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Week of December 25th			
Contribution	\$6255		
Budget	\$5800		
Under Year to Date	\$227		
Bible Study	121		
AM Worship	196		
PM Worship	104		
Wednesday Evening	142		

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

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

Ellijay Church of Christ

Spreading the Good News

January 1, 2012



Welcome to our Visitors! Please complete the visitors card so we will have a record of your visit. You are always welcome at all of our services. We hope you will stay after services and let us get to know you.

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.



Kathleen Jones has been moved to Life Care in Ducktown, for rehab. She is doing remarkably well.

Zach Pritchett continues to wait on test results from Mayo Clinic.

Geneva Holloway suffered a stroke last week. She is at home recovering.

A.Z. Hall is on hospice after suffering a stroke. They welcome visits at this time.

Kris Murphy, Papa Joe's wife, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Connie Stover fell and broke a hip last week. She is recovering from the break, but is in a tremendous amount of pain from the cancer.

If you drive the church vehicles or plan on driving them for any reasons, such as Ladies meetings, picking up children, etc., we need to get a copy of your driver license for insurance purpose. This is a yearly requirement from Church Mutual. Please see Kelly. Thanks.

Family & Friends In The Military: Reid Cochran, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Stephanie Hunter, Jacob Mahaffey, Patrick Mahaffey, Taryn Mooney, Evan Pankey, Rushton Pettit, Winston Pettit, Travis Sisson

OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Julie Mullins, Scott Ragin, Justin Jones, Vernel Lowman, Eulyeen Callihan, Clay Holloway, Fred & Gladys Holloway, Larry & Genell Cantrell, Elmer LaRue, Jason Baker, A.E. Stephens, Keith Martin, Tia Teague, Loretta Jenkins, Sam May, Kim Cline, Betty Johnson, Julie Weeks, Mary Parker, Butch Davis, James Mullinax, Buddy Atcheson, Vonnie Busby, Judy Thomas, Irene Chancey, Laverne Infinger, Brandy Voyles, Martha Ralston, Freida Watkins, Betty Bevins, Regina Morgan, Shirley Jones, Opal Corbin

OUR CANCER PATIENTS

Martha Rollins, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Mildred Davis, Nancy Lockheart, Lillie Scaglione, Eddie Adams, Connie Stover, Buddy Dove, Rechell Griffith, Mark Hyde, Connie Bishop, Angie Hodge, Margie Blackwell, Bobbie Perdue, Gene Thurman, Calvin Michael Evans, David Ralston, Tressa Carter



Please remember our nursing home family.



BIRTHDAYS &

ANNIVERSARIES

Eddy Mullinax - 1st Clyde Mullinax - 1st

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



JANUARY

TODAY - P.M. service will be a devotional in songs, prayers & scripture readings.

8th - Elders will be presenting the Growth Plan for 2012 during Bible Study. All members are respectively requested to be in attendance for this presentation.

8th - Snak-N-Yak following the evening service.

9th - Georgia School of Preaching begins. Bob Burt, of Cleveland, "Christian Evidence" Mondays, 6:30pm-8:30pm, for 7 weeks.

14th - C-Squad- Skating

15th - CARE group luncheon following morning service. Meal will be pot luck.

15th - Youth Devotional

22nd - Elders, Deacons, Minister & Ministry Leaders Mtg, 4:30pm

29th - Ushers & Greeters Luncheon following morning service. Meal will be pot luck.

Weed or Flower?

Dandelions are deep-rooted weeds that put out a small yellow flower that turns into a puffball full of seeds. When the wind blows, the seeds are scattered, thus potentially planting more dandelions in many more places. To many, they are a nuisance, a weed.

However, Ray Hawk discovered that there are some in the world who look at dandelions differently:

In June of 1992 a group of us went into Russia for the first time after they became an open society. We landed in Moscow and then flew to Syktyvkar, 1,000 miles to the north. When we arrived, I was surprised to find dandelions growing everywhere. I asked my translator why they didn't cut them when they mowed the grass. Her reply was, "We don't cut them because they are beautiful flowers." My first thought was, "Dandelions have a flower, but... they are a weed!"

Hawk also points out that PEOPLE can be viewed similarly...

A man found himself staring at a person who was using foul language. The individual realized he was being stared at, turned and with anger shouted, "What are you looking at?" The response was, "I am looking at one of God's creations that he loved so much that he sent His Son to die for."

Others would probably have looked at that young man, heard his profanity, and viewed him as a weed. However, the staring man saw a flower.

Because of our sins, we are like weeds - useless, troublesome, fit for destruction....

But *GOD* **sees us as objects of His love**, **redeemable through His love**. His desire is to re-create us into something lovely – like flowers! God does this by His GRACE as we submit our lives to Him.

God gave His one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to redeem us from sin (Ephesians 1:7). When we place our <u>faith</u> and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in <u>repentance</u> (Acts 17:30-31), <u>confess</u> Jesus before men (Rom 10:9-10) and are <u>baptized</u> (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), then we are cleansed of sin and become "new creatures" in Christ (2 Cor 5:17).

Hawk continues: Regardless of what we have done, in spite of all our sins, no matter how gross they may seem, God still looks at us with love. He loves us and wants to mold and shape us to His glory."

What a *GLORI OUS DAY* when we see the glow of God's love and embrace what Jesus did for us upon the cross. When we do, we are no longer a weed, but one of God's beautiful flowers.

Won't YOU allow Him to recreate you through your trusting obedience?

IMPORTANT LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION INFORMATION

Convention Date: April 6-8, 2012 Nashville Overall Theme: We'll Work 'til Jesus Comes

Bible Bowl: James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter Pearls Study Series: Called

Registration Deadline for Event Participation: January 23, 2012

Hotel Reservation Deadline: March 2, 2012 Pre-convention Events: Postmarked by January 23, 2012

Bible Bowl and Pearls Test: February 8-21, 2012. MUST be postmarked by February 21, 2012.

