

Exciting Events for All Ages!
Impact Ellijay—Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm
 Student lead ministry for Middle and High Schoolers

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

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

Southwest Airlines Ticket Opportunity

The long-awaited drawing for the Preschool Fundraiser is just around the corner! On April 2nd, we will have a Wednesday Night Dinner for the drawing. Our menu will be Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Salad, Applesauce and of course Dessert! We will serve from 5:30-6:00 and have the drawing at 6:00. Please call the church office if you would like to eat at this meal so we can prepare enough food. Thank you for your support and if you have not bought a ticket or two, now is the time with an exciting announcement before the 10:00 service on Sunday begins! We still have over 200 tickets left in order to meet our 500-ticket goal! Please help the preschool reach our goal! 10 days to go!!!!!!!!!!!!



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



We will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday, April 20th. We need the congregation's help by sending in filled eggs. You can fill them with candy or a special treat. You can leave your donations in the Office or outside the door by the mailboxes. 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! It 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.



Thank you !

A very special thank you to Jim Cole for relocating our canned goods and boxed food to the Gilmer Food Pantry. We are still collecting food for the Pantry and it can be delivered to the church office.

Church Lock-up Schedule

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



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

Lynn Perry
 Ann Shearon
 Holly Shearon
 Rick Thaxton
 Mike Vitelli
 Dan Weaver
Clyde White
 Dee and Dale Withey

Myron Seagraves
 Paul Stanhope
 Mary Uthlaut
 Robert Westmoreland

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
Lynn McKibbin
 Alyce Munson
 Barbara Nickle

Surgery /Upcoming

Brad Badinski
 Tammy Baughman
 Earline Croke
 Emily Fogarty
 Karen Vitelli

Surgery/Recuperating

Larry Lykins
 Hannah Nabors

Shut-In

Peter Adams
 Marlene Brown
 Ernette Calhoun
 Jim Hagopian
 Mack Hipp
 Rudi Lanehardt
 Margie Pyren

Hospice/Rehab/Assisted Living

Norma Brennan
 Tom Lowery Sr
 Bill Patton

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

Firestarter's Prayer

Lord Jesus, We likely will never be tested as inhumanely as you were. Our temptations, no matter how severe, are only that which is common to humanity. Memory of your faithfulness gives us strength to resist. In your name we pray. Amen.



Financial Report from 3/16/25

Thank you to our generous Church families, \$2,506.40 was received in operating funds last week. Up to date financial reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall. To give electronically, sign up at www.fumcellijay.org.

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Worship Service
The Liturgical Color is Purple
The Worship of God

The Prelude: “There is a Balm in Gilead”

arr by Mark Hayes

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:** Isaiah 55, Psalm 63

The table is set. The banquet is laid.

Our souls hunger and thirst for God.

Our gracious host welcomes us here.

God’s steadfast love is better than life.

Sing for joy in the shadow of God’s wings.

We have come to praise the living God.

† **The Hymn of Praise**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH 127

† **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:**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

UMH 340

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Offertory Music:

“As the Deer”

arr by Douglas Wagner

†**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: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

arr by John Leavitt

The Scripture Reading:

Luke 13:1-5

The Sermon: “Repentance”

Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Closing Hymn**

“We Walk By Faith”

TFWS 2196

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**

“Amazing Grace”

arr by John Carter

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

The Scripture:

Luke 13:1-5

Repentance

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?”

³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?

⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

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.