

We are so glad that you are with us today! Our service will be to praise and worship God and to encourage and uplift us to face another week. We will sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16), pray (James 5:15-18), and partake of the Lord's Supper to remember our Savior's sacrifice on the cross (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). We will also give back a portion of the monetary blessings that God has granted us so that we can carry out His work in our community (1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:7). We will also study a lesson from His Word that will hopefully be applicable to our daily lives, so that we can be equipped to handle the pressures of this world and reach those outside of Christ (2 Tim. 2:15).

How to Become a Christian
Hear the Gospel (Rom. 10:17)

Believe in Jesus (Eph. 2:8-9; Heb. 11:6; John 8:24)

Repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 17:30)

Confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 8:38; 1 Pet. 3:21)
Then, Live Faithfully (Rev. 2:10)



Order of Worship

Welcome

Song - Praise the Lord!

Song - Doxology

Song - O Listen to our Wondrous Story

Scripture - Psalm 86:1-10 - Mark Pettit

Song - I Need Thee Every Hour

Prayer - Ken White

Song - By Christ Redeemed

Partake of the Lords Supper - Eric Hedden

Contribution - Eric Hedden

Song - Abide With Me

Scripture - Gal 5:13-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3 - Caleb Sampson

Song - The Love of God

Message- "Called To Be Free" - Jeremy Green

Announcements - Barry Kingsley

Song - Hilltops of Glory

Closing Prayer - Barry Kingsley

Worship Assignments

May 24th

May 31st

Scripture Reading
Open Prayer
Song Leading
Head Table
Elder Closing

Online Service

Spencer Hall/Elijah Sampson
James Barr
Barry Kingsley
Caleb Sampson
Tim Hall

Assist

Usher

Greeters

Sound Room

Will Parker

Nursery

No Attended Nursery

Evening

Evening

Open Prayer
Song Leading
Close Prayer
Communion

Online Service

Online Service

May 27th

June 3rd

Song Leading
Prayer
Devo

Online Service

Summer Series - Mike Gurganus
Streamed Online


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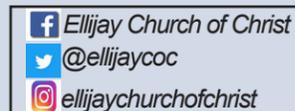
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Taylor Carswell - 24th
Bob Burkewitz - 27th
Audriana Chastain - 27th
Jack Kiser - 27th
Brent Parker - 28th
Griffin Perkins - 30th

Ken & JoAnna White - 27th

Phoebe Dunn, the family counselor, is available the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please feel free to call, text, or leave a message with her directly at 334-398-1310.

Free Bible Correspondence is available by contacting the church office or Cleah Boaz at 706-636-4516.

Week of May 17th

Bible Study..... Online Service
AM Worship..... Online Service
PM Worship..... Online Service
Wednesday Evening..... Online Service

CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS

	CHECKS	CASH	E-GMING	TOTAL
May 3rd	5,780.00	605.00	4,010.00	10,395.00
May 10th	2,470.00	0.00	4,224.00	6,694.00
May 17th	2,735.00	400.00	2,705.00	5,840.00
May 24th				
May 31st				
Total \$:	10,985.00	1,005.00	10,939.00	22,929.00

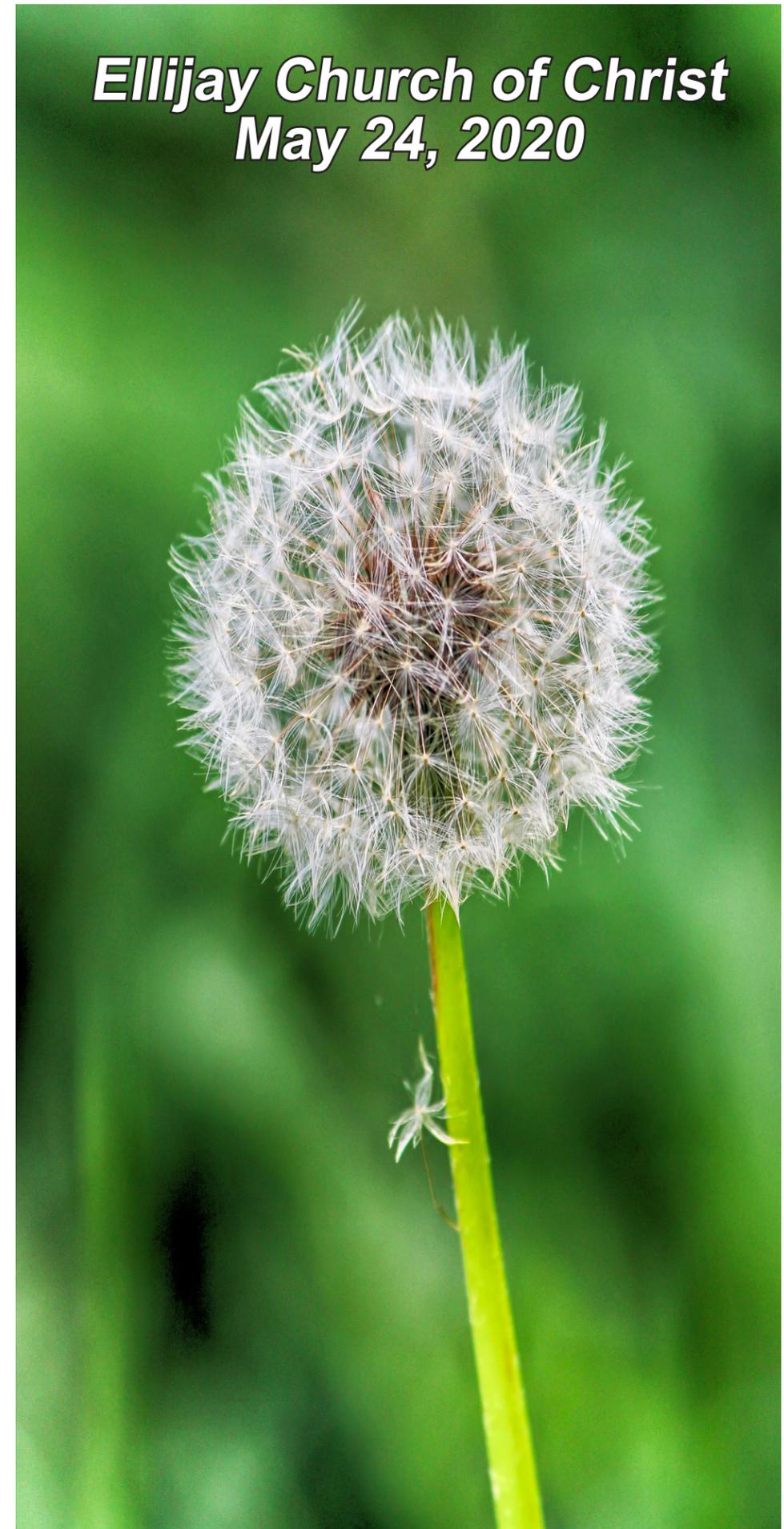
WEEKLY AVERAGES

BUDGET	Y-T-D	MAY
\$8,100.00	\$7,616.31	\$7,643.00

Let Us Rise Up and Build
Donations and transfers to the Building and Growth Fund for the Fellowship Hall Expansion through 01/31/2020 total \$463,340.95. Please continue to donate. Thanks for your continued donations.

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Ellijay Church of Christ
May 24, 2020

Lori Morrow is recovering from surgery for a 100% blocked artery in her heart.
Teresa Weeks is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.
 Kenny Wiggins' sister and brother-in-law, **Teresa and Wayne Watkins**, are recovering from the virus.
Carolyn Howard is undergoing tests at Northside Cherokee.
Patsy Watson is having a procedure done Tuesday.
Koby Cork is recovering from a broken ankle.
Glenda Stanley, Judy Wright's sister, is recovering from shoulder surgery.
Don McKee is recovering from surgery after breaking his femur.
Frank McMeen is recovering from open heart surgery.
Aubrey Prestridge, a friend of Jeremy's, is recovering from surgery on a corotided artery.
 We extend our sympathy to **Edith Hensley** and her family in the passing away of **James Hensley**, Delmer's brother.
 Please continue to keep **Angie, Whitney and Dean Hunter** and their family in your prayers.

After many prayers, suggestions, planning and considerations, we will begin meeting together as a congregation on Sunday, May 31, at 10:30 AM to worship. The Elders will share more information this morning.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

Ralph Chancey Polly Cochran Geneva Holloway Jaque Holloway
 Pauline Mullinax Gladys Shultz Perlie Mae Sluder

Cancer Patients

Tim Jones, Carolyn Howard, Tom Hall, Billy Stells, Joann Lucas, Cathy Thurman, Ricky Patterson, Linda Vercher, Abby Collins, Charles Derrick, Cindy Setlock

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Reid Cochran, Andrew Edmondson, Michael Gregory, Corey Henry, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Wayne Jones, Dillan Ledford, Jacob Mahaffey, Wilson Pettit, CJ Reid, Frankie Silva, Eric Spisak, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw

A donation was made to the Ellijay Church of Christ Memorial Gardens

in memory of **Dale Hunter**

by Stephen Bonner
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 Brian Marbut
 Karletta McCoy
 John & Jennifer Painter
 Garry & Brenda Rittenberry
 Wendy Russ
 Diane Smith
 John & Evelyn Upshaw

and in memory of **Delmer Hensley**
 by Edith Hensley

Others to Remember
 David Green, Julius Jones, Genell Cantrell, Lori Morrow, Abel Robinson, Betty Hall, Lisa Huffman, Joyce Butler, Zach Pritchett, George & Ernestine Hall, Lynn Coleman, Doris Davis, Brenda Price, Dianna Burnette, Jody Sales, Cathy Johnson, Blanch Raines

Devotional and Memory Verse
May 24th
For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
 Galatians 5:13



Message from the Elders...
 Please remember to make your contribution even though we are not meeting together. This can be done by either: 1) Electronic Giving; 2) Mailing your check to the building; 3) Dropping your contribution by the building. Thank you to those that have been able to continue. We hope to be able to worship together soon in the near future!!

GREEN CLIPPINGS



I am looking forward to another great day of worship as we continue to work together as the Lord's Church in Ellijay. Summer is just around the corner, and I know that the warm weather is starting to lift our collective spirits as we work through this pandemic. I would typically be preparing for camp at both Backwoods and Wetoga, but those are on hold for now as we all take a "wait and see" approach to the rest of our summer routines. This Memorial Day weekend is typically a huge travel period, but this year is noticeably different, although many have continued their traditions despite the circumstances. Speaking of Memorial Day, I hope that the COVID-19 crisis does not overshadow the holiday and that we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our political freedoms. As always, we express our appreciation for all our soldiers and honor those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

We are also excited to have Caleb Sampson and his family "officially" joining us today. Caleb is starting as our Youth and Family Minister, and we have already seen the many talents and abilities he possesses at work. We are confident that he, Kristin, and their kids will be a blessing to the church and that we will bless their lives as well.

Our lesson today is taken directly from our memory verses for the last two weeks. Barry Kingsley picked those passages for us to study throughout the year, and these two are tremendously applicable to the things we are going through presently. My prayer is that we will listen intently, study, and apply the things God is telling us through the text this morning.

Finally, we are thrilled to share that we will begin meeting "in-person" on Sunday mornings next week at 10:30 AM. The elders will share further instructions about those gatherings this morning. While this is an awesome step, there will be some growing pains as we try to practice social distancing and use an abundance of caution to keep each other healthy. As we go through these, we should remember the things we have been talking about all year, and again today, that we fulfill the Law of Christ by loving each other!

There Is Coming A Day

Believing in the reality of the judgment is motivation: "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (2 Corinthians 5:11). If informed of a coming judgment, how would the great men of the Bible have reacted?

Enoch would have believed.
 Noah would have immediately begun preparing.
 Abraham would have set out in faith.
 Moses would have called the people together to relate the message.
 Isaiah and Jeremiah would have pled with the people.
 Daniel would have proclaimed it aloud.
 Elijah and Elisha would have shouted it from the rooftop.
 Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, James, and Jude would have placed in our hands the record and said, "Here is the way it is going to be—Judgment Day is coming!"

If your name is not written in the Lamb's Book of Life, we plead with you to believe, repent, confess, and be baptized into the body of Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).

If your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, we pray that you may live and conduct yourself in such a way that your name may never be blotted out (Revelation 3:5). —Author Unknown

"All the nations will be gathered before Him"
 Matthew 25:32



-House to House
 Heart to Heart

Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.



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What Deplorable Conditions!

A mission team had just returned from a small pueblo in the Mexican desert to their home church in Zephyrhills, Florida, and was giving a report on a work they were supporting there. The team had recently built a building in the pueblo to hold church meetings, and they had spent the first day there digging fence post holes to erect fencing and enclose the property. It was hard work in the hot desert sun and they were so looking forward to a cool shower at the end of the day, only to be told that there a problem with the water line, so there would be no cool showers. They would have to sleep that night in their sweaty, dusty condition.

The team went on to report how that the desert temperatures can be extreme: very hot during the day and extremely cold during the night. They also reported that the windows and a couple of doors had not yet been installed in the building. They would need to sleep in that building, so they were quite concerned about the desert creatures that may freely wander into the building seeking warmth. Some of the boys had already killed a couple of snakes that day, and then there were the spiders! Now these were not your garden-variety spiders; these were the large tarantulas, that they had been warned about, that live in the Mexican desert. So needless to say, they spent a cold, sleepless night on spider patrol! They each took turns standing guard, watching so that they didn't have any of these unwanted visitors sharing their bed.

When the morning came, they were looking forward to a hot breakfast. One of the ladies there in that small town had volunteered to cook for them and prepared cornmeal cakes. They all sat down together, gave thanks, and began to eat and talk about the events of the night. They were about half finished with their breakfast when the cook mentioned that rats had gotten into the commel. One of the ladies of the mission team commented, "What a shame to see the food ruined and go to waste - to have to throw out all that corn meal!" The cook replied, "Well, I knew you'd want to have breakfast and that's all we had, so I just did my best to cut away that portion of cornmeal that the rats had eaten away and used the rest for your breakfast."

When one of the ladies of the mission team heard this news, she was furious! She stood to her feet, looked the cook straight into her eyes and said, "Let me tell you something... if I had only known that conditions here were going to be THIS BAD, I would've NEVER come!" And she stormed off to her room.

Well, after she had spent some time lying on her bed thinking, she began to feel guilty. "I should have never said that to her," she thought. "That was wrong! In a few days, we will return to our comfortable air-conditioned lives. But this is their home and their way of life every day!" Then she had a chilling thought. "What if... the Lord Jesus had thought the same about coming HERE to this world?"

Jesus knew the condition of the world before He came into it. He knew the horrific treatment that awaited Him here at the hands of sinful man. But, He still came.

If he had NOT come, where then would that leave you and me? We would have been left in a deplorable, deadly condition (Romans 6:23). But because of His great love for us, Jesus came to this world to die on the cross for our sins so that we can be forgiven and receive the gift of eternal life in a place (heaven) where conditions are delightful, not deplorable (see Revelation 21:3-4).

Donna Douglas and Pam Thum have written a song entitled, "He Still Came." The chorus of that song states:

"He still came just for me, He still came.
 Knowing all He would endure, He still came.
 Disregarding ev'ry cost, from the manger to the cross.
 He still came just for me; He still came."

-- Mike Eddlemon and David A. Sargent, Creekwood Church of Christ