

Worship Assignments
Sunday Morning Services

	March 30th	April 6th
Announcements	Quentin Holloway	Quentin Holloway
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Pritchett
Open Prayer	Don Kerley	Tom Hall
Close Prayer	Johnny Dunaway	John Clark Pettit
Head Table	Tim Hall	Ken White

Assist	Don Kerley	Zach Pritchett
	Mike Holloway	Winston Pettit
	Garry Rittenberry	Dow McEntyre
	Reid Cochran	Matthew Bailey
	John Clark Pettit	Donnie Bailey
	Jack Stanley	Chris Maddox
	Mark Wilson	Rob Burton
	Dennis Dove	Dustin Holland

Usher	Koby Cork	Terry Rochester
	Chris Maddox	Mike Holloway
	Daniel Sisson	Mike Parson
	Mike Williams	Jack Stanley
	Joby Ralston	Dennis Nicholson
	Reid Cochran	Don Kerley

Sound Board Projector	John Painter	Jackie Cochran
	Jackie Cochran	Carl Wilson

Greeters	D&J Young	Betty Bevins
	Barbara Morse	Sybil Norton
	Dana Payne	V&J Gibbs

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Announcements	Carl Wilson	Greg Burrell
Song Leading	Mike Williams	David Green
Open Prayer	Dennis Dove	Garry Rittenberry
Close Prayer	Rob Burton	Joby Ralston
Communion	Tim Hall	Ken White
Sound Board	John Painter	Jackie Cochran
Projector	Jackie Cochran	Carl Wilson

MONTH OF MARCH

Unlock Building	Ken White
Lock Building	Dick Young

MONTH OF APRIL

Mark Wilson
Don McKee

Announcements	April 2nd	April 9th
	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
	Song Leading	Zach Pritchett
	Prayer	Daniel Sisson
	Sound Board	Rob Kerley
	Projector	John Painter
		Barry Kingsley
	Zach Pritchett	
	William Parker	

INTO THE ABUNDANT LIFE

Homework Assignment For This Week

Discussion questions:

1. Why is it better to let the Bible speak for itself, rather than somebody telling what it says?
2. Why do people accept things better when they figure them out for themselves?
3. Why do people learn better when they are actively involved with the material to be learned, rather than just being passive listeners?
4. What goal should we have in mind when we share "The Guide to Eternal Life"?
5. What is there about the one-on-one teaching situation that is more conducive to learning than when part of a large group?

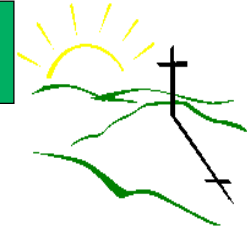
Assignment

Read Chapters 7 & 8 of Into The Abundant Life
Familiarize yourself with the "Guide to Eternal Life"
Keep praying for the souls on your list

TAKE NOTE

East Ridge in Chattanooga has invited our ladies to their Ladies Day on Saturday April 5th. Jane Washington is the speaker. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to attend. See Lynn Kiser with any questions.

ELIJAY CHURCH OF CHRIST



Spreading the Good News
Sunday, March 30, 2008

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning

Class.....9:45am
Worship.....10:45am

Sunday Evening

Worship.....6pm

Wednesday Evening

Bible Study.....7:00 pm

Gospel of John -

Butch Jones

Singing Class -

Barry Kingsley

- We have Bible classes for all ages -



Mark Wilson - 30th
Irene Gorman - 31st
Quentin Holloway - 1st
Carolyn Brinson - 3rd
Kourtney Weeks - 5th

Barry & Katrina Kingsley - 5th

Week of March 23rd

Contribution.....\$4424
Budget.....\$6630
Under YTD.....\$4762
Bible Study.....89
AM Worship.....149
PM Worship.....132
Wednesday Evening.....128

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



Welcome to our Visitors! You are our honored guest. We hope that you find our worship uplifting and meaningful. Please complete the visitors card so we will have a record of your visit. Please know that you are always welcome at all of our services. We hope you will stay after services and let us get to know you.



Please check the Phone List posted on the bulletin board to see that we have your cell number if you want it put in the upcoming Cell Phone Directory.

There will *not* be a prepared meal before the Wednesday evening Bible Study on April 2nd due to being Spring Break week.

In Our Prayers

Carolyn Brinson just found out she has lung cancer. She is requesting no phone calls at this time, but prayers & cards are appreciated. More test results are to come.

3910 Robin Hood Road
Valdosta, Georgia 31606

Rhonda Hefner Packer is at home in Athens recovering from surgery. She is slowly improving & dr's are pleased.

Fred Holloway is recovering well from surgery. He is still in a cast & will be rechecked this week. If you would like to send he & Ms. Gladys an encouraging note:

290 River Lane
Ellijay, GA 30540

Anita Mullins is recovering from surgery. There were some complications but she is doing some better.

Wylene Mullinax's brother, Al Clark, is recovering from gallbladder surgery. The surgery went well & he is improving.

Donald Majors is having health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.

There is a wooden box located on the table in the foyer for C.A.R.E. teams visitation cards to be put after completion.

Please remember our Cancer Patients

Martha Rollins, Frances Martin Deep, Willene Cody, Christa McArthur, Sandra Poole, Ethan Jones, David McClure, Billy Stells, Emory Pankey, Wally Schmidt, Mel Teasley, Treet Tilley, Linda Beaver, Jewell Green, Annette Hefner

Others to Remember

Kathleen Sisson, Harold Neal, Vic Carswell, Pat Stells, Shirley Hinton, Vivian Young, Trent Miller, Willie Clayton, Orene Underhill, George & Laura Huckabey, Pauline Parks, Peggy Benedict, John Sullivan, Warner Holloway, Rosalind Westmoreland, Cindy Hogan, Al Clark, Megan Purcell, Pat Pritchett, Juanita Bloodworth, Jonathan Love, Everett Bacon, Annette Hefner, Gary Martin, Vance Buffington, Harold Hefner, Bryson Huckaby, Sue Long, Elene Rivers, Justin Elliott, Mildred Gudger



Donations made to the Ellijay Church of Christ Memorial Gardens by Lamar & Irene Gorman in memory of:

Ellen Gorman

by Dick & Joyce Young in memory of:

Juanita Green

and by Garry & Rachael Hensley in memory of:

Delmer Hensley

Upcoming Events

•March 30th - New Ladies Bible class starts in the Fellowship Hall. Cleah Boaz is the teacher. Also, a new Mens Bible class starts in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall & will be taught by Ken White & Dick Young.

•April 7th - Raintree Village Children's truck will be here. Much needed items are posted on the board.

•April 13TH - Our Lads to Leaders & Leaderette participants will be recognized during the morning class time.

•April 13th - Ushers & Greeters Luncheon. Please see the signup sheet on the board.

•April 19th - C Squad Activity - Bicycle rodeo at the church building parking lot, 10am-12pm. We will have light refreshments, please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board.

•April 20th - 3rd Sunday Singing, here at Ellijay, 2:30 pm.



•April 26th - WORKDAY INSIDE & OUT at the church building to prepare for Friends and Family Day.

•April 27th - FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Fortune or Not?

In 1576, soldier and adventurer Humphery Gilbert published a pamphlet titled *A Discourse of a Discoverie for a New Passage to Cataia*, wherein he put forth evidence for a Northwest Passage to Asia across the top of North America, and described the commercial advantages for opening such a trade route. Not only could England become wealthy through trade in gold, silver, precious stones and spices, but it could settle the newly discovered strait.

A group of London merchants formed a plan to send Martin Frobisher to find the Northwest Passage on their behalf.

With three tiny ships, Frobisher set out from London on June 7, 1576. As they passed down the Thames, Queen Elizabeth I waved them farewell from the window of her palace at Greenwich, and sent a messenger aboard to express her thanks for their hazardous undertaking.

During a stormy six-week crossing of the North Atlantic, the smallest of Frobisher's three ships sank and another turned back in fear. Only the flagship *Gabriel*, a tiny vessel with a crew of 18, continued westward. Eventually, on July 28 they sighted a barren rocky headland which Frobisher named "Queen Elizabeth's Foreland," in honor of his royal patron. This was Resolution Island, the most easterly outpost of Arctic Canada. There, they loaded 200 tons of a mineral that they believed contained gold.

When a London assayer claimed that the stone was high-grade gold ore, the implications were enormous!

Assayers in England gave widely differing estimates of the value of the ore brought back by Frobisher in 1577. However, the Company of Cathay chose to believe the most optimistic assays, and began to organize the largest Arctic expedition ever mounted.

Hundreds of tons of ore were unloaded at several locations in England, but over the following winter, it became apparent that the rock was nothing but worthless iron pyrite. As a result, most of the backers of the Company of Cathay lost their investment, Frobisher was in disgrace, and one of the promoters spent time in prison. The entire story of the deception that caused this first major gold-mining fraud in Canadian history has never been discovered.

After the loss of many men, ships and a large investment, Frobisher's alleged "gold" mines were soon forgotten, and even their locations were lost to history.

The "precious fortune" that cost so much time, effort and investment, in the final judgment, was only "fools gold" - worthless to the redeemer. *

Similarly, the "precious fortunes" tirelessly pursued by many will also be found worthless when Jesus, the Son of God, returns to judge the world. The things of this world won't last (2 Peter 3:10). Only those who have received the spiritual treasures which are the result of a right relationship with God will keep them throughout eternity (see Matthew 6:19-21).

Are YOUR pockets full of "fools gold," or do you have those eternal treasures which come ONLY through Christ?

* Source: Canadian Museum of Civilization — <http://www.civilization.ca/hist/frobisher/frint01e.html>