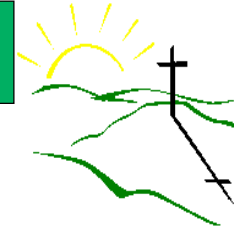


ELIJAY CHURCH OF CHRIST



Spreading the Good News
Sunday, April 1, 2007

**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.

Last minute finishing up for Convention...

Diane Wilson's puppet team will practice tonight at 5pm.

Pam Hall's puppet team will practice at 5:15 pm.

Don't forget to be reading over I and II Corinthians.

Practice your Bible reading, song leading, and speech

Be ready and have fun!

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Meeting Times
Sunday Morning
 Class.....9:45am
 Worship.....10:45am

Sunday Evening
 Worship.....6pm

Wednesday Evening
 Bible Study.....7:00 pm

- We have Bible classes for all ages -



Quentin Holloway - 1st
 Ryan Lowery - 2nd
 Carolyn Brinson - 3rd
 Garry Hensley - 3rd
 Kourtney Weeks - 5th
 Lorene Hall - 7th

Barry & Katrina Kingsley - 5th
 Charles & Evelyn Walker - 7th

Week of March 25th
 Contribution.....\$6,211
 Budget.....\$6,510
 Under YTD.....\$2,427
 Bible Study.....147
 AM Worship.....216
 PM Worship.....162
 Wednesday Evening.....121

To Our Young Women:
 We congratulate the young ladies for their outstanding work in the activities of the congregation. It is our understanding you did a great job participating Thursday night at the Ladies Night Out activities as well as the recent activities of the ladies event at the Blairsville congregation. Continue to develop your leadership skills as you lead in ladies assemblies by leading singing, leading prayer, reading the scripture, and presenting a lesson from God's word. We are proud of you. Keep up the hard work.

The Elders

To Our Young Men:
 Congratulations to all of the young men who participated in the worship service last Sunday night. You are to be commended for being willing to stand at the pulpit; to lead a prayer, read a scripture, make the announcements or present a lesson from the Bible. We are very proud of you and wish for you the very best as you continue to serve the Lord. Keep up the good work. We encourage all of the parents to keep their children active in the work of the church.

The Elders

Worship Assignments

Sunday Morning Services

	April 1st	April 8th
Announcements	Tom Hall	Quentin Holloway
Song Leading	Barry Pritchett	Barry Kingsley
Open Prayer	Dick Young	Tim Hall
Close Prayer	Richard Stephens	John Painter
Head Table	Lloyd Ferrell	Don McKee
Minister	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Assist	Jack Stanley Jackie Cochran Dow McEntyre David Green Donnie Bailey Daniel Funderburk Rob Burton Mark Wilson	Don Kerley Mike Holloway Garry Rittenberry Jackie Cochran Dennis Nicholson Jay Hall Carl Wilson Dennis Dove
Usher	Reid Cochran Andrew Kingsley Benjamin Kingsley Michael Kingsley Mike Williams Koby Cork	Rob Burton Daniel Funderburk Koby Cork Brandon Jones A.Z. Hall Eddy Mulkey
Sound Room	Mike Holloway	Dow McEntyre
Greeters	C&B Wilson Juanita Bloodworth D&D Green	Q&J Holloway Alice Crow Eulyeen Callihan

Sunday Night Services

Announcements	Carl Wilson	Burt Hinton
Song Leading	Garry Hensley	Mike Williams
Open Prayer	Garry Rittenberry	Dennis Dove
Close Prayer	Donnie Bailey	Richard Stephens
Communion	Lloyd Ferrell	Don McKee
Sound Room	Mike Holloway	Dow McEntyre

Month of March Month of May

Unlock Building	Garry Rittenberry	Ken White
Lock Building	Don McKee	David Green

Wednesday Night Services

	April 4th	April 11th
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Song Leading	Zach Pritchett	Andrew Kingsley
Prayer	Jay Hall	Greg Burrell
Sound Room	Benjamin Kingsley	Zach Pritchett



Gerald Holland started a different chemo this past Friday. It is not suppose to be as strong or as often as previously.

Shirley Hinton is still under dr's care.

I da Mae Holloway goes to the dr in several days regarding two aneurysms.

Mrs. Anderson, Susan's mother, is in a swing bed facility until she gets better after falling last week.

Wally Schmidt, Mary Giannone's brother, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is not doing well.

June Handte requests our prayers regarding therapy she is taking for her neck & back.

Richard Stephens has been suffering the last several weeks with kidney stones. He was hospitalized Tuesday evening due to them. He was to go back to the doctor on Friday.



Please remember our Cancer Patients

Juanita Green, Martha Rollins, Frances Martin Deep, Shirley Bailey, Willene Cody, Christa McArthur, Edith Hinds, Edd Hensley, Barbara Lassetter, John Waddell, Sandra Poole, Cliff Kearley, Ethan Jones, David McClure, Billy Stells, Emory Pankey, Larry Cantrell, Christy Heard

Nursing Home Residents

Pauline Mullinax, Florence Stanley, Annette Fitch, Bonnie Conner, Ruth Mashburn



Donations made to the Ellijay Church of Christ Memorial Gardens by David & Debbie Green in memory of:

Robert L. Green

By Garry & Rachael Hensley in memory of:

Delmer Hensley

By Quentin & Joann Holloway in memory of:

Linda Burnette

By Ken & JoAnna White in memory of:

Linda Burnette

Upcoming Events

•April 1st - **Snak-n-Yak & Baby Shower** for Tammy & Paul Bradley. They are expecting a BOY.

•April 9th - **Gilmer Nursing Home Singing**, 7pm.

•April 14th - **Trip to Fun World** for 5th grade and under. See Tim or Pam with questions. Sign up sheet on board.

•April 19th - Retirees & Others Forever Young - **Trip to Dillard House** in Dahlonega. Leave the bldg @ 10 am. Signup sheet is on the board.

•April 21st - **WORKDAY** at church to get ready for Family and Friends Day. We have work to be done inside and out.

•April 22nd - **FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY** - Please be inviting!

Others to Remember

Kathleen Sisson, Tina Messer, Kathleen Ballew, Richard Abernathy, Harold Neal, Vic Carswell, Ray Hammons, Barbara Hill, Pat Stells, June McEntyre, Shirley Hinton, Billie Wright, Vivian Young, Tom Miller, Trent Miller, Willie Clayton, Orene Underhill, Ethan Jones, George & Laura Huckabey, Laura Garth, June Handte, Glenna Trenary, Earl Hyatt, Eva Nabors

Devotional before the Georgia House of Representatives - March 29, 2007

Frank "Butch" Jones, Ellijay Church of Christ, Ellijay, Georgia

I d like to thank Representative Ralston for the kind introduction and for making it possible for me to be here with you today. Mr. Speaker and distinguished ladies and gentleman of this great House of Representatives for the State of Georgia, I would like to take just a few minutes at the start of this busy day to share with you a favorite scripture. The Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy, chapter 1, verse 7 says, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and love and soundness of mind."

The word "fear" in the Greek language wasn't what we think of when we hear the word, but rather it was the general word for all the troubles and tribulations and hardships that this world has to offer. Good people are not exempt from these things and we know that bad things happen to good people. Rather than concrete on those I d like to talk about the good things God has made available to us.

Paul mentions "power". Romans chapter 1, verse 16 says, "I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation, to the Jew first and also the Greek." The Gospel isn't just the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; its the life of Christ from His coming to be born in a stable in the little town of Bethlehem to his ministry going up and down the coast of Galilee trying to make a difference in the lives of men and women, boys and girls. He was about feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and comforting the bereaved. Peter tells us that "He left us an example that we should follow in His steps." The more we try to pattern our lives after His, the greater the power we enjoy. Paul says, "Greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world."

Secondly, Paul says that God gives us "love". The golden text of the scripture is found in John, chapter 3, verse 16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." When I was young there was a popular song entitled, "Love Makes the World Go Round". I ts true that love is that important. Jesus told his disciples that, "...greater love hath no man than this to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you." I ts not just Gods love or the love of Christ; its the love we enjoy with our family and friends. Love is a gift of God.

Thirdly, Paul speaks about the "soundness of mind". We live in a troubled world. As great as our state is, we still have troubles that perplex us all. Drugs are found in almost every community, alcoholism is rampant, immorality is excepted and we could go on and on about the troubles that plague us. There is a better way and that's what Paul is speaking about. He told the Church at Phillipi that there is "... a peace that passeth understanding." I will tell you today that if you don't know our Lord and are trying to figure this out on your own to open the pages of Gods book and start reading for the answer, it is found in the pages of the Bible.

I hope you will remember 2 Timothy, chapter 1, verse 7, long after I have gone back to the mountains of Georgia. I'd like to close by sharing a poem that describes much of what I have talked about today.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for *him*."

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day;