

**WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS**

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES**

<i>December 25th</i>	<i>January 1st</i>
Don McKee	Mark Pettit
Tim Hall	Quentin Holloway
Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Spencer Hall	Dalton Stephens
Marvin Pritchett	CurtisKingsley
Richard Bohannon	Ken White

Announcements  
Open Prayer  
Song Leading  
Scripture Reading  
Close Prayer  
Head Table

Assist

Jay Hall	Billy Weeks
George Hall	Andrew Kingsley
Jackie Cochran	Ed Busby
Tim Hall	Donnie Bailey
Tom Hall	Seth Carswell
Jerry Cole	Jerry Cole
Mark Wilson	John Stephens
Billy Green	Benjamin Kingsley

Usher

Tu.Hall	Z.Pritchett	J. Ralston	J.Hall
Ry.Cochran	W.Pettit	D.Kerley	C.Cody
C.Cody	M.Brackett	Tu.Hall	Ro.Cochran
William Parker		William Parker	
Jackie Cochran		John Painter	
L.Cantrell	P.Walker	S. Norton	
Alice Crow		M&R Pritchett	
J&T Stephens		Judy Mailen	

Sound Board  
Projector  
Greeters

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Daniel Sisson	Robert Wood
Men	Marlin Brackett
Ben Kingsley	Mark Pettit
Richard Bohannon	Ken White
William Parker	William Parker
Jackie Cochran	John Painter

Unlock Building  
Lock Building

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
Curtis Kingsley	Billy Weeks
Alan Hall	David Green

Announcements  
Song Leading  
Prayer  
Sound Board  
Projector

December 28th	January 4th
Quentin Holloway	Greg Burrell
Marlin Brackett	Barry Kingsley
Greg Burrell	Rob Burton
	Jackie Cochran
William Parker	Seth Carswell

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

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Don Kerley.....706-635-1706

Barry Kingsley.....706-276-7842

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John Painter.....706-636-4366

Mark Pettit.....706-276-6610

Barry Pritchett.....706-276-3799

Garry Rittenberry706-276-4846

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**Missionary**

Highgate Church of Christ

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**Week of December 18th**

Contribution.....\$10,714

Budget.....\$5800

Under Year to Date.....**\$682**

Bible Study.....163

AM Worship.....215

PM Worship.....169

Wednesday Evening.....151

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*

December 25, 2011

**Come as a guest,  
leave as a friend...**

*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.*

## In Our Prayers

Kathleen Jones came off the respirator this past Thursday and is now talking and eating food by mouth. She is scheduled for rehab first of the week, hopefully at Life Care in Ducktown.

Zach Pritchett continues to wait on test results.

Rechell Griffith continues to be under dr's care for cancer.

Barbara Morse underwent a procedure on her back this past Thursday that will hopefully take care of her back pain.

Kris Murphy, a friend of Butch's, is suffering with cancer.

## Deepest Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Mike & Nancy Gurganus in the passing away of Mike's brother, Jimmy. Funeral service will be Tuesday, in Sylacauga, Alabama.



Donations made to the Elijah Church of Christ Memorial Gardens by Jerry and Alice Cole in memory of:

**Hilda Turley**

by George and Ernestine Hall in memory of:

**Joyce Nelson  
Bess Connor**

*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



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Alan Hall - 26th  
Ben Kingsley - 26th  
Kathleen Sisson - 28th  
Bruce Turley - 28th  
Butch Jones - 29th

Mark & Laurie Kay Pettit - 25th  
Ed & Shirley Busby - 26th  
Chuck & Gail Adams - 28th

We welcome Matthew Bailey and Nathan Weeks back home. We wish them well as they return to work and to school. It is our prayer that we can always be an encouragement to each other.

## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

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

**28th - Special Prayer Service**

### JANUARY

**1st - 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.

## GONE AWAY

It seems to have become a trend recently in many places in the U.S. It occurred again recently - this time in Tillman's Corner, near Mobile, AL. A stranger walked in the *Sears Essentials* retail store and asked for the manager. He wanted to pay off some layaway bills for some families - some families that he didn't even know!

According to Webster's Dictionary, a layaway is a purchasing agreement by which a retailer agrees to hold merchandise secured by a deposit until the price is paid in full by the customer. Many families use the layaway agreement to secure items that they want to buy (Christmas gifts, for example) and pay for them over time.

Sears General Manager Lauren Henderson allowed the generous stranger to go through the layaway department to determine the items for which he would like to pay. He walked through the aisles in the layaway department, selecting anything and everything that included a children's item.

In all, layaway items for 18 different families were selected. The total debt owed amounted to \$2,600. The anonymous stranger (who desires to remain anonymous) paid for the debt in cash and said, "Merry Christmas."

The 18 families were contacted and told that the bill for their layaway items had been paid and the items were ready for pickup. There was a lot of disbelief, but the disbelief was soon replaced by extreme gratitude.

Henderson stated that not much is known about the generous stranger - this "Secret Santa" as he has been called - except that he is a local businessman who wanted to teach his fifteen-year-old daughter about the meaning of the spirit of Christmas. \*

The debts for these layaways have "gone away," thanks to the generosity of the kind stranger.

**You and I have incurred a tremendous debt....**

We owe God our love, loyalty, and our very lives but we have failed to give Him what He deserves. We sin and we fall short of His glory (Romans 3:23), have become indebted to Him, and none of us has the resources to pay the debt that we owe to Him. But God loves us so much that He gave His only Son to pay for the debt of our sin. "*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed*" (1 Peter 2:24). **When we accept God's forgiveness on His terms, we are able to sing with conviction and confidence:**

*"He paid a debt He did not owe  
I owed a debt I could not pay  
I needed someone, to wash my sins away.  
And NOW I sing a brand new song, "Amazing Grace."  
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay."*

**Jesus would like for the debt for YOUR sin to "go away" and it WILL - IF - you will allow Him to pay YOUR debt by accepting His offer on His terms.** -selected

## 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.

