geese to fly or see their way. They were lost and stranded on his farm, with no food or shelter. They fluttered their wings and flew around the field in circles blindly and aimlessly.

The man had compassion for them and wanted to help them. He thought to himself, "The barn would be a great place for them to stay! It's warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm." He tried many things to get them to go into the barn. In frustration, he went over and tried to run after them and chase them toward the barn. They only got scared and scattered into every direction except toward the barn. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where there was warmth, safety, and shelter.

Feeling totally frustrated, he exclaimed, "Why don't they follow me! Can't they see this is the only place where they can survive the storm! How can I possibly get them into the one place to save them!" He thought for a moment and realized that they just won't follow a human. He said to himself, "How can I possibly save them? The only way would be for me to become like those geese. **If only I could become like one of them! Then I could save them!** They would follow me and I would lead them to safety."

**Then he began to understand the Incarnation...** We are like the geese — blind, gone astray, perishing. God became like us so He could show us the way and make a way available to save us. That is the meaning of the Incarnation, he realized in his heart. \*

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
And we beheld His glory,  
The glory as of the only begotten of the Father,  
Full of grace and truth." – John 1:14*