

**WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS**

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES**

September 11th                      September 18th

Announcements	Don McKee	Barry Kingsley
Open Prayer	Garry Rittenberry	Students
Song Leading	Barry Pritchett	Students
Scripture Reading	Rylan Cochran	Students
Close Prayer	Bob Burton	Curtis Kingsley
Head Table	Ken White	Students

<i>Assist</i>	Joby Ralston	Zach Pritchett
	Mike Parson	Ben Kingsley
	Richard Stephens	Joel Pritchett
	Mark Wilson	Russell Cochran
	Dustin Holland	Ross Cochran
	Rob Burton	William Pettit
	William Pettit	Jeremy Eaton
	Tate McCoy	Seth Carswell

<i>Usher</i>	Spencer Hall	Mark Wilson
	Russell Cochran	Don Kerley
	Donnie Bailey	Preston Kingsley
<i>Sound Board</i>	William Parker	William Parker
<i>Projector</i>	Jackie Cochran	Danny Hensley
<i>Greeters</i>	C&M Giannone	D&B Nicholson
	J&A Cole	P. Parson L. Cantrell
	M&R Pritchett	E&S Busby

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

Announcements	Don Kerley	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	Robert Wood	Ben Kingsley
Song Leading	John Painter	Casey Crawford
Close Prayer	Dennis Nicholson	Marlin Brackett
Communion	Ken White	Brandon Jones
Sound Board	William Parker	William Parker
Projector	Jackie Cochran	Danny Hensely
	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>
Unlock Building	Donnie Bailey	Garry Rittenberry
Lock Building		

	September 14th	September 21st
Announcements	Tim Hall	Barry Pritchett
Song Leading	John Painter	Barry Kingsley
Prayer	Quentin Holloway	George Hall
Sound Board	Seth Carswell	Seth Carswell
Projector	William Parker	William Parker

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

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**Missionary**

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**Week of September 7th**

Contribution.....	\$5546
Budget.....	\$5800
Under Year to Date.....	<b>\$5882</b>
Bible Study.....	128
AM Worship.....	181
PM Worship.....	138
Wednesday Evening.....	132

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

# Ellijay Church of Christ

## ...Spreading the Good News



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.*

## In Our Prayers

Jennifer Painter was to have laser kidney surgery this past Friday. Please pray her recovery goes well.

Genell Cantrell continues to be under dr's care for a serious infection. Larry has an infection back in his leg.

Calvin Michael Evans has improved some. He will be undergoing more tests and hopefully be released from the hospital soon.

Kathleen Jones, Butch's step-mom, is back at home from the hospital but remains under doctor's care.

Bill Johnston of McCaysville, is back at home recovering and doing better.

Jean Hill, a neighbor of Roy Neville's and the Weeks', is recovering from a broken finger on one hand and an amputation of part of a finger on the other hand due to an accident.

Please keep Daniel, Tracy and the girls in your prayers. Their home was hit by a tornado last week.

We extend our sympathy to Dee Sanford in the passing away of her twin sister, Dawn Haim. Dee is a coworker of Brenda Rittenberry's and has visited with us several times.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Becki Crump - 12th  
Sandra Pankey - 16th

David & Robin Jones - 12th



## NEW CLASSES COMING UP:

- New Ladies Sunday morning Bible class will be starting October 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall.

- New Men's Sunday morning Bible class starting October 2nd, in the classroom off of the foyer.

### 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, Bernice Branch, Billy Crisp, Belki Uzcatequi, Butch Davis, James Mullinax, Lachlan Underwood, Buddy Atcheson, Vernel Lowman, Vonnie Busby, Judy Thomas, Irene Chancey, Laverne Infinger, Sean Brandt, Brandy Voyles, Benny Holloway

### 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

## Upcoming Events



Check Your  
Calendar

SEPTEMBER

TONIGHT - Snak-n-Yak following evening service.

12th - Georgia School of Preaching Class begins. Taught by David Decker on "The Book of Revelation." 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Thru Oct.24th

14th - Ladies Bible Study, 9:30am-11am, Fellowship Hall

16th-18th - Gospel Meeting & Youth Rally. Friday- 7pm Saturday- 6pm Sunday- 9:30am, 10:30am, 6pm. Saturday Youth Rally 10am-4pm.

24th - C Squad service project- cleaning the grounds, headstones and graves at the church cemetery, 9 am - 12 pm. Please see Tim or Pam with any questions



25th - Elders, Deacons, Minister & Ministry Leaders Mtg.

### OUR CANCER PATIENTS

Martha Rollins, Ethan Jones, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Mildred Davis, Sonya Self, Nancy Lockheart, Beverly Hardeman, Lillie Scaglione, Eddie Adams, Connie Stover, Buddy Dove, Rechell Griffith, Dee Sanford, Mark Hyde, Connie Bishop, Angie Hodge, Brandy Green, Margie Blackwell, Bobbie Perdue, Gene Thurman, Angie Thomas, Calvin Michael Evans, Hilda Turley

### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Pauline Mullinax, Florence Stanley, Vera Cochran

## It Is Well With My Soul

The hymn was written by a Chicago lawyer, Horatio G. Spafford. You might think to write a worship song titled, "It Is Well With My Soul", you would indeed have to be a rich, successful Chicago lawyer. But the words, "When sorrows like sea billows roll ... It is well with my soul", were not written during the happiest period of Spafford's life. On the contrary, they came from a man who had suffered unimaginable personal tragedy.

Horatio G. Spafford and his wife, Anna, were pretty well-known in 1860's Chicago. And this was not just because of Horatio's legal career and business endeavors. The Spaffords were also prominent supporters and close friends of a prominent preacher. In 1870, however, things started to go wrong. The Spaffords' only son was killed by scarlet fever at the age of four. A year later, it was fire rather than fever that struck. Horatio had invested heavily in real estate on the shores of Lake Michigan. In 1871, every one of these holdings was wiped out by the great Chicago Fire.

Aware of the toll that these disasters had taken on the family, Horatio decided to take his wife and four daughters on a holiday to England. And, not only did they need the rest — his preacher friend needed help. He was traveling around Britain on one of his great evangelistic campaigns. Horatio and Anna planned to join their friend in late 1873. And so, the Spaffords traveled to New York in November, from where they were to catch the French steamer 'Ville de Havre' across the Atlantic. Yet just before they set sail, a last-minute business development forced Horatio to delay. Not wanting to ruin the family holiday, Spafford persuaded his family to go as planned. He would follow on later. With this decided, Anna and her four daughters sailed East to Europe while Spafford returned West to Chicago. Just nine days later, Spafford received a telegram from his wife in Wales. It read: "Saved alone."

On November 2nd 1873, the 'Ville de Havre' had collided with 'The Lochearn', an English vessel. It sank in only 12 minutes, claiming the lives of 226 people. Anna Spafford had stood bravely on the deck, with her daughters Annie, Maggie, Bessie and Tanetta clinging desperately to her. Her last memory had been of her baby being torn violently from her arms by the force of the waters. Anna was only saved from the fate of her daughters by a plank which floated beneath her unconscious body and propped her up. When the survivors of the wreck had been rescued, Mrs. Spafford's first reaction was one of complete despair. Then she heard a voice speak to her, "You were spared for a purpose." And she immediately recalled the words of a friend, "It's easy to be grateful and good when you have so much, but take care that you are not a fair-weather friend to God."

Upon hearing the terrible news, Horatio Spafford boarded the next ship out of New York to join his bereaved wife. Bertha Spafford (the fifth daughter of Horatio and Anna born later) explained that during her father's voyage, the captain of the ship had called him to the bridge. "A careful reckoning has been made", he said, "and I believe we are now passing the place where the de Havre was wrecked. The water is three miles deep." Horatio then returned to his cabin and penned the lyrics of his great hymn.

The words which Spafford wrote that day come from 2 Kings 4:26. They echo the response of the Shunammite woman to the sudden death of her only child. Though we are told "her soul is vexed within her", she still maintains that "It is well." And Spafford's song reveals a man whose trust in the Lord is as unwavering as hers was. It would be very difficult for any of us to predict how we would react under circumstances similar to those experienced by the Spaffords. But we do know that the God who sustained them would also be with us and may we be able to say:

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul!

*It is well ... with my soul! It is well, it is well, with my soul.*