

Worship Assignments
Sunday Morning Services

	December 16th	December 23rd
Announcements	Tom Hall	Tom Hall
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Pritchett
Open Prayer	Don Kerley	Ken White
Close Prayer	Garry Rittenberry	John Clark Pettit
Head Table	Dick Young	Tim Hall
Assist	Andrew Kingsley Reid Cochran Zach Pritchett William Pettit Matthew Bailey Ben Kingsley Michael Kingsley Joel Pritchett	Tate McCoy Tom Hall Chuck Sisson Mike Williams David Green Dennis Nicholson Carl Wilson Don Kerley
Usher	John Clark Pettit Winston Pettit Dustin Holland Richard Stephens Johnny Duanway Dow McEntyre	William Parker Rob Burton Chris Maddox Donnie Bailey Harold Hefner Mark Wilson
Sound Board Projector	Mike Holloway William Parker	John Painter Barry Kingsley
Greeters	K&J White Phyllis Morrow Q&J Holloway	Juanita Bloodworth Alice Crow M&R Pritchett

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Announcements	Burt Hinton	Carl Wilson
Song Leading	Dudley Maddox	Men
Open Prayer	David Green	Johnny Dunaway
Close Prayer	Donnie Bailey	Greg Burrell
Communion	Dick Young	Tim Hall
Sound Board Projector	Mike Holloway William Parker	John Painter Barry Kingsley

MONTH OF DECEMBER MONTH OF JANUARY

Unlock Building	Barry Kingsley	Billy Weeks
Lock Building	Greg Burrell	Marvin Pritchett
Announcements	December 19th Butch Jones	December 26th Barry Kingsley
Song Leading	Zach Pritchett	Men
Prayer	Richard Stephens	Men
Sound Board Projector	Reid Cochran Barry Kingsley	Zach Pritchett Barry Kingsley

PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Please remember the upcoming deadlines for Lads to Leaders:

Registration Deadline for Event Participation: January 11, 2008
The following must be completed by January 6, 2008:

Mass Media

Music Compostion entries

Scholarship applications. Get started now if you are going to apply. (Seniors)

GI FTS entries and verification forms

Good Samaritan (Points for good deeds)

Parade of Winners (Reading or listening to the Old or New Testament)

Centurion of Scripture (Memorizing 100 Bible verses)

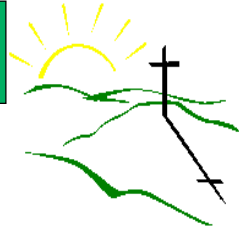
Bible Bowl and PEARLS Test Dates: January 30-February 11, 2008

Overall Theme: "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spitit, in faith, in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12

A good time to work on these is over the holidays. A list of activities on each young person is on the bulletin board or we have extra copies in the office.

Visit lads-to-leaders.org for more info

ELIJAY CHURCH OF CHRIST



Spreading the Good News
Sunday, December 16, 2007

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 -

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Diane Wilson - 16th
Jobie Ralston - 17th
Robin Bailey - 18th
Morgan Holland - 19th
Jackie Cochran - 20th
Brenda Rittenberry - 21st
Zach Hilll - 22nd
Laurie Kay Pettit - 22nd

Week of December 9th

Contribution.....\$6,510
Budget.....\$6,510
Under YTD.....\$9,938
Bible Study.....153
AM Worship.....225
PM Worship.....130
Wednesday Evening.....

Thank you to everyone who brought coats for our Coat Drive. We will continue to collect if anyone has coats or jackets they want to donate.

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Garry Rittenberry...276-4846

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.



"We all have many gifts. Are we willing to share them to the glory of God? Mark your calendar for February 2nd Snak-n-yack."



Trent Miller is at home recovering well from his kidney transplant surgery. If you would like to send him a card:

21566 Hwy 515N
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

Rhonda Packer was diagnosed recently with a brain tumor.

Annette Hefner will be undergoing surgery on December 27th for cancer.

Harold Hefner will be having knee surgery in a few days.

Yvonne Hall is recovering from eye surgery.

David Mullins' tests showed severe arthritis in his back. Dr's hope to treat it with diet and med's.

Lorene Hall will be undergoing more tests in the next several days after a test showed a spot on her lungs.

Virginia Merritt is in serious

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condition at St. Joseph's in Atlanta.

Everett Bacon, has alzheimers & is having serious problems. He is the father of Starla Jones, a teacher at Mountainview Elementary

Lorene Reece, Ernestine's sister, is recovering at home from surgery.

Others to Remember

Kathleen Sisson, Harold Neal, Vic Carswell, Pat Stells, Shirley Hinton, Vivian Young, Tom Miller, Trent Miller, Willie Clayton, Orene Underhill, George & Laura Huckabey, Pauline Parks, Peggy Benedict, John Sullivan, Warner Holloway, Rosalind Westmoreland, Cindy Hogan, Ernest Clark, Megan Purcell, Bear Patterson, Pat Pritchett, Terry Boomer, Juanita Bloodworth, Gladys Holloway, Jonathan Love, Jean Haney

Please remember our Cancer Patients

Juanita Green, Martha Rollins, Frances Martin Deep, Shirley Bailey, Willene Cody, Christa McArthur, Edd Hensley, Sandra Poole, Ethan Jones, David McClure, Billy Stells, Emory Pankey, Larry Cantrell, Wally Schmidt, Mel Teasley, Louise Leatherwood, Mike Gurganus, Treet Tilley, Reggie Burnette, Linda Beaver, Jewell Green

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

•**TODAY - TEEN Progressive Dinner.** All teens are *invited and encouraged* to come. Please be at the church building at 3:30pm. See Barry K. with any questions.

•**December 26th - Special Prayer Service**

•**December 30th - Our young men** will be in charge of the a.m. and p.m. service. Joel Pritchett will be preaching in the a.m. and Andrew Kingsley will be preaching in the p.m.

•**January 6th - The Elders** will be presenting the Spiritual Growth Plan for 2008

If you visited the Gilmer Nursing Home lately and noticed they had us down on their calendar for the service on the 23rd, please note that it has been changed and another church will be in charge of that day.



Donations made to the Ellijay Church of Christ Memorial Gardens by Elizabeth Holland in memory of:

Gerald Holland

"Shaping It Here So It Will Fit There"!

During the depression years there was a story told about a fellow that was down on his luck. He had lost his job. His wife of many years had taken ill and had passed away. He spent his days wondering around asking and begging for a job. He lived with depression in his life each and every day.

One day he passed where a church building was being built and he stopped and watched as the workmen erected the strong looking building. There was a brick mason cutting a brick and the old gentleman asked where in the world would that small brick be placed. The brick mason told him that he was shaping the brick on the ground so that it would fit at the very top of the structure. He told him, "I'm shaping it here so it will fit there", as he looked up.

I know we have several of our families that have had struggles this year. There has been lots of sickness and our prayer list seems to grow longer each week. Many of our families have lost loved ones and are dealing with grief during this holiday season of the year. Many reading this article can identify with the fellow in the illustration. Each day seems to hold despair.

I would hope that we would remember the words of the brick mason. I really believe God shapes us here so we will fit there! As God's "family", we are not exempt from the troubles and cares of this world. We too, have to face sickness and the lost of our loved ones. We have our troubles and trials just like all the rest.

There is a song that we sing that we really need to remember: "Where Can We Go but to the Lord"? The wonderful story found in the book of Hebrews is that we need to remember that as God's Children we have been promised that "He will never leave us nor forsake us." David said in the 23rd Psalm that, "...even though we go through the valley of the shadow of death, we don't have to fear because HE goes with us"!

God is shaping us here so we will fit there! His Word promises that He "won't put more on us than we can bear." We just have to remember that HE expects us to, "be faithful unto death." (Rev. 2:10), so we will fit there!

Congratulations to Kristen Powell on her graduation from North Georgia College this past Friday night. Kristen graduated with honors with a major in Criminal Justice!

The Hospice House is open again this year to help raise awareness for Georgia Mountains Hospice. It is located at Overland Trails Log Homes on Hwy 515. They also need volunteers to help.