

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 and Scripture - Isaiah 64:8**

Song (#2) We Praise Thee, O God  
 Song (#3) Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah  
 Song (#552) Have Thine Own Way

**Opening Prayer  
 Contribution**

Song (#319) Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

**Partake of the Lord's Supper**

**Scripture Reading - Proverbs 16:9**  
 Song (#959) Just a Little Talk With Jesus  
**Lesson - "Letting God Lead in 2022"**

**Jeremy Green**

Song (#947) Jesus is Tenderly Calling

**Announcements**

Song (#587) Sing and Be Happy

**Closing Prayer**

**Worship Assignments**

Welcome  
 Scripture Reading  
 Open Prayer  
 Song Leading  
 Head Table  
 Announcements  
 Closing Prayer

**January 2nd**  
 Curtis Kingsley  
 Lewis Mulkey  
 Eddy Mullinax  
 Gerald Chancey  
 Spencer Hall  
 Caleb Sampson  
 Jason Ledford

**January 9th**  
 Tim Hall  
 Landon Burton  
 Lloyd Ferrell  
 Tucker Hall  
 Josh Chancey  
 Junior Jenkins  
 Nathan Bagwell

Usher

Greeters

Sound Room

Will Parker

Will Parker

Open Prayer  
 Song Leading  
 Close Prayer  
 Communion

**Evening**  
 Robert Wood  
 Josh Chancey  
 Alex Sampson  
 Spencer Hall

**Evening**  
 Jacob Jenkins  
 Garry Hensley  
 Brandon Jones  
 Josh Chancey

Announcements  
 Song Leading  
 Prayer  
 Devo

**January 5th**  
 Caleb Sampson  
 David Green  
 Richard Bohannon  
 Jeremy Green

**January 12th**  
 Jeremy Green  
 Elijah Sampson  
 Spencer Hall  
 Caleb Sampson



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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

**Elders**  
 Tim Hall - 706-669-0915  
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 Mark Pettit - 706-276-6610

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 Bob Burkewitz - 706-276-2456  
 Josh Chancey - 706-669-6848  
 Nathan Collier - 706-972-4789  
 Junior Jenkins - 706-273-6972  
 John Johnson - 706-669-0422  
 Brandon Jones - 706-273-8762  
 Barry Kingsley - 706-273-6153  
 Jason Ledford - 706-669-4504  
 Tate McCoy - 706-669-0667  
 Will Parker - 706-889-1021  
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Phoebe Dunn, the family counselor, is available for appointments. 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 December 19th**

Bible Study..... 78  
 AM Worship..... 126  
 PM Worship..... 77  
 Wednesday Evening..... 38

**CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS**

	CHECKS	CASH	E-GIVING	TOTAL
Dec5	6,430.00	433.50	4,935.00	11,798.50
Dec12	2,740.00	201.01	2,275.00	5,216.01
Dec19	4,970.00	307.00	3,290.00	8,567.00
Dec26	2,695.00	109.00	2,875.00	5,679.00
Total	16,835.00	1,050.51	13,375.00	31,260.51

**WEEKLY AVERAGES**

BUDGET	Y-T-D	DEC
\$8,200.00	\$7,600.82	\$7,815.13

Thank you for the continued donations for the Growth Expansion Building Fund. As of December 30, the balance is \$12,863.26. Continued donations are appreciated as we work to complete the new parking lot.

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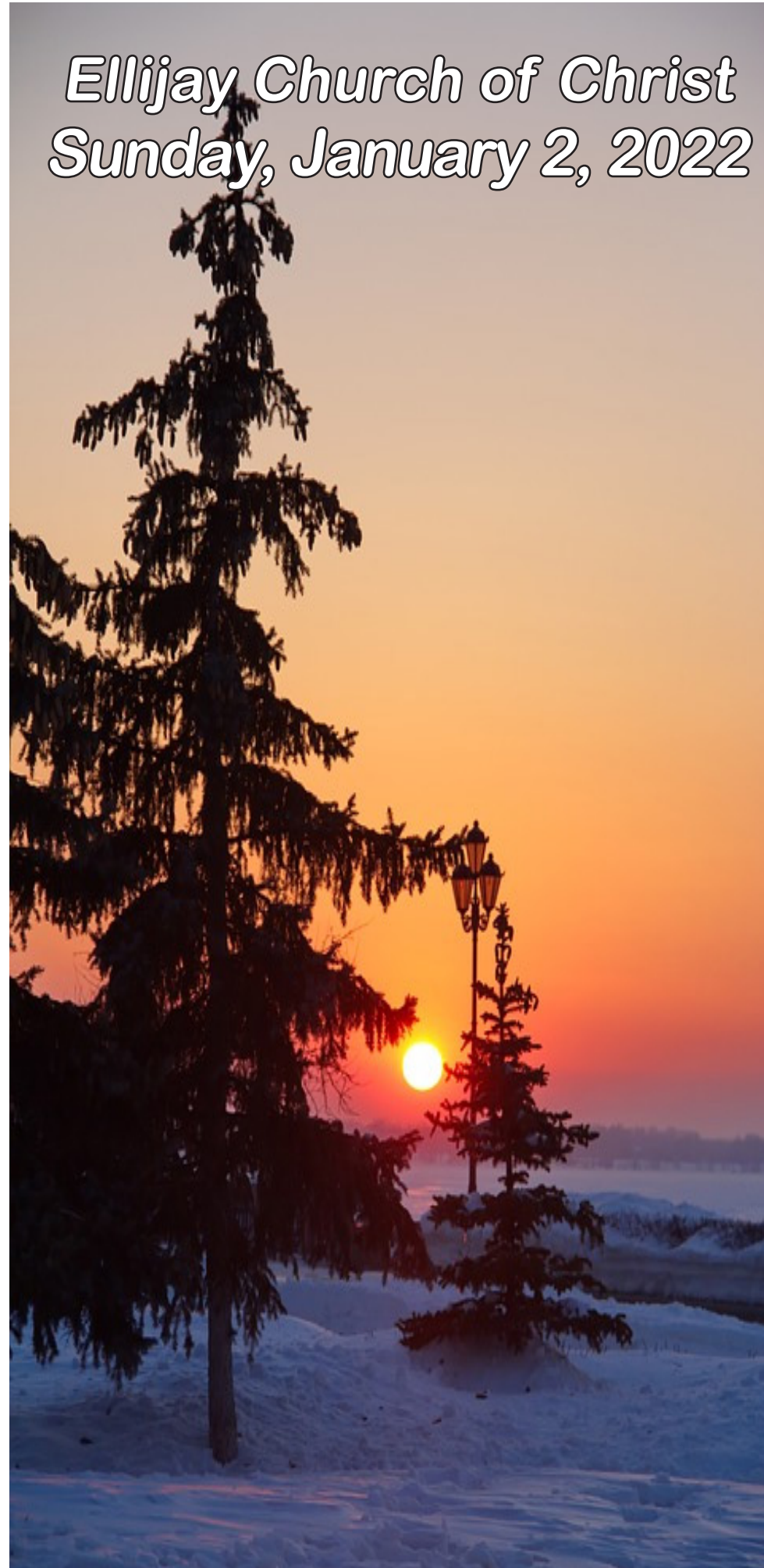
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And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.  
 1 Corinthians 13:13



**Ellijay Church of Christ  
 Sunday, January 2, 2022**

## Family News

**Tina Messer** is dealing with a herniated disc in her back in addition to her cancer treatments.  
**Candy Ledford's** dad, Harv Pankey, is recovering from a stroke.  
**Richard Stephens** is having knee replacement surgery this Tuesday.  
**Jerry and Angela Angel** are both sick with COVID. Angela's mom is sick with it as well.  
**Keith Holloway**, Quentin and Joann Holloway's son, tested positive for COVID last week.  
**Mike Linkous** continues to recover at home from surgeries for bacterial infection.  
**Betty Hall** is in Pruitt Healthcare in Jasper undergoing rehab.  
**Danny Jones'** heart cath went well, and he is recovering at home.  
**Annette Holt** will be having an MRI with full sedation at Emory Hospital on January 11th.  
**Mike Huff** is in very serious condition with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.  
**Cleah Boaz** will have a biopsy January 6.  
**Stephanie Watkins'** back surgery went well. She is home recovering.  
**Cathy Johnson's** brother, Scotty Dobbs, is dealing with a hernia.  
Please keep **Patsy Watson** in your prayers in the sudden passing of her sister Connie Adams.  
Scott Dunaway, **Johnny Dunaway's** son, passed away from a heart attack Monday morning in Tallahassee, FL. Johnny worshipped with us several years ago.  
We extend our sympathy to Lynn Kiser and her family in the recent passing of her sister, **Christine Scaglione**.  
We also extend sympathy to **Barbara Morse** and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Ronald May.

### Others to Remember

Ricky Lowman, Annette Holt, Jack Thurman, Jean Mulkey, Alan and Barbara Cox, Kay O'Dowd, Marvin Pritchett, Sandra Norton, Barbara Shutt, JoAnn Maxwell, Steve Matthews, Trish Jenkins, Genell Cantrell, Betty Hall, Lisa Huffman, Joyce Butler, Zach Pritchett, George & Ernestine Hall, Cody Nichols, Mark Bailey, Luisa Varin,

### Nursing Home Assisted Living

Perlie Mae Sluder

### Cancer Patients

Danny Hensley, Tina Messer, Judy Holloway, Joy Janke, Chrissy Ralston, Stacey Pettit, Calvin Michael Evans, Tom Hall, Billy Stells, Joann Lucas, Cathy Thurman, Ricky Patterson, Linda Vercher, Abby Collins, Charles Derrick, Cindy Setlock, 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, Wilson Pettit, Winston Pettit, Frankie Silva, Eric Spisak, Luke Stolz, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw



A new sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to volunteer to transport members and others to church services, doctor/hospital appointments, grocery stores or other needed transportation.

### 2022 Lock/Unlock

We still need volunteers to sign-up for locking and unlocking the building. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board. If you can help in this upcoming year, it would be greatly appreciated!

### Remember in Prayer

Please remember to keep Cathy Johnson in prayer as she came forward last week.



# 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.



## JANUARY

4th- **Tuesday Ladies Bible Class resumes, 9:30 AM**

9th - **Spiritual Growth Plan to be presented to the congregation.**

11th - **Tuesday Ladies Bible Class, 9:30 AM**

11th - **Men's Breakfast and Devo, 9:00 AM (White Columns Restaurant)**

23rd - **Kyle Butt** will be here as a guest speaker. We will have lunch after the morning service, and the evening service will be at 1:00 PM.

### Time

When you write the date, have you remembered to write "2022" instead of "2021"? Yes, another year has passed. Have you wondered: where has time gone?

Let's take the time to think about time:

Time is a gift. In each day there are 24 hours, 1,440 minutes, and 86,400 seconds - and every one of them is a precious gift from God. Someone once said, "Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back."

Time is brief. Perhaps you can relate to Job's statement about the passing of time: "Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away, they see no good. They pass by like swift ships, like an eagle swooping on its prey" (Job 9:25-26).

Time must be invested wisely. We can choose to either use and invest in eternal things or allow to drift by without taking advantage of the gift we have been given. "See then that you walk circumspectly [or "carefully"], not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

Time is limited. It is limited in that we only have a certain amount of time to use and to make the most of it. A big-time sports fan was watching a football game with his grandchildren. He had just turned seventy-five and was feeling a little wistful. "You know," he said to his grandson, Nick, "it's not easy getting old. I guess I'm in the fourth quarter now." "Don't worry, Grandpa," Nick said cheerily. "Maybe you'll go into overtime."

There is something far better than "overtime" for the faithful child of God!  
 -Creekwood Church of Christ



## January Birthdays

Eddy Mullinax	1st
Tristan Reece	1st
Peyton Chancey	2nd
Kiley Knill	2nd
Ann Burkett	3rd
Sonia Jenkins	4th
Lloyd Ferrell	5th
Isaiah Reece	5th
Teresa Mendez	7th
Dawn Hensley	8th
Mike Linkous	12th
Janine Lock	13th
Stephanie Watkins	15th
Nathan Collier	16th
JoAnna White	16th
Richard Stephens	17th
Donnie Bailey	18th
Chase Perkins	19th
Judy Wright	20th
Jeremy Green	23rd
Devorah Bowman	25th
John Bowman	25th
Sammy Wright	25th
Angie Hunter	27th
Dale Cochran	28th
Abrien Chastain	29th



Happy New Year! As of Saturday morning at 12:00 AM, it is officially 2022! If the last two years have taught us anything, we know that life is completely unpredictable. We have no idea what this year will hold, but we know who holds tomorrow. While we have no control of what happens in the world, we can control our relationship with the sovereign God of the universe. What have we planned to grow closer to him this year? What changes are we making so that we can be stronger in his service?

Many of us make resolutions, but all the improvements we make mean nothing if we don't grow spiritually. Or, as Mark 8:36 says, "**For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?**" Starting today, let's all focus on what really matters and focus on our spiritual lives.

Speaking of growth, we will be unveiling the 2022 Spiritual Growth Plan over the next couple of weeks along with rolling out our church-wide blueprint for evangelism. Also, on January 23, Kyle Butt will be with us to discuss "The Joy of Generosity" based on work that he and others have done using biblical teaching about stewardship. We have an exciting month planned that will help us shift gears as a church. I pray that we are all fully invested in what we do as a family and that

### Devotionals January 2nd - 8th

**Sunday** - Today is first Sunday of a new year. Within your own home, discuss some changes that you would like to make as it relates to your relationship God. What are some new activities you would like to participate in for 2022?

**Monday** - In the article included in this week's bulletin, the author quotes Job 9:25-26 where he says, "**Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away, they see no good. They pass by like swift ships, like an eagle swooping on its prey.**" As we grow older, it seems that each year passes more quickly. What are some ways that we can slow down and take advantage of the time God gives us? What can we discard from our lives that wastes some of this precious time?

**Tuesday** - Proverbs 16:9 says, "**In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.**" What does this verse mean in conjunction with how we plan our year? Think about some times when God adjusted your plans and guided you in a better direction.

**Wednesday** - Proverbs 3:5 tells us not to "lean on our own understanding." What does that mean to you? How is our thought process flawed in comparison to God's? Read Isaiah 55:8-9 and discuss it together.

**Thursday** - Many times we look at passages about God taking care of our future and make them rallying cries for all of our successes. One example of this is Jeremiah 29:11 where we read, "**For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**" However, we fail to quote verse 10 where Israel is told that they have to complete seventy years of captivity in Babylon. How can we both trust God's ultimate plan for us and reconcile that with the knowledge that we won't be spared from hardship?

**Friday** - In our lesson this week, we discussed Isaiah 64:8 and Jeremiah 18:1-6 where God is the potter and we are the clay. Are we prepared to let God mold us? How can we let him be in full control?

**Saturday** - We have had a full week to try and incorporate some changes into our lives? How have we succeeded and how have we failed? Discuss this and prepare for another Lord's Day to grow stronger tomorrow!