




2/3 - Nancy Farnham
2/4 - Cathy Hubbard
2/4 - Clyde Light
2/6 - Sharon Petty
2/7 - David Patton




Church Lock-up Schedule:

2/01 - 2/07 Charlie Cobb
2/08 - 2/14 Barry Griffin
2/15 - 2/21 Bill Munson
2/22 - 2/28 Hank Chapman



Can you ring a bell?
Would you like to learn
how to?




JoAnn Davis looking for people interested in reviving our handbell choir. If you want more information, please contact JoAnn at 706-755-0105.

Estate Sale

There will be a sale at the home of our own Stan Cowan to help rehome some of his and Carol's belongings and close out their estate. The sale will be Friday, Feb. 6 from 9-4 and Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9-12. The address is 86 Carson Cove Road, Ellijay.





Children's Church Needs Volunteers

In order to follow our Safe Sanctuary Guidelines, we need more help with our growing children's church. We will have a short volunteer meeting on Sunday, February 1, at 11:10 am after the worship service. Anyone who is considering serving or is curious about what is involved, please plan to attend. We would like to make a rotation for once every other month to serve, so we need 8 volunteers to be helpers. If you need more information about the meeting or the LIJ Kid's programs, please see or call Marianne.



AVAILABLE NOW!!

The Children First Pre-School Program is now selling tickets for their annual Southwest Airline Ticket promotion. With your \$20 donation, you have the opportunity to win FOUR round trip tickets to any US territory destination where Southwest Airlines flies. See your friendly flight crew for your opportunity to fly! You may also purchase tickets in the church office Monday - Thursday. Thank you in advance for your support!





Returning to Red Bird

We will be going back to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. Mark you calendar for April 26-May 1, 2026. The cost is \$515 per person to cover lodging and meals for the week. We will spend the week working on projects to help the people of the area, one of the poorest in our country. Please let Pastor Mike know if you are interested in going along.

Our Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Helping Hands Sunday School 8:45
Worship Service 10:00 am
Altars Study Group 11:00 am
Singles/Mingles 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Mon - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry (1st & 3rd Mon) 9:00 am -12:00 pm
Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am - 12:15 pm
Wed -LIJ Kids 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Thur - Chair Yoga 11:00 am - 12:15 pm



Is there a missing piece of our puzzle?

Have we missed your birthday in the bulletin? Did you miss a phone call or text about church last week? Maybe the information we have is not correct or is missing. Please let the church office know if we've missed your special day, if you never receive calls or texts, or if you wonder why your pew pal got an email that you did not. Contact the church office if you want to verify your information.

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, the weak, sick, & hungry, ourselves.
Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks
Names highlighted in **bold** are new additions or changes to the Prayer List.

<u>General</u> Juston Davis	<u>Surgery Recuperating</u> Tony Ganz Bill McKinney Katherine Meyer Frank Richardson	<u>Caregiver</u> Nell Bater Cherie Dice Scott Goldston Carolyn Hipp Pat Johnson Julie Kepley Susan Marino Peggy Richardson Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver
<u>Health</u> Brent Badinski Charles Benner Kevin Brett Mark Brown Joan Compton Brenda Eisanhart Betty Jo Hanes Ruth Hix Millie Kelley Missy Kepley Vincent Marino Wanda Sandels Ann Shearon Helen Sutton Dan Weaver Clyde White Bobbie Wilson	<u>Shut-In</u> Peter Adams Ernette Calhoun Earline Copley Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Johnny Johnson Margie Pyren Myron Seagraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland	<u>Deaths</u> Family of Marlene Brown Family of Robert Hillhouse Family of Lynn Perry Family of Angie Pearce
	<u>Hospice</u> Doug Bater Shirley Goldston Ed Jeffery Rudi Lanehardt	

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Our Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, Feb 1 - Communion Sunday
- Children's Church Volunteer meeting after worship
Monday, Feb 2 - Team Tabitha Charity Sewing Group Fellowship Hall
Monday, Feb 9 - Administrative Council Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm
Thursday, Feb 12 - Men's Group @ Shane's Rib Shack 4:30 pm
Monday, Feb 16 - Team Tabitha Charity Sewing Group Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Feb 17 - Joyful Noon Circle Fellowship Hall 12:00
Wednesday, Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm
Sunday, Feb 22 - First Sunday in Lent
Thursday, Feb 26 - Book Club Fellowship Hall 2:00 pm



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Sunday, February 1, 2026
10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday Worship Service
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The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Lloyd Larson
“O, For a Closer Walk with God/Where He Leads Me”

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
The Reverend Dr. Michael Shearon

Call To Worship “We’ll Understand It Better By & By”
by Charles Albert Tindley

† The Greeting
What does the Lord require of us?
To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.
With what shall we come before the Lord?
With speech that is gentle, and words that build up.
How shall we live our faith?
With actions that bring peace, and works that lift up the lowly.
Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 380
“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

† The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† The Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation UMH 375
“There is a Balm in Gilead”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Mark Hayes
“I Go to the Rock”

†The Presentation and Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Choir Anthem by Jay Althouse
“At the Table of the Lord”

† The Scripture Reading Epheians 6:14
& John 14:1-6

The Sermon
“The Belt of Truth”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

†The Closing Hymn UMH 374
“Standing on the Promises”

Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.

†The Pastoral Benediction

†The Postlude “God Will Make a Way”
by Dan Moen
arr by Mark Hayes

Prayer team members are available after the service.
They will be wearing white shawls.

Ephesians 6:14
¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

John 14:1-6
¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.