

Share these Exciting Events With Our Youth !
Impact Ellijay—Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm
 Student lead ministry for Middle and High Schoolers

Young Adults—Starting March 12th: Young Adult Small Group
 Leadership Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Young Adults—Monthly Meet Up—Sunday, March 16th @ 2pm at
 Reece's Cider House

Other Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 16th: Joyful Noon's Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser -
 After church services. Takeout available.

Saturday, March 22nd: Youth House Cleanout—all help appreciated.

Wednesday, April 2nd: Wednesday Night Dinner with SW Drawing

Sunday, April 6th: Sunday Worship Service led by Reverend Steve
 Hearn. Communion led by Allan Tarr.

Preschool News! The preschool registration is almost complete.
 There is one spot for 2 and 3 year olds but the 4 year old class is filled.
 There will be an exciting announcement on 3/23 regarding the
 Southwest ticket drawing. Which is now about halfway complete. This
 drawing will be held April 2nd @ 6pm during the dinner. The menu
 will be sloppy joes, tater tots, applesauce and desserts.



We will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt
 after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday,
 April 20th. We need the congregations help
 by sending in a dozen or so filled eggs. You
 can fill them with candy or a special treat.
 There will be a box outside of the office mail-
 boxes to put your filled eggs in. Thanks for
 your support as this is a special treat for the
 kids.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School is Coming Soon!
 VBS will be held this year on June 16-19 from 9-12.
 The sign-up for kids will begin in April. Volunteer
 organizational meetings will be held on
 March 26th @ 5:15 and March 30th @ 11:00.

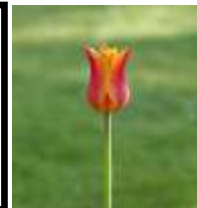


Firestarter's Prayer

**When Abram believed you, Lord God, you considered
 him righteous. We make it too hard; may our righteous-
 ness be credited only by our faith and your grace. Amen.**

**Church Lock-up
 Schedule**

3/16-3/22: Bill Munson
 3/23-3/29: Hank Chapman
 3/30-4/05: Lloyd Vautrot



**Happy Birthday
 to....**

3/21—Roy Smith
 3/22—Addyson Poole
 3/28—Kathy Shiner

Financial Report from 3/9/25

Thank you to our generous Church families, \$2,506.40 was received in
 operating funds.

Up to date financial reports are also posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors,
 World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.

General

Juston Davis
 Meg Dorabrook
 Emma Ford Missionary
 Trey Free
 Wilkins Family

Ann Shearon
 Holly Shearon
 Rick Thaxton
 Mike Vitelli
 Dan Weaver
 Dee and Dale Withey

Mary Uthlaut
 Robert Westmoreland

**Hospice/Rehab/Assisted
 Living**

Norma Brennan
 Tom Lowery Sr
 Bill Patton

Health

Doug Bater
 Ed Boyd
 Kevin Brett
 Jack Brown
 Kyle Bullington
 Joan Compton
 Paul Compton
 Allen Fanelli
 Joy Fanelli
 Sharon Fletcher
 Jessica Good
 Pam Grant
 Betty Jo Hanes
 Missy Kepley
 Rylan Leeper
 Shannon Leeper
 Jackie Leva
 Alyce Munson
 Barbara Nickle
 Lynn Perry

Surgery /Upcoming

Brad Badinski
 Tammy Baughman
 Earline Crooke
 Emily Fogarty
 Karen Vitelli

Surgery/Recuperating

Larry Lykins
 Hannah Nabors

Caregiver

Joy Fanelli
 Carolyn Hipp
 Mary Jo Lowery
 Lorraine Segraves
 Joan Stanhope
 Sherry Weaver

Death in Family

Eddie and Jill Franklin
 Family of Bob Hix
 Family of Ken Makant
 Family of Dr. Tom Turner
 Family of Gene Rice
 Family of Sean Mahon
 Family of Whitney Burnette

LIJ Kids/Church News

We are moving from God's Promises to a Lenten Study this
 week. Wednesday Kids will do the Resurrection Eggs on the
 16th. The congregation has been asked to bring eggs in for the
 hunt which will be held on the 20th following the
 10am service.



The Transcendence of God! Our next Vespers
 Service will take place on Thursday, April 3rd
 at 6 pm.

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Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Worship Service
The Liturgical Color is Purple
The Worship of God

The Prelude: “Lord of the Dance”

arr by Joel Raney

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† Choral Call to Worship :

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” *by Lanny Wolfe*
UMH 328

† The Greeting: Psalm 27

God, our light and our salvation, calls us to worship.

We gather in faith, confidence, and praise.

Come; seek the face of God.

God’s face shines upon us with grace and love.

Be strong, my friends, for God is here.

Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift.

† The Hymn of Praise

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” UMH 295
vs 1-3

† 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.

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation:

“Depth of Mercy” UMH 355

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Offertory Music:

“Fairest Lord Jesus” *arr by Joel Raney*

†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**

The Anthem: “Be Thou My Vision”

arr by Douglas E. Wagner

The Scripture Reading:

Luke 13:31-35

The Sermon: “O Jerusalem”

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Closing Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” UMH 348
vs.1,2,& 4

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

†The Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†The Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless and Keep You” TFWS 2280
by Jim Strathdee

†The Postlude

“Gather Us In” *arr by Mark Hayes*

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

The Scripture:

Luke 13:31-35

O Jerusalem

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

³² He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’”

³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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.