

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

- Song
- Song
- Opening Prayer**
- Song
- Partake of the Lord's Supper**
- Prayer for the Contribution**
- Song
- Scripture Reading**
- Song
- Message**
- Song
- Announcements**
- Song
- Closing Prayer**

Worship Assignments

August 8th

August 15th

Scripture Reading
Open Prayer
Song Leading
Head Table
Elder Closing

Usher

Greeters

Sound Room

Nursery

Evening

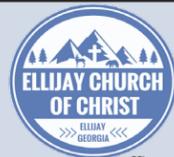
Evening

Open Prayer
Song Leading
Close Prayer
Communion

August 11th

August 14th

Announcements
Song Leading
Prayer
Speaker



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Sunday Service Times

Bible Class - 9:30 AM
Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Evening Worship - 6 PM

Wednesday Service Time

Bible Study - 7 PM

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Phoebe Dunn, the family counselor, is meeting with members **Sunday, August 15th.** 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 August 1st

Bible Study..... No Service
AM Worship.....
PM Worship..... Online
Wednesday Evening..... Online

CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS

	CHECKS	CASH	E-GMNG	TOTAL
Aug1	2,550.00	60.00	4,215.00	6,825.00
Aug8				
Aug15				
Aug22				
Aug29				
Total	2,550.00	60.00	4,215.00	6,825.00

WEEKLY AVERAGES

BUDGET	Y-T-D	AUGUST
\$8,200.00	\$7,675.77	\$6,825.00

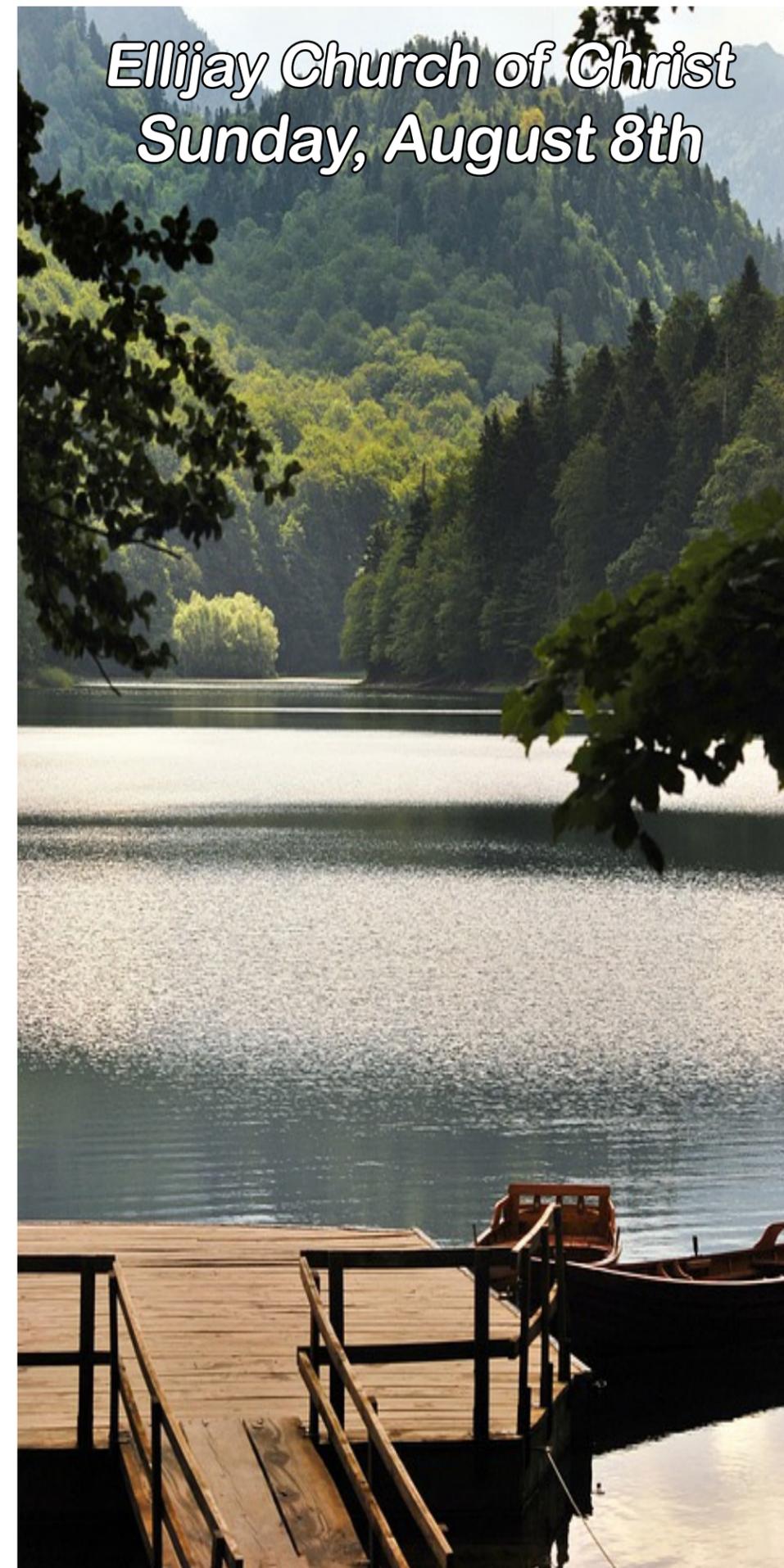
Thank you for the continued donations for the Growth Expansion Building Fund. As of July 7th, the balance is \$13,666. Continued donations are appreciated as we work to complete the new parking lot.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION

1. Stress-free, Safe and Automatic
2. Weekly or every 2 weeks, monthly or 2 times a month
3. E-mail notification for each transaction
4. Enroll via church website or Realm "CONNECT" app
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The Roundtable Devotional Podcast is back! Check it out on YouTube or your favorite podcast app.



**Ellijay Church of Christ
Sunday, August 8th**

Family News



Betty Hall's doctor told her she is not a candidate for knee replacement surgery. She has been referred to another doctor for a possible different procedure.

Danny Hensley is continuing chemo.

Dudley Maddox is in Piedmont Atlanta Hospital recovering from COVID-19. Please keep **Annette Holt** in your prayers.

We have SEVERAL members recovering from COVID-19!

Teresa Weeks has stomach surgery scheduled for Sept 1st.

Dan Weaver will be having a heart cath at Piedmont Atlanta on Monday, August 9th.

Tammy Watkins, Matt's stepmom, has been diagnosed with a tumor on her urethra. A biopsy is scheduled for next week.

Jerry Green, Jeremy's Dad, continues to be treated with IV antibiotics at home.

Alan Cox is recovering from open heart surgery. The surgery went well, and he will be moved to a regular room.

Please remember our families who have lost loved ones here recently.

Tony and Dawn Gooch in the passing of their son, Andrew Gooch.

Ron Logan, a family friend of Janetta McCoy's, passed away after several days in the hospital.

Laurie and Mark Pettit in the passing away of Laurie's dad, John O'Dowd.

Others to Remember

Alan and Barbara Cox, Kay O'Dowd, Marvin Pritchett, Sandra Norton, Barbara Shutt, JoAnn Maxwell, Steve Matthews, Trish Jenkins, Genell Cantrell, Abel Robinson, Betty Hall, Lisa Huffman, Joyce Butler, Zach Pritchett, George & Ernestine Hall, Cody Nichols, Mark Bailey, Wylene Mullinax, Annette Holt, Luisa Varin, Christine Scaglione, Shannon Pierce, Drenda Dennard

Cancer Patients

Danny Hensley, Joy Janke, Seth Weaver, Chrisse Ralston, Stacey Pettit, Calvin Michael Evans, Tom Hall, Billy Stells, Joann Lucas, Cathy Thurman, Ricky Patterson, Linda Vercher, Abby Collins, Charles Derrick, Cindy Setlock, Scotty Dobbs, Debbie Decker, Jim Dean

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, Winston Pettit, Frankie Silva, Eric Spisak, Luke Stolz, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw

Summer Speaker Series

JUNE

- 2 Can We Trust the Bible?
Eric Lyons
- 9 Is the Bible Relevant in 2021?
Brad Harrub
- 16 What Does the Bible Say About Abortion?
Ben Giselbach
- 23 What Does the Bible Say About Worship?
Dan Chambers
- 30 What Does the Bible Say About God's Providence?
Allen Webster

JULY

- 7 What Does the Bible Say About Racism?
Eric Owens
- 14 VBS – Flood Adult Bible Class
Butch Jones
- 21 What Does the Bible Say about the LGBTQ+ Movement?
Ralph Gilmore
- 28 What Does the Bible Say About Christians and Politics?
John DeBerry

AUGUST

- 4 What Does the Bible Say About Men & Women Being Equals in the Church?
Dale Jenkins
- 11 What Does the Bible Say About Christians Handling Conflict?
Lonnie Jones
- 18 What Does the Bible Say About Christians Using Social Media?
Aaron Gallagher
- 25 What Does the Bible Say About What Happens When We Die?
Harold Savage



Announcements

We continue to have the foyer classroom available for those that choose to wear masks for worship and Bible study. This room is designated as "mask required" for each service. Additionally, an FM radio transmitter will be used to broadcast the services on 107.7 FM for those who want to participate by staying in their cars in the Maryann Street parking lot.



At this time, our services and congregational activities will be decided after prayers and discussion by the Elders on a day to day, week to week basis.

Birthdays

Daniel Sisson	2nd	Judy Mailen	17th
Atalin Chastain	3rd	Addie Jones	20th
Jennifer Burton	4th	Ross Cochran	21st
Janetta McCoy	5th	Harvey Derrick	21st
Sherry Weaver	6th	Raymond Mendez	22nd
Evelyn Walker	10th	Luisa Varin	25th
Anthony Perkins	11th	Kadie Weaver	27th
Charlie Barr	13th	Helen Stephens	30th
JB Dove	14th	Arlene Johnston	31st
Michael Stanley	14th	Carter Perkins	31st



GREEN CLIPPINGS



Thank you for being with us today, whether in person or online, as we gather as a church family. For the first time since this pandemic started, COVID is preventing me from attending. I tested positive for the virus on Wednesday, and I'm at home trying to keep busy until I can be back! My prayer is that we all stay healthy and can be back together soon!

Last Sunday, we talked about the perseverance or endurance that comes from surviving trials. That passage led me back to Philippians 4:11-13 and Paul's declaration that he has learned to be content in spite of his circumstances. He ends there with the emphatic statement, **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**

As Christians, we are resilient, but I pray we never forget that our resilience only exists in our reliance on Jesus. When we are at our weakest point, our strength comes from him (2 Cor. 12:10). I wish I was worshiping in person this morning, but I'm glad to be able to turn to YouTube and worship with my church family. Even on days when I'm weak, I feel strong in the Lord!

Let's all take advantage of this day of worship!

ALL IN



Philippians 3:13-14: *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

Summer has flown by and now it is a time for new beginnings for many. School has started back for the younger ages and college will begin shortly. Some will be starting new careers and facing the challenges of adulthood. As we move from our summer youth group schedule into the fall, we look forward to new opportunities to invite friends and get others involved in some of the stuff we have going on. I pray that all of you are doing well despite COVID having this resurgence, and that we can be back together and encouraging one another soon! Let's be like Paul in the verse above, and continued to press forward for the prize of Heaven!

FOCUSED ON THE FINISH

J. Hall, Buford Church of Christ

The name of an elite runner from Tanzania was written in sports history books at the 1968 Olympics—without him winning one medal. John Stephen Akhwari joined the field of seventy-eight competitors in Mexico City for a twenty-six-mile marathon. Around the halfway mark, Akhwari suffered severe injuries when he became entangled with other runners, stumbled, and hit the track with full-body force. A medic team rushed to his aid, bandaging his bloody wounds and dislocated knee, and recommended the obvious withdrawal from the race. Akhwari refused to give up. The tenacious athlete limped in agony over the remaining thirteen miles to cross the finish line one hour after the race was over. When asked how he endured under excruciating pain and impossible odds, his answer is still remembered over fifty years later, "My country didn't send me 5000 miles to start the race. They sent me 5000 miles to finish the race." Akhwari was a man so focused on finishing he was willing to endure anything.

In 1 Timothy 4:7b-10 we find an instruction given by Paul to a young minister named Timothy to have similar type focus to that of Akhwari. Paul writes, *"On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers."* Paul tells Timothy that "For this (speaking about the "promise for the present life and also for the life to come") that we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God." We can see that in Akhwari's story how he fixed his eyes on the finish line, but what does it mean to fix our hope on the living God? To answer that, let's examine a man in the New Testament who perfectly displays someone who fixed their hope on God and set their eyes on the finish line, Paul the apostle. One who we could say had "finish line focus."

Paul was one who was strong from the very start of his faith. We see in Acts 9:18-20 how right after the moment he was baptized, he started preaching the good news. *"And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God.""* This is no doubt both admirable and even inspiring, but many Christians have had strong starts to the life of faith; and as most Christians can attest, this isn't always a sure sign they will run the distance. We all probably know of someone who put on Christ in baptism, started their spiritual race in a full spring and had a heart, mind, and body willing to serve God – and then lost momentum and passion as the trials or time went by. In track and field when a runner sprints out to an early lead and then falls behind it is called a "burst & bust." However, in Paul's life we know that this initial burst of passion and energy for the Kingdom never waned, Paul kept his eyes on the finish line till the day he met it.

He would write in Philippians 3:12-14 about this determination, *"Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* Just like Akhwari, Paul presses on toward the goal for the prize. He sets his eyes on the finish line and no matter the situation, setback, or obstacle to overcome – Paul presses on. May we echo the life of Paul in our own efforts to focus on the finish line and do whatever it takes to make it there. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, *"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."*