

2025

Spiritual Growth Plan



ELLIJAY
CHURCH OF CHRIST





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Junior Jenkins
Barry Kingsley
Mark Pettit

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Mark Wilson

Minister

Jeremy Green

January 5, 2025

Dear Church Family,

2024 was another banner year for the Ellijay Church of Christ as we emphasized studying God's Word and keeping it hidden in our hearts. We pray that the Bible will always be precious to us and will serve as a guide to our lives.

2024 also presented unique challenges, and we were often reminded that in addition to treasuring God's Word, we must fully surrender our hearts to him and protect them from the world's influences.

With these thoughts in mind, we are blessed to be able to share our 2025 theme that comes directly from the text of Proverbs 4:23, where the Bible says, ***"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."*** As we strive to guard and protect our hearts, we will grow closer to God and each other.

One of the ways we can guard our hearts is by having an active spiritual life at home. Just like 2024, this year's growth plan includes weekly family devotionals, and we strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of them!

We love you and are always available to help you in any way! We are looking forward to a great year!

In Christian Love,

The Elders

Tim Hall

Junior Jenkins

Barry Kingsley

Mark Pettit

2025 Congregational Goals

Grow in the Knowledge and Application of God's Word

- The Ellijay church family will emphasize the importance of attending Bible classes for all age groups
- All members of the Ellijay family will be actively involved in all worship services
- The Ellijay church family will be encouraged to participate in home Bible studies by using the 2025 planner

Prioritize Outreach as a Main Focus of the Ellijay Church Family

- As a church, evangelism will be a top priority for every member
- Implement new AGAPE Groups
- Place evangelistic thrust on every church event to fulfill the Great Commission
- Increase local outreach using various efforts
- Continue to support domestic mission work – Hiawassee, Murphy, Toccoa, Camp Wetoga, GST, and Project Unify
- Continue to support foreign mission work – Jamaica, Africa, India
- Explore a mission trip with Partners 4 Africa in the summer of 2026
- Utilize World Bible School to reach souls locally and abroad

Promote Spiritual Growth within the Youth and C-Squad

- Prioritize teaching the plan of salvation to each member of the youth group
- Focus on parental involvement in youth activities
- Increased focus on biblical teaching and spiritual growth
- Understand the value of spending time together as Christians
- Implement new curriculum program for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade

Emphasize Outreach to Hispanic Families in the Ellijay Community

- Continue to utilize Homework Club as a method of reaching young people and their parents
- Continue to use Homework Club to lead outreach to Spanish-speaking families in Ellijay

Focus on Leadership within the Ellijay Congregation

- As elders, emphasize the role of shepherding and devotion to prayer and ministry of the Word
- Continue to increase communication and delegation to deacons
- Utilize a mentoring program to identify and develop future elders and deacons
- Further utilize the Lads to Leaders program to develop leadership among young people

Encourage and Expand Communication throughout the Church Family

- Challenge each member to utilize the Realm app on smart devices to access directory information and receive important messages and updates instantly
- Continue to emphasize communication using social media, the church website, Realm, and the telephone callout system
- Increase focus on reciprocal communication between the elders and members as we strive to grow together
- Maintain focus on the seriousness and significance of worship by planning services in greater detail and communicating with the deacons in charge if you are not able to serve when assigned

Highlight and Attend Special Events throughout 2023

- Ladies Day (April 12) and Men's Christian Leadership Conference (March 22 w/ Jerrie Barber)
- Spring Revival and Friends and Family Day (April 25-26 Ben & Travis)
- Ellijay Week - Camp Wetoga (June 15-20)
- VBS (July 13-16)
- Area Wide Singing (September 27)
- Fall Revival (September 28-October 1 w/ Guest Speaker Robert Tipps)

Tentative Congregational Calendar of Events/Activities 2025

JANUARY

5th..... Present Growth Plan to Congregation
13th..... GSOP Course Begins
26th..... Early PM Service

FEBRUARY

7th Valentine's Dinner
24th..... GSOP Course Ends
23rd..... Early PM Service

MARCH

22nd..... Men's Christian Leadership Conference
23rd..... Early PM Service
30th..... Small Groups PM Service

APRIL

12th Ladies Day
25th - 26th.... Mental Health Seminar with Ben and Traivs
18th-20th..... Lads to Leaders
27th..... Friends and Family Day/Early PM Service

MAY

11th..... Raintree Children's Home Appeal
18th..... Graduation Luncheon/Early PM Service

JUNE

1st..... Summer Series Begins
1st-6th..... Backwoods Christian Camp
15th-20th.... Camp Wetoga
22nd..... Early PM Service
29th Small groups PM Service

JULY

4th Fireworks in back parking lot
20th-23rd.... VBS
27th Early PM Service
16th-21st Polishing the Pulpit - Branson, Missouri

AUGUST

3rd..... Back to School Youth Night - Andrew Kingsley
15th-21st.... Polishing the Pulpit - Sevierille, Tennessee
24th Summer Series Ends, Early PM Serice
31st Small Groups PM

SEPTEMBER

1st Labor Day Picnic
12th-13th.... Family Retreat
28th-1st Revival with Robert Tipps

OCTOBER

12th..... Apple Festival Devo
19th Apple Festival Devo
25th Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
26th..... Early PM Service

NOVEMBER

23rd Early PM Service
25th..... Thanksgiving Service
30th Small Groups PM

DECEMBER

7th..... Congregational Holiday Party
12th..... Prepare Fruit Baskets
24th..... Special Prayer/Singing Service

YOUTH ACTIVITIES 2025

January

18th Pizza Hut/Bowling in Blue Ridge
14th & 28th TNT
26th L2L Workday

February

7th Valentines Dinner
9th "Souper" Bowl
11th & 25th TNT
23rd L2L Workday
21st-23rd CYC in Gatlinburg

March

11th & 25th TNT
14th Parents Night Out Movie Night/
Lock In (Teens)
22nd Leaderette's Tea
23rd L2L Workday

April

6th L2L Workday
13th L2L Workday
15th & 29th TNT
16th Easter Egg Hunt
18th-20th L2L Convention
26th Cemetery Work Day

May

3rd Bonfire @ Pink Pig
13th & 27th TNT
17th Camp Wetoga Workday

June

1st-6th Backwoods Christian Camp
10th & 24th TNT
15th-20th Camp Wetoga
22nd Inspire @ Faulkner (registration opens April)

July

4th July 4th celebration/Lock In
8th & 22nd TNT
12th Floating the River
20th-23rd VBS

August

5th & 19th TNT
3rd Back to School Night
16th Bonfire @ Jenkins
30th Cashes Valley

September

1st Labor Day Picnic/Youth Kickball Game
16 & 30th TNT
12th-13th Family Retreat
28th L2L Workday

October

4th Burts Pumpkin Farm
14th & 28th TNT
25th Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
26th Reverse Trick or Treating/L2L Workday

November

1st Ladies Paint Class/Mens hiking Day
11th & 25th TNT
21st Friendsgiving
23rd L2L Workday

December

5th Parents Night Out
9th & 23rd TNT
10th Blanket Service Project for Nursing Home
14th Deliver Blankets/Singing
19th Holiday Party
27th-30th Exposure Youth Camp in Huntsville
31st New Years Eve lock In



FAITH that WORKS

STUDIES IN THE
BOOK OF *JAMES*

S U M M E R 2 0 2 5

Sundays | 6PM | Ellijay Church of Christ
351 N. Main St | Ellijay, GA

**JUNE 1 - "WHEN YOUR FAITH IS TESTED" (JAMES 1:2-4)
HUGH GLAZE, TRION, GA**

**JUNE 8 - "THE SOURCE OF TEMPTATION" (JAMES 1:13-15)
JOSHUA CANTRELL, DECATUR, GA**

**JUNE 15 - "RESISTING ANGER" (JAMES 1:19-20)
ANDREW KINGSLEY, MONTGOMERY, AL**

**JUNE 22 - "LOOKING IN THE MIRROR" (JAMES 1:22-25)
ELLIOT GLASGOW, COLUMBUS, GA**

**JULY 6 - "TRUE RELIGION" (JAMES 1:26-27)
MIKE UNDERWOOD, BLUE RIDGE, GA**

JULY 13 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 20 - "PLAYING FAVORITES" (JAMES 2:1-4)
HAROLD SAVAGE, SNELLVILLE, GA**

**JULY 27 - "FAITH AND WORKS" (JAMES 2:14-26)
JORDAN ALKER, NORTHPORT, AL**

**AUGUST 3 - "THE POWER OF WORDS" (JAMES 3:1-12)
ANDREW ITSON, MADISON, AL**

**AUGUST 10 - "A JEALOUS GOD" (JAMES 4:4-5)
JAKE SUTTON, MARIETTA, GA**

**AUGUST 17 - "THE POWER OF PRAYER" (JAMES 5:13-19)
MATT AMOS, WOODSTOCK, GA**

**AUGUST 24 - "LIFE AND DEATH" (JAMES 1:12; JAMES 4:13-15)
JON PODEIN, CALHOUN, GA**

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