



# 2018 Spiritual Growth Plan

THE POWER OF GOD'S  
WORD IN OUR LIVES



*"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account"*

**- Hebrews 4:12-13**





CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Curtis Kingsley  
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## The Power of God's Word in Our Lives (Hebrews 4:12-13)

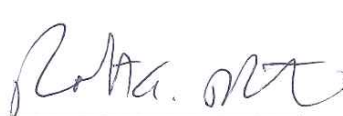
As the spiritual shepherds of the Ellijay church family, God has charged us with leading the congregation in the direction that will help us all grow and mature into a stronger body of believers. His command and expectation is for us to follow His Word through application and to share His Word with others through our lives. *He requires us to be doers of the Word, not just hearers (James 1:22-25).* Based on this, our desire is to commit to a higher level of daily study and dedication as a standard for our church family.

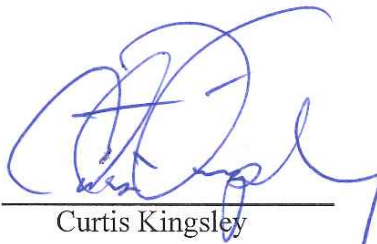
As Christians, we should always be looking to take the "next step" in our spiritual walk. As a church family, we are always striving to look for ways to inspire each other and stir one another up for good as children of God. **AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR, THE GOAL OF OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH PLAN IS TO KNOW GOD'S WORD MORE COMPLETELY AND APPLY IT TO OUR LIVES DAILY.**


If we let the Bible work in our lives, God has promised us the following:

- The Gospel has power (Romans 1:16)
- Our faith will be increased (Romans 10:17)
- We will be stirred up by studying together (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- We can be stronger workers in God's Kingdom (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Through the Bible's inspiration, we will become fully equipped to live the Christian life (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- As a living document, His Word will judge our hearts (Heb. 4:12-13)
- Souls will be saved as we spread the Word (Matthew 28:19-20)
- We will be saved if we live by the Word (Revelation 2:10)

The Bible also teaches that if we want to be together with Him for eternity, he requires obedience to His commands. This year, as we declare that we will know and serve God more intimately through His Word, we pray that each member of the Ellijay family will be enriched and that our lives will be changed by the power of God's Word!

  
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## **2018 Goals**

### **1) Grow in the Knowledge and Application of God's Word**

- Ellijay family will be challenged to read through the entire Bible together in 2018
- Ellijay family will be encouraged to achieve 100% participation in Bible school
- Congregation will participate in three special events to focus on study of the Word
  - 1) "How We Got the Bible" Seminar with Randy Bailey (February 11)
  - 2) Georgia School Of Preaching Short Course – "The Scheme of Redemption" with Dan Winkler (May 17-19)
  - 3) Teacher Workshop – "Teaching Rocket" with Michael Whitworth (August 26)

### **2) Conduct the First Annual Tri- County Cooperative Area-Wide Outreach Campaign with churches of Christ (REACH North Georgia 2018 – April 23-25)**

- Ellijay family will lead the way in promoting the event with supporting congregations
- All members will be encouraged to invite at least 5 people to the campaign
- All non-Christians who attend the campaign will be contacted for additional study of the Word

### **3) Continue support of Local, Domestic, and Foreign Evangelism/Outreach**

- Initiate a Spanish-speaking Sunday service to reach out to the local Hispanic community
- Continue and expand domestic mission work – Hiawassee, Murphy, Toccoa, Faulkner University, Camp Wetoga
- Continue and expand foreign mission work – Jamaica, India

### **4) Place Renewed Emphasis on Serving Others**

- Serve each other through the addition of a third CARE (Christians About Rejuvenation and Evangelism) Team
- Serve the community through local outreach projects (N. Georgia Crisis Center, IMPACT Work Camp, etc.)
- Serve those in need through benevolence (church program, Gilmer Food Pantry, etc.)

### **5) Increase Involvement of the Youth in the Work and Growth of the Church**

- Grow through study of the Bible (Library, Weekly Devotional Articles, Bible Class attendance, etc.)
- Increase unity among all aspects of youth (L2L, Youth, C-Squad)
- Continue and expand youth evangelism programs (Homework Club, Mission Trip to Rural GA, Social Media, etc.)

### **6) Continue to Develop Future Leaders of the Ellijay Congregation**

- Promote leadership through L2L program
- Identifying and mentoring future elders and deacons
- Increased communication and delegation of authority to deacons to fulfill their responsibilities of service

### **7) Plan for Anticipated Growth Achieved through Increased Attendance and Outreach**

- Consider expanding auditorium to provide additional seating
- Continue planning for the addition of a new education/fellowship building
- Encourage more members to donate to the building fund for the construction of a education/fellowship building
- Maintain monitoring of attendance as a reminder that **"Every Number Represents a Soul"**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Sunday Bible Class	134	165
Sunday Morning Worship	231	250
Sunday Evening Worship	136	165
Wednesday Night	138	165
Friends Day	390	450

## **2018 Summer Series**

### **“The Power of God’s Word in our Lives”**

June 6 – The Power of God’s Word in Our Lives (Hebrews 4:12), Mike Gurganus, *Ringgold Church of Christ, Ringgold, GA*

June 13 – The Inspiration of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17), Chris Barnett, *East Brainerd Church of Christ, Chattanooga, TN*

\*June 20 – How to Study the Bible in My Personal Life (Psalm 119:105), Brint Rice, *Wetumpka Church of Christ, Wetumpka, AL*

June 27 – Going from Milk to Meat (1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:12-14), Billy Camp, *Dalraida Church of Christ, Montgomery, AL*

July 4 – The Importance of Coming to Worship (Hebrews 10:24-25), Justin Mason, *Ozark Church of Christ, Ozark, AL*

July 11 – Sharing the Message (1 Peter 3:15), Steve Griggs, *Central Church of Christ, Dalton, GA*

\*July 18 – In Context Part 1: The Value of the Old Testament (Romans 15:4), Barry Gilreath, *Macland Road Church of Christ, Marietta, GA*

July 25 – In Context Part 2: Studying Passages in Context (Romans 10:17), Jeff Archey, *Eastside Church of Christ, Cleveland, TN*

August 1 – In Context Part 3: Popular Verses Taken out of Context (Jeremiah 29:11), Harold Savage, *Snellville Church of Christ, Snellville, GA*

August 8 – What the Bible Says About Homosexuality and Transgender Issues (1 Corinthians 6:9-11), Andrew Kingsley, *University Church of Christ, Montgomery, AL*

August 15 – What the Bible Says About Substance Abuse (Romans 6:16), Neil Richey, *Piedmont Road Church of Christ, Marietta, GA*

\*August 22 – What the Bible Says About Sexual Sin (Hebrews 13:4), Phil Baus, *Peachtree City Church of Christ, Peachtree City, GA*

August 29 – The Word Will Endure Forever (Isaiah 40:8), Jeremy Green, *Ellijay Church of Christ, Ellijay, GA*

\* *Denotes Youth Devotional at 6:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)*



# 365 DAYS WITH THE WORD BIBLE READING CHART

## JANUARY

- 1.....Genesis 1 - 3 ☐
- 2.....Gen. 4 - 6 ☐
- 3.....Gen. 7 - 9 ☐
- 4.....Gen. 10 - 12 ☐
- 5.....Gen. 13 - 15 ☐
- 6.....Gen. 16 - 18 ☐
- 7.....Gen. 19 - 21 ☐
- 8.....Gen. 22 - 24 ☐
- 9.....Gen. 25 - 27 ☐
- 10.....Gen. 28 - 30 ☐
- 11.....Gen. 31 - 33 ☐
- 12.....Gen. 34 - 36 ☐
- 13.....Gen. 37 - 39 ☐
- 14.....Gen. 40 - 42 ☐
- 15.....Gen. 43 - 45 ☐
- 16.....Gen. 46 - 48 ☐
- 17.....Gen. 49 - Ex. 1 ☐
- 18.....Exodus 2 - 4 ☐
- 19.....Ex. 5 - 7 ☐
- 20.....Ex. 8 - 10 ☐
- 21.....Ex. 11 - 13 ☐
- 22.....Ex. 14 - 16 ☐
- 23.....Ex. 17 - 19 ☐
- 24.....Ex. 20 - 22 ☐
- 25.....Ex. 23 - 25 ☐
- 26.....Ex. 26 - 28 ☐
- 27.....Ex. 29 - 31 ☐
- 28.....Ex. 32 - 34 ☐
- 29.....Ex. 35 - 37 ☐
- 30.....Ex. 38 - 40 ☐
- 31.....Leviticus 1 - 3 ☐

## FEBRUARY

- 1.....Lev. 4 - 6 ☐
- 2.....Lev. 7 - 9 ☐
- 3.....Lev. 10 - 12 ☐
- 4.....Lev. 13 - 15 ☐
- 5.....Lev. 16 - 18 ☐
- 6.....Lev. 19 - 21 ☐
- 7.....Lev. 22 - 24 ☐
- 8.....Lev. 25 - 27 ☐
- 9.....Numbers 1 - 3 ☐
- 10.....Num. 4 - 7 ☐
- 11.....Num. 8 - 10 ☐
- 12.....Num. 11 - 13 ☐
- 13.....Num. 14 - 16 ☐
- 14.....Num. 17 - 19 ☐
- 15.....Num. 20 - 22 ☐
- 16.....Num. 23 - 25 ☐
- 17.....Num. 26 - 28 ☐
- 18.....Num. 29 - 31 ☐
- 19.....Num. 32 - 34 ☐
- 20.....Num. 35 - Deut. 1 ☐
- 21.....Deuteronomy 2 - 4 ☐
- 22.....Deut. 5 - 7 ☐
- 23.....Deut. 8 - 10 ☐
- 24.....Deut. 11 - 13 ☐
- 25.....Deut. 14 - 16 ☐
- 26.....Deut. 17 - 19 ☐
- 27.....Deut. 20 - 22 ☐
- 28.....Deut. 23 - 25 ☐

## MARCH

- 1.....Deut. 26 - 28 ☐
- 2.....Deut. 29 - 31 ☐
- 3.....Deut. 32 - 34 ☐
- 4.....Joshua 1 - 4 ☐
- 5.....Josh. 5 - 7 ☐
- 6.....Josh. 8 - 10 ☐
- 7.....Josh. 11 - 13 ☐
- 8.....Josh. 14 - 16 ☐
- 9.....Josh. 17 - 19 ☐
- 10.....Josh. 20 - 22 ☐
- 11.....Josh. 23 - Judges 1 ☐
- 12.....Judg. 2 - 4 ☐
- 13.....Judg. 5 - 7 ☐
- 14.....Judg. 8 - 10 ☐
- 15.....Judg. 11 - 13 ☐
- 16.....Judg. 14 - 16 ☐
- 17.....Judg. 17 - 20 ☐
- 18.....Judg. 21 - Ruth 2 ☐
- 19.....Ruth 3 - I Samuel 1 ☐
- 20.....I Sam. 2 - 4 ☐
- 21.....I Sam. 5 - 7 ☐
- 22.....I Sam. 8 - 10 ☐
- 23.....I Sam. 11 - 13 ☐
- 24.....I Sam. 14 - 16 ☐
- 25.....I Sam. 17 - 19 ☐
- 26.....I Sam. 20 - 22 ☐
- 27.....I Sam. 23 - 26 ☐
- 28.....I Sam. 27 - 29 ☐
- 29.....I Sam. 30 - II Sam. 1 ☐
- 30.....II Sam. 2 - 4 ☐
- 31.....II Sam. 5 - 7 ☐

## APRIL

- 1.....II Sam. 8 - 10 ☐
- 2.....II Sam. 11 - 13 ☐
- 3.....II Sam. 14 - 16 ☐
- 4.....II Sam. 17 - 19 ☐
- 5.....II Sam. 20 - 22 ☐
- 6.....II Sam. 23 - I Kings 1 ☐
- 7.....I Kin. 2 - 4 ☐
- 8.....I Kin. 5 - 7 ☐
- 9.....I Kin. 8 - 10 ☐
- 10.....I Kin. 11 - 13 ☐
- 11.....I Kin. 14 - 16 ☐
- 12.....I Kin. 17 - 19 ☐
- 13.....I Kin. 20 - 22 ☐
- 14.....II Kings 1 - 3 ☐
- 15.....II Kin. 4 - 6 ☐
- 16.....II Kin. 7 - 9 ☐
- 17.....II Kin. 10 - 12 ☐
- 18.....II Kin. 13 - 15 ☐
- 19.....II Kin. 16 - 18 ☐
- 20.....II Kin. 19 - 21 ☐
- 21.....II Kin. 22 - 25 ☐
- 22.....I Chronicles 1 - 3 ☐
- 23.....I Chr. 4 - 6 ☐
- 24.....I Chr. 7 - 9 ☐
- 25.....I Chr. 10 - 12 ☐
- 26.....I Chr. 13 - 15 ☐
- 27.....I Chr. 16 - 18 ☐
- 28.....I Chr. 19 - 21 ☐
- 29.....I Chr. 22 - 25 ☐
- 30.....I Chr. 26 - 29 ☐

## MAY

- 1.....II Chr. 1 - 3 ☐
- 2.....II Chr. 4 - 6 ☐
- 3.....II Chr. 7 - 9 ☐
- 4.....II Chr. 10 - 12 ☐
- 5.....II Chr. 13 - 15 ☐
- 6.....II Chr. 16 - 18 ☐
- 7.....II Chr. 19 - 21 ☐
- 8.....II Chr. 22 - 24 ☐
- 9.....II Chr. 25 - 28 ☐
- 10.....II Chr. 29 - 31 ☐
- 11.....II Chr. 32 - 34 ☐
- 12.....II Chr. 35 - 36 ☐
- 13.....Ezra 1 - 4 ☐
- 14.....Ezra 5 - 7 ☐
- 15.....Ezra 8 - 10 ☐
- 16.....Nehemiah 1 - 4 ☐
- 17.....Neh. 5 - 7 ☐
- 18.....Neh. 8 - 11 ☐
- 19.....Neh. 12 - Esther 2 ☐
- 20.....Esth. 3 - 6 ☐
- 21.....Esth. 7 - 10 ☐
- 22.....Job 1 - 4 ☐
- 23.....Job 5 - 8 ☐
- 24.....Job 9 - 10 ☐
- 25.....Job 11 - 14 ☐
- 26.....Job 15 - 18 ☐
- 27.....Job 19 - 21 ☐
- 28.....Job 22 - 25 ☐
- 29.....Job 26 - 28 ☐
- 30.....Job 29 - 31 ☐
- 31.....Job 32 - 34 ☐

## JUNE

- 1.....Job 35 - 37 ☐
- 2.....Job 38 - 40 ☐
- 3.....Job 41 - 42 ☐
- 4.....Psalms 1 - 6 ☐
- 5.....Ps. 7 - 11 ☐
- 6.....Ps. 12 - 15 ☐
- 7.....Ps. 16 - 19 ☐
- 8.....Ps. 20 - 24 ☐
- 9.....Ps. 25 - 28 ☐
- 10.....Ps. 29 - 31 ☐
- 11.....Ps. 32 - 34 ☐
- 12.....Ps. 35 - 37 ☐
- 13.....Ps. 38 - 41 ☐
- 14.....Ps. 42 - 45 ☐
- 15.....Ps. 46 - 50 ☐
- 16.....Ps. 51 - 54 ☐
- 17.....Ps. 55 - 58 ☐
- 18.....Ps. 59 - 62 ☐
- 19.....Ps. 63 - 66 ☐
- 20.....Ps. 67 - 69 ☐
- 21.....Ps. 70 - 72 ☐
- 22.....Ps. 73 - 75 ☐
- 23.....Ps. 76 - 78 ☐
- 24.....Ps. 79 - 81 ☐
- 25.....Ps. 82 - 85 ☐
- 26.....Ps. 86 - 88 ☐
- 27.....Ps. 89 - 91 ☐
- 28.....Ps. 92 - 95 ☐
- 29.....Ps. 96 - 98 ☐
- 30.....Ps. 99 - 102 ☐



"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

[ 2 TIMOTHY 2:15 ]

## JULY

- 1.....Ps. 103 - 105 ☐
- 2.....Ps. 106 - 107 ☐
- 3.....Ps. 108 - 110 ☐
- 4.....Ps. 111 - 114 ☐
- 5.....Ps. 115 - 118 ☐

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Good work!

- 6.....Ps. 119 ☐
- 7.....Ps. 120 - 122 ☐
- 8.....Ps. 123 - 126 ☐
- 9.....Ps. 127 - 129 ☐
- 10.....Ps. 130 - 132 ☐
- 11.....Ps. 133 - 135 ☐
- 12.....Ps. 136 - 138 ☐
- 13.....Ps. 139 - 141 ☐
- 14.....Ps. 142 - 144 ☐
- 15.....Ps. 145 - 147 ☐
- 16.....Ps. 148 - 150 ☐
- 17.....Proverbs 1 - 3 ☐
- 18.....Prov. 4 - 6 ☐
- 19.....Prov. 7 - 9 ☐
- 20.....Prov. 10 - 12 ☐
- 21.....Prov. 13 - 15 ☐
- 22.....Prov. 16 - 18 ☐
- 23.....Prov. 19 - 21 ☐
- 24.....Prov. 22 - 24 ☐
- 25.....Prov. 25 - 27 ☐
- 26.....Prov. 28 - 31 ☐
- 27.....Ecclesiastes 1 - 3 ☐
- 28.....Eccl. 4 - 6 ☐
- 29.....Eccl. 7 - 9 ☐
- 30.....Eccl. 10 - 12 ☐
- 31.....Song of Sol. 1 - 3 ☐

## AUGUST

- 1.....Song of Sol. 4 - 6 ☐
- 2.....Song of Sol. 7 - 8 ☐
- 3.....Isaiah 1 - 3 ☐
- 4.....Isa. 4 - 6 ☐
- 5.....Isa. 7 - 9 ☐
- 6.....Isa. 10 - 12 ☐
- 7.....Isa. 13 - 15 ☐
- 8.....Isa. 16 - 18 ☐
- 9.....Isa. 19 - 21 ☐
- 10.....Isa. 22 - 24 ☐
- 11.....Isa. 25 - 27 ☐
- 12.....Isa. 28 - 30 ☐
- 13.....Isa. 31 - 33 ☐
- 14.....Isa. 34 - 36 ☐
- 15.....Isa. 37 - 39 ☐
- 16.....Isa. 40 - 42 ☐
- 17.....Isa. 43 - 45 ☐
- 18.....Isa. 46 - 48 ☐
- 19.....Isa. 49 - 51 ☐
- 20.....Isa. 52 - 54 ☐
- 21.....Isa. 55 - 57 ☐
- 22.....Isa. 58 - 60 ☐
- 23.....Isa. 61 - 63 ☐
- 24.....Isa. 64 - 66 ☐
- 25.....Jeremiah 1 - 3 ☐
- 26.....Jer. 4 - 6 ☐
- 27.....Jer. 7 - 9 ☐
- 28.....Jer. 10 - 12 ☐
- 29.....Jer. 13 - 15 ☐
- 30.....Jer. 16 - 18 ☐
- 31.....Jer. 19 - 21 ☐

## SEPTEMBER

- 1.....Jer. 22 - 24 ☐
- 2.....Jer. 25 - 27 ☐
- 3.....Jer. 28 - 30 ☐
- 4.....Jer. 31 - 33 ☐
- 5.....Jer. 34 - 36 ☐
- 6.....Jer. 37 - 39 ☐
- 7.....Jer. 40 - 42 ☐
- 8.....Jer. 43 - 45 ☐
- 9.....Jer. 46 - 48 ☐
- 10.....Jer. 49 - 52 ☐
- 11.....Lamentations 1 - 3 ☐
- 12.....Lam. 4 - Ezekiel 1 ☐
- 13.....Ezek. 2 - 4 ☐
- 14.....Ezek. 5 - 7 ☐
- 15.....Ezek. 8 - 10 ☐
- 16.....Ezek. 11 - 13 ☐
- 17.....Ezek. 14 - 16 ☐
- 18.....Ezek. 17 - 19 ☐
- 19.....Ezek. 20 - 22 ☐
- 20.....Ezek. 23 - 25 ☐
- 21.....Ezek. 26 - 28 ☐
- 22.....Ezek. 29 - 31 ☐
- 23.....Ezek. 32 - 34 ☐
- 24.....Ezek. 35 - 37 ☐
- 25.....Ezek. 38 - 40 ☐
- 26.....Ezek. 41 - 43 ☐
- 27.....Ezek. 44 - 46 ☐
- 28.....Ezek. 47 - 48 ☐
- 29.....Daniel 1 - 3 ☐
- 30.....Dan. 4 - 7 ☐

## OCTOBER

- 1.....Dan. 8 - 10 ☐
- 2.....Dan. 11 - 12 ☐
- 3.....Hosea 1 - 3 ☐
- 4.....Hos. 4 - 7 ☐
- 5.....Hos. 8 - 10 ☐
- 6.....Hos. 11 - 14 ☐
- 7.....Joel 1 - 3 ☐
- 8.....Amos 1 - 3 ☐
- 9.....Amos 4 - 6 ☐
- 10.....Amos 7 - 9 ☐
- 11.....Obadiah - Jonah 2 ☐
- 12.....Jonah 3 - 4 ☐
- 13.....Micah 1 - 3 ☐
- 14.....Mic. 4 - 7 ☐
- 15.....Nahum 1 - 3 ☐
- 16.....Habakkuk 1 - 3 ☐
- 17.....Zephaniah 1 - 3 ☐
- 18.....Haggai 1 - Zech. 1 ☐
- 19.....Zechariah 2 - 4 ☐
- 20.....Zech. 5 - 7 ☐
- 21.....Zech. 8 - 10 ☐
- 22.....Zech. 11 - 14 ☐
- 23.....Malachi 1 - 4 ☐
- 24.....Matthew 1 - 4 ☐
- 25.....Matt. 5 - 9 ☐
- 26.....Matt. 10 - 13 ☐
- 27.....Matt. 14 - 17 ☐
- 28.....Matt. 18 - 21 ☐
- 29.....Matt. 22 - 25 ☐
- 30.....Matt. 26 - 28 ☐
- 31.....Mark 1 - 4 ☐

## NOVEMBER

- 1.....Mark 5 - 8 ☐
- 2.....Mark 9 - 12 ☐
- 3.....Mark 13 - 16 ☐
- 4.....Luke 1 - 4 ☐
- 5.....Luke 5 - 8 ☐
- 6.....Luke 9 - 12 ☐
- 7.....Luke 13 - 16 ☐
- 8.....Luke 17 - 20 ☐
- 9.....Luke 21 - 24 ☐
- 10.....John 1 - 4 ☐
- 11.....John 5 - 8 ☐
- 12.....John 9 - 12 ☐
- 13.....John 13 - 16 ☐
- 14.....John 17 - 21 ☐
- 15.....Acts 1 - 4 ☐
- 16.....Acts 5 - 8 ☐
- 17.....Acts 9 - 12 ☐
- 18.....Acts 13 - 16 ☐
- 19.....Acts 17 - 20 ☐
- 20.....Acts 21 - 24 ☐
- 21.....Acts 25 - 28 ☐
- 22.....Romans 1 - 4 ☐
- 23.....Rom. 5 - 8 ☐
- 24.....Rom. 9 - 12 ☐
- 25.....Rom. 13 - 16 ☐
- 26.....I Corinthians 1 - 4 ☐
- 27.....I Cor. 5 - 8 ☐
- 28.....I Cor. 9 - 12 ☐
- 29.....I Cor. 13 - 16 ☐
- 30.....II Cor. 1 - 4 ☐

## DECEMBER

- 1.....II Cor. 5 - 8 ☐
- 2.....II Cor. 9 - 12 ☐
- 3.....II Cor. 13 - Gal. 3 ☐
- 4.....Galatians 4 - 6 ☐
- 5.....Ephesians 1 - 3 ☐
- 6.....Eph. 4 - 6 ☐
- 7.....Philippians 1 - 4 ☐
- 8.....Colossians 1 - 4 ☐
- 9.....I Thessalonians 1 - 4 ☐
- 10.....I Thes. 5 - II Thes. 2 ☐
- 11.....II Thes. 3 - I Tim. 3 ☐
- 12.....I Timothy 4 - 6 ☐
- 13.....II Timothy 1 - 4 ☐
- 14.....Titus 1 - Philemon ☐
- 15.....Hebrews 1 - 4 ☐
- 16.....Heb. 5 - 8 ☐
- 17.....Heb. 9 - 13 ☐
- 18.....James 1 - 3 ☐
- 19.....James 4 - 5 ☐
- 20.....I Peter 1 - 3 ☐
- 21.....I Pet. 4 - 5 ☐
- 22.....II Pet. 1 - 3 ☐
- 23.....I John 1 - 5 ☐
- 24.....II John - Jude ☐
- 25.....Revelation 1 - 4 ☐
- 26.....Rev. 5 - 7 ☐
- 27.....Rev. 8 - 10 ☐
- 28.....Rev. 11 - 13 ☐
- 29.....Rev. 14 - 16 ☐
- 30.....Rev. 17 - 19 ☐
- 31.....Rev. 20 - 22 ☐



## **Work Area Contacts**

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**Curtis Kingsley** (706-276-6045) - Adult Education, Finance, Building & Grounds

**Mark Pettit** (706-276-6610) - Youth, Youth Education

**Elders** - Edification, Technology, Worship/Worship Support, Benevolence

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**Building and Grounds** - John Johnson (706-669-0422)

**Building Security & Transportation** - John Johnson (706-669-0422) and Tate McCoy (706-669-0667)

**C-Squad** - Josh Chancey (706-669-6848) and Brandon Jones (706-273-8762)

**Edification** - Jason Ledford (706-669-4504) and Ken White (404-626-7536)

**Adult Education** - Richard Bohannon (404-422-7719)

**Youth Education** - Barry Kingsley (706-273-6153) and Josh Chancey (706-669-6848)

**Finance** - Bob Burkewitz (706-889-4455) and Rob Burton (706-889-4947)

**Technology** - John Painter (706-889-7822) and Will Parker (706-889-1021)

**Worship Support** - Junior Jenkins (706-273-6972) and Garry Rittenberry (706-889-1777)

**Youth/Lads to Leaders** - Tim Hall (706-669-0915) and Barry Pritchett (706-889-8409)

### **Staff**

**Jeremy Green** (334-614-1503) - Preaching Minister

**Butch Jones** (706-273-0841) - Evangelism and Outreach Minister

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**Kelly Cochran** (706-889-4737) - Administrative Assistant

# Local, Domestic and Foreign Evangelism/Outreach

(Butch Jones, Jeremy Green, Barry Pritchett, Bob Burton)

Consistent with our theme for 2018, to let God's Word work in our lives, James 1:22-25 reminds us to be "DOERS of the Word and not hearers only". Our goals focus on helping each member to know God's Word and share it with our family, friends and neighbors. Below, we have identified specific goals to assist us in achieving our desired spiritual growth.

- Provide follow-up with attendees of the "Reach North Georgia 2018 Campaign"- Provide a class on "Equipping the Saints" to help as we contact others with the Gospel
- Initiate a Spanish-speaking Sunday service to reach out to the Hispanic community
- Through our evangelistic teaching efforts, assist 30 people in becoming Christians and implement a mentoring plan for each new Christian to help them grow, mature and remain faithful
- Continue to contact first-time visitors from the local community by the Tuesday following their visit
- Conduct a minimum of 200 personal Bible studies from member contacts and as a result of "Reach 2018"
- Distribute 300 Bible correspondence courses
- Promote volunteer opportunities including the Gilmer Food Pantry, North Georgia Crisis Center, etc.
- Gather information about potentially hosting an addiction recovery program
- Expand technology outreach using church website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.

## Domestic and Foreign Outreach

(Butch Jones, Bob Burton)

We should continue to strive to spread God's Word domestically and abroad. We will continue to support Highgate, Jamaica and we will be adding support for work in India as well as increasing our focus on domestic missions such as Murphy, North Carolina and Toccoa and Hiawassee in Georgia.

### *Continue monthly support:*

- Michael Dunbar, Highgate Church of Christ, Highgate, Jamaica
- Roy Stephenson, Murphy Church of Christ, Murphy, North Carolina
- Will Mayhue, Toccoa Church of Christ, Toccoa, Georgia
- Consider the feasibility of assisting the Hiawassee, Georgia church in obtaining support from interested congregations in bringing a full-time preacher to Hiawassee

### *Monthly support will be added for:*

- Jim Waldrip, Evangelist to India, in cooperation with the Church of Christ, Crossville, Tennessee

### *Other outreach:*

- Conduct outreach initiatives involving our youth to support the growth of the churches in Hiawassee, Georgia and Toccoa, Georgia
- North Georgia Bible Camp (Wetoga)
- Faulkner University Bible Department

## Adult Education

(Richard Bohannon, Curtis Kingsley)

All Christians should be interested in:

- Read the Bible daily and the entire Bible in 2018
- Studying the Bible, God's word, including personal study and attending Bible classes during scheduled times with the congregation
- Bible classes are taught for all ages by knowledgeable, dedicated teachers
- Parents should attend Bible classes and bring their children
- Encourage adults without children in the home to be in one of the different classes available on Sunday, Wednesdays, and other scheduled times, including the Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies (GSOP) classes
- Post all classes quarterly, including listing in the Sunday bulletin
- Conduct two Bible emphasis weekends with all members and teacher training for all teachers as well as any interested persons
- Host a Bible school teachers' appreciation dinner



# Ladies

(Gail Adams, Judy Mailen, Shirley Kingsley)

The goal of the Ladies Ministry is to increase the number of the ladies of the church to be more involved in visiting, ministering, and outreach (both within our family and in the community).

In 2018, we plan to:

- Encourage those not attending ladies' class to become involved
- Encourage women to grow in service to others within the church and community

The Ladies Ministry includes:

- A Tuesday morning class from September through May
- Food ministry for church family needs and funerals
- Grading and mailing of Bible correspondence courses
- Preparation of communion bread
- Preparation and distribution of handouts for visitors
- Conduct Wednesday evening Ladies' Bible class (Fall Quarter)
- Provide services to North Georgia Family Crisis Network
- Secure and place floral arrangements in the building
- Other selected services as needed

# Youth Education

(Barry Kingsley, Josh Chancey, Chase Sharp, Mark Pettit)

## Nursery through 12th Grade

The Youth Education program is very important in the development of children's Christian lives.

- Teach children of all ages the importance of studying the Bible
- Teach younger children Bible basics that will serve as building blocks as they grow older
- Teach teens how to use their knowledge of the Bible to handle situations they are faced with on a daily basis
- Encourage parents to be involved in their children's Christian education and see that their child participates in all activities that are planned
- Provide opportunities for children to fellowship with other young Christians
- Promote an atmosphere of togetherness among children, youth and seniors
- Encourage youth to use social media to reach out to their friends to know more about God's Word
- Read and study the Bible daily
- Encourage teachers to participate in teacher workshop activities

**Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."**

**Psalms 127:3 - "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."**

**Ephesians 6:4 - "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."**

## **Youth**

### **7th through 12th Grade**

(Tim Hall, Chase Sharp, Mark Pettit)

The youth group consists of students from 7th to 12th grade. 2018 Youth Goals are:

- Plan and conduct a Mission Trip in rural Georgia (to be scheduled)
- Continue Outreach Homework Club
- Encourage youth to bring 2 friends from outside the congregation each quarter
- Increase the involvement of youth within the congregation who are not regularly involved in youth activities
- Conduct monthly devotionals in members' homes
- Increase the involvement of the Youth with C-Squad activities
- Provide for children to participate in scripture reading, memory work and song leading before Sunday evening services
- Reach out to youth through daily postings on social media

### **C-Squad - Grades K to 6th**

(Brandon Jones, Josh Chancey, Chase Sharp, Mark Pettit)

#### **T.H.I.N.K.**

##### **Truthful**

- Searching the scriptures for truth
- Learning God's Word and his promises

##### **Helpful**

- Helping others as God would have us to
- Practice sharing
- Doing for others (helping others) of all ages

##### **Inspirational**

- Encouraging others with actions and speech
- Learning new inspirational songs
- Study the Bible at home through take-home lessons and handouts

##### **Necessary**

- Understanding what is need and want (God provides)
- Salvation from God, how to become a Christian

##### **Kind**

- Being Christ-like to everyone
- Service Projects
- Letter writing, cards sent



## **Lads to Leaders**

(Tim Hall, Barry Pritchett, Chase Sharp, Mark Pettit)

Lads to Leaders is the oldest and largest leadership training program used by the churches of Christ. Beginning in 1968, the program has set out to create Christian leadership in the youth of the congregations of the Lord's church. The program currently has over 20,000 participants nationwide, developing skills which will allow them to step forward and become the future leadership of the church. In addition, those congregations who utilize Lads to Leaders see a retention rate of 85% or higher in their youth after graduation, compared to the usual 50% or less of those congregations who do not use resources such as these. These are merely a few reasons as to why Lads to Leaders is an essential part of the development of the youth of the congregation.

- Develop young people's abilities
- Prepare youth for service in the Kingdom of God
- Offer a variety of Bible-based materials for all ages
- Youth can choose from around 40 events/projects to work on that covers a wide range of interests
- Teach our youth to be leaders
- Look at the talents developed with God's help in our youth
- Encourage all youth in the congregation to participate
- Develop website for the Hiawassee Church of Christ

Website for Lads to Leaders:  
[www.lads2leaders.com](http://www.lads2leaders.com)

## **Camp Wetoga**

(Barry Pritchett, Chase Sharp, Mark Pettit)

The Ellijay congregation has been involved in the organization and development of the North Georgia Bible Camp since 1969. It was later named Camp Wetoga in 1983. The camp continues to expand and offer additional activities and training for youth by the different congregations of the church in North Georgia. Some of the activities that have been accomplished by the camp are listed below:

- In 2017 at Camp Wetoga, there were 7 baptisms and many young people asked for prayers
- Over 2000 baptized into Christ since its beginning in 1969
- With recent donations from individuals and churches, the camp debt has been cut in half since 2013
- Plans to pay the camp debt will be completed in three years, which will enable the camp to provide more spiritual opportunities and growth for our young people
- Great environment for youth to find their inner-self away from worldly distractions
- Thousands of life-long friendships established
- Over 30 marriages from couples meeting at camp
- Rekindles the fire in many young people who attend camp
- A great place to be spiritually uplifted
- Encourage more youth to participate and assist in serving at camp

### **GOALS:**

- Build an outdoor pavilion for devotionals, Bible classes and other activities by using timber on the property (lumber will be sawed at no cost to the camp)
- Replace the swimming pool. The current one is 35-40 years old and is beyond any more repairs.
- Schedule a minimum of 25 youth and a minimum of 10 adults as camp workers from Ellijay, to attend at least one summer camp session

Website for Camp Wetoga:  
[campwetoga.com](http://campwetoga.com)

## **2018 Youth and C-Squad Tentative Calendar of Events**

- **January**
    - 20th-** Youth Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
    - 21st-** Lads to Leaders Workshop
  - **February**
    - 10th-** Talent Show
    - 18th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
    - 25th-** Lads to Leaders Workshop
  - **March**
    - 17th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
    - 25th-** Easter Egg Hunt
    - 30th-1st-** Lads to Leaders Convention
  - **April** (Areawide Campaign this month)
    - 15th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
  - **May**
    - 12th-** Youth Service Day
    - 20th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
    - 20th-** Graduation Lunch
  - **June**
    - 2nd-** VBS
    - 3rd-8th-** Backwoods Christian Camp
    - 10th-15th-** Camp Wetoga Week 1
    - 17th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
    - 17th-22nd-** Camp Wetoga Week 2
    - June 30th-July 5th-** Inspire @ Faulkner University
  - **July**
    - 13th-** Movie Night
    - 15th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
    - 20th-22nd-** AIM Conference @ Faulkner University
  - **August**
    - 5th-** Back to School Night
    - 19th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
  - **September**
    - 15th-** Cookout, Devotional & Hayride at Pritchett Farm
    - 16th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
    - 23rd-** Lads to Leaders Workshop
  - **October**
    - 21st-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
    - 28th -** Fall Festival
  - **November**
    - 10th-** Veterans Day Service Project
    - 18th-** Devotional/ Care Team Meeting
  - **December**
    - 7th-** Congregational Christmas Party
    - 15th-** Youth Christmas Party
    - 27th-30th-** Exposure Youth Camp
- Local Area Mission Trip- TBD**
- \*Youth Events**  
**\*C-Squad Events**  
**\*Combined C-Squad and Youth Events**

# Tentative Congregational Calendar of Events/Activities 2018

## **JANUARY**

7th..... Present Growth Plan to Congregation  
26th & 27th .... Leadership Retreat at Hidden Hollow,  
Chickamauga, Ga.

## **FEBRUARY**

9th..... 4th Annual Dinner Theater/Talent Show  
\*11th..... "How We Got the Bible" Randy Bailey,  
Snak-N-Yak, Recognition of Deacons  
14th-18th... Pigeon Forge Marriage Retreat  
18th..... Men and Ladies Prayer Service, 5:00 PM

## **MARCH**

4th-8th..... Faulkner Lectures  
10th..... Northwest Georgia Men's Training Day  
13th..... Georgia School of Preaching Class Begins- 2  
Corinthians  
\*25th..... Snak-N-Yak & Young Men Service  
30th-1st.... Lads to Leaders Convention

## **APRIL**

14th..... Work Day  
15th..... Men's and Ladies' Prayer Service, 5:00 PM  
\*22nd..... Friends Day/Questions and Answers  
23rd-25th..... REACH -- North Georgia Outreach  
Campaign

## **MAY**

13th..... Annual Raintree Children's Home Appeal  
17th-18th..... GSOP Short Course with Dan Winkler- The  
Scheme of Redemption  
\*20th..... Graduation Luncheon

## **JUNE**

2nd..... VBS  
17th..... Men's and Ladies' Prayer Service, 5:00 PM  
\*24th..... Snak-N-Yak  
24th..... Leadership Meeting

## **JULY**

4th..... Celebration of Fireworks from Back  
Parking Lot and Tailgating  
\*29th..... Snak-N-Yak

## **AUGUST**

5th..... Annual North Georgia Back to School  
Youth Night  
12th..... Men's and Ladies' Prayer Service, 5:00 PM  
17th-23rd.... Polishing the Pulpit/Sevierville  
25th..... Teacher Appreciation Banquet  
\*26th..... Teaching Rocket Workshop for all Bible School  
teachers

## **SEPTEMBER**

10th..... Georgia School of Preaching Class Begins-  
Church History  
15th..... Cookout, Devotional and Hayride at Pritchett Farm  
\*30th..... Snak-N-Yak

## **OCTOBER**

21st..... Men's and Ladies' Prayer Service, 5:00 PM  
28th..... Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat

## **NOVEMBER**

4th..... Congregational Planning Meeting  
\*11th..... Veterans Day Luncheon  
18th..... Annual Thanksgiving Appeal for GA AGAPE  
21st..... Special Prayer/Singing Service

## **DECEMBER**

7th..... Congregational Holiday Party  
14th..... Prepare Fruit Baskets  
26th..... Special Prayer/Singing Service  
\*30th..... Early Service

\* Denotes Early Evening Service 1:30 PM



## **Benevolence**

(Junior Jenkins, Elders)

The mission of the Benevolence Ministry is to provide assistance for families in need.

- Provide food or clothing
- Assist with rent and utilities
- Assistance is provided to church families as well as those in the community
- Provide assistance to Georgia AGAPE and Raintree Village Christian Home
- Assist with family emergency needs in Ellijay/Gilmer County
- Work at the Gilmer County Food Pantry

Financial support given to local families in 2017 was \$45,237 through December 20, 2017. This includes:

- \$16,177 to members
- \$8,820 to non-members
- \$1,751 in food gift cards
- \$1,269 in flowers and fruit
- \$4,823 in family counseling
- \$4,397 to Georgia AGAPE and Raintree Village

\*This does not include funds donated directly to Georgia AGAPE and Raintree Village by individual members.

Disaster Relief:

- \$8,000 Texas flood assistance

## **Edification/Fellowship**

(Jason & Candy Ledford, Ken & JoAnna White, Barry & Katrina Kingsley, Elders)

Planned fellowship events for families to build one another up and work in service to the Lord

Congregational events planned for 2018:

- Fellowship Meals (Snak-N-Yak)
- Men's & Ladies' Prayer Meetings
- Family & Friends Day Luncheon 4/22
- Celebration, Cookout and Tailgating Back Parking Lot 7/4
- Cookout, Devotional and Hayride at Pritchett Farm 9/15
- Veterans Day Luncheon 11/11
- Holiday Party (Fellowship Hall) 12/7
- Prepare Fruit Baskets 12/14
- Schedule Special Congregational Trips
- Other Special Events

## **Worship**

### **Worship Support**

(Garry Rittenberry, Junior Jenkins, Clyde Cody, Alan Hall, Elders)

Inform men and youth who are scheduled to lead and assist with the worship services of the congregation and assign substitutes when needed

This ministry is a vital part of the Ellijay church. Greeters and ushers serve an important role in greeting people on a person-to-person basis when they first arrive at the church building.

- Assist and greet outside front door
- Greet and welcome and hand out bulletins
- Direct visitors to ushers to be seated
- Direct children and adults to classes and nursery
- Assign ushers and those assisting and leading in worship
- Collect visitor cards and member special request cards
- Oversee communion setup
- Count and record number present
- Serve communion in nursery and children's bible class
- Staff foyer at all times
- Communion cleanup and setup for evening services

<u>Greeter Coordinator:</u>	Junior Jenkins
<u>Assist with Greeting:</u>	Ernestine Hall, Edith Hensley
<u>Greeters:</u>	As assigned
<u>Ushers Coordinators:</u>	Clyde Cody, Garry Rittenberry
<u>Emergency:</u>	Jackie Cochran, Jessica Cochran, Brenda Rittenberry, Teresa Weeks, Kenny Wiggins
<u>Visitor/Member Cards:</u>	Diane and Vercel Miller, Brent and Sandra Parker

## **Administrative and Support Services**

### **Finances**

(Bob Burkewitz, Rob Burton, Curtis Kingsley)

Contributions to provide for the growth and building up of the Lord's church in Ellijay

Finance Goals:

- Maintain up-to-date records of church financial activities including all donations made to the church
- Provide leadership and members with a monthly report of all church income and expenses
- Provide timely recording and deposit of weekly and special contributions
- Receive, record and deposit special contributions and disburse in a timely manner
- Document written procedures for all contributions and expenditures
- Provide timely payment of church bills
- Provide each member with an itemized report of their tax-deductible contributions for the year
- Upgrade financial accounting software
- Initiate electronic giving for members of the congregation
- Initiate annual audit of church financial records by a CPA

## **Building and Grounds**

(John Johnson, Curtis Kingsley)

Use the facilities to assist in the growth of the Lord's church in Ellijay:

- Maintain and care for the building utilizing janitorial duties scheduled
- Monitor air conditioning unit in the auditorium
- Review the options of a lighted sign to be placed on Main Street to better advertise the times of services and congregational events
- Implement a security system for the church building
- Replace riding mower for lawn service

## **Technology, Sound System, & Electronic Security**

(John Painter, William Parker, Elders)

Website, social media, sound room:

- Recruit and train at least 2 more people to assist with running the sound room during service
- Update the Google calendar linked to the church website to reflect all church activities and events
- Link the Birthday/Anniversary calendar from the Membership Edge database to display members' birthdays and anniversaries
- Keep all 12 church computers operating (routine upgrades and maintenance)
- Update family photos in Membership Edge from the CD of pictures provided from the last member directory
- Complete list of members who need an updated picture
- Consider replacing or fixing the mounting brackets that hold the projectors
- Social Media
  - Promote Summer Series and guest speakers
  - Encourage participation in special events and cookouts (Friends and Family Day, VBS, Back to School Youth Night, etc.)
  - Inspirational posts as reminders of the Spiritual Growth Theme for 2018
  - Post links each day to promote reading the Bible throughout the year.
  - Post links to video sermons on Facebook and YouTube

Sound System

- Investigate purchasing a portable mic that will pickup at longer distances that can go in the mic stand

Electronic Security

- Maintain building security camera system

## **Library**

(John and Jennifer Painter, Curtis Kingsley)

- Send at least 4 congregational e-mail messages advertising "New Books in the Library"
- Purchase a touchscreen monitor to assist with checkout
- Continue to increase resources available for checkout
- Train members on use of library, electronic card catalog and other available resources
- Promote Library app
- Coordinate use of laminating machine