



John O'Dowd, Laurie Pettit's dad, is back in the hospital and on med's for blood clots in his legs. This is on top of problems with internal bleeding from a previous surgery.

Sue Davis will be having repeat surgery on her eye on Monday due to the cornea separating again.

Susan Jones will be undergoing tests on Monday for stomach problems the last several days.

Juanita Bloodworth is in room 101, bed 3 in the Gilmer Nursing Home.

Congratulations to Andrew Kingsley on his being awarded the "V.P. Black Bible Award". The award is given to the most outstanding degree graduate each year. Andrew is the second Ellijay recipient of this coveted award. Letson McCoy also received this award his Senior year.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER

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, Martha Ralston, Freida Watkins, Betty Bevins, Regina Morgan, Shirley Jones, Opal Corbin, Bo Pinson, A.Z. Hall, Chuck Sisson, Christy Messer, Ronnie Messer

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, Tressa Carter, Kris Murphy, Ida Mae Holloway, Diane Davis, Kim Wiggins, Melanie Cantrell

Nursing Home

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

Mother Daughter Banquet
 Saturday, May 12th, 2012
 Fellowship Hall - 6pm
 Sponsored by the Youth Group
 Sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Andrew Kingsley - 6th
 Mark Stephens - 7th
 Angie Stephens - 7th
 Braxton Burrell - 10th
 Ella Teague - 11th
 David Bowman - 12th

Family & Friends In The Military

Kourtney Bolen, Reid Cochran, Steven Giannone, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Stephanie Hunter, Jacob Mahaffey, Patrick Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, Rushton Pettit, William Pettit, Winston Pettit, Travis Sisson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY

TONIGHT - Snak-N-Yak honoring Mothers. There will also be a **baby shower** for Taryn, Jermaine and baby Brayden Hester.

7th- Georgia School of Preaching class "The Godhead", 6:30pm-8:30pm

8th - Ladies Weekly Bible Study, 9:30am-11am.

12th - C-Squad Car Wash 9am-12pm, at Tractor Supply. The money raised will go to Camp Wetoga.

12th - Mother Daughter Banquet, 6pm, Fellowship Hall. See more info below.

13th - Mother's Day Special Collection for Raintree Village Childrens Home.

27th - 30th - VBS.

Coming up in June...

2nd - Camp Wetoga Open House & Reunion, 10 am - 3 pm. The Camp is in need of items to be donated for the Auction.

Also, kids please remember to get your application sent in.



15th - Father Son Campout. Coosawatee North Park. See Barry Kingsley for more info.

20th - Graduates Luncheon following the morning service. The list of graduates will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Tattoo Mistakes

Welcome to our worship service this morning. Visitors, we hope you enjoy your time with us and join us as often as you can. During the morning service, we are pleased to have Keith Jones bringing us the lesson. He and his family are visiting with our church family.

I understand the ladies had a wonderful time at our annual Ladies Day yesterday. Isn't it great to know the bond we share as fellow Christian believers? There are brochures posted on the bulletin board of other upcoming Ladies meetings in the surrounding area. I found the following article and thought you would enjoy it's content:

Dan Williams says that he sometimes cautions young people against making "tattoo mistakes" – "that is, making impulsive decisions that have the potential to follow them for the rest of their lives."

Williams recently made reference to an article in *The Daily Mail* about a young Belgian woman who regrets making a "tattoo mistake" – literally. In 2009, 18-year-old Kimberley Vlaeminck asked tattooist Rouslan Toumaniantz to tattoo some stars on her face. When he completed his task, he had tattooed 56 stars on her face.

Not long after the constellation had been imprinted on her face, Vlaeminck lied to family and reporters claiming that she had asked Toumaniantz for just three stars near her eye. She also claimed that he kept adding more and more stars after she fell asleep at the Tattoo Box in Courtrai, Belgium.

A week later, however, she confessed to a Dutch TV station that she had been awake throughout and had indeed asked for the full 56 marks.

Now at the age of 21, Vlaeminck regrets her decision. She says she has avoided going out in public because the tattoos make her feel like a "freak." Last summer, she was preparing to pay £9,000 (over \$14,000 US dollars) for laser surgery to remove the black stars. She fears that her impulsive decision to get the tattoos is going to follow her for the rest of her life.

Decisions made impulsively without proper judgment bring regret, and many times the consequences linger for years or even a lifetime. Every one who has sinned knows this all too well, and EACH ONE of us has sinned (Romans 3:23).

But the Good News is that regardless of our mistakes, forgiveness is available through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.... "For [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that our sins can be removed, washed away by His blood (Revelation 1:5). His blood cleanses us from the deadly effects of sin and provides the gift of eternal life to all who will accept His offer of salvation (Romans 6:23).

In order to accept His offer of salvation and life, we must: place our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ so that His blood can wash away our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

We may have to suffer some negative consequences (effects) for our impulsive and foolish decisions, but thanks be to God that through the blood of Jesus, we can be forgiven! And when we are forgiven by God, we don't have to feel GUILT and fear ETERNAL PUNISHMENT, because our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus. **Tattoos don't condemn us; the stain of SIN does!**

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