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Cartecay Baptist Church Voice

Pastor's Pen

If you are like me, you're ready for several days of sunshine. It seems like we have seen more than our fair share of rain lately. In fact, the song on the radio is talking about rain, and I almost yelled NO, don't rain down on me! Then I remembered, he's talking about God raining down blessings on His people. Now I don't mind that kind of rain, and I'm sure you don't either.

You know God sent some pretty good showers of blessing a couple of weeks ago when we hosted Night to Shine. I'm still in awe of how God showed up and showed out, and the blessings seem to keep coming. Church, I can't thank you enough for being a part of making a difference in the lives of those with Special Needs. I am confident that next year will be bigger and better, and I can't wait!

We have several opportunities coming up to invite folks to be a part of what God is doing at Cartecay Baptist. On Friday, March 27th we will be hosting Family Movie Night. We will be showing the movie Overcomer. It is the latest movie from the Kendrick Brothers. Their last movie, War Room had a great impact on churches all across America, and Overcomer has the ability to have the same impact as we ask ourselves the question, who am I. I hope you will invite as many as you can to enjoy a time of food and fellowship, and to hear the Gospel.

It's hard to believe but Easter is just around the corner. We will be gearing up for a big Easter Sunday by asking, "Who's your one?" Who's the one person you know that needs Jesus? Will you begin praying now and preparing to invite them to join us Easter Sunday morning? God is still in the business of saving people. It's my prayer that many will come to know Him and the waters of the baptismal pool will be stirred soon and often. Let's begin praying now for a great outpouring of the Spirit of God on His church.

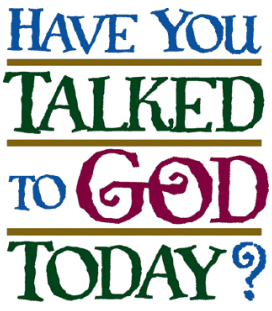
ARE YOU NEW?

Newcomers are always welcome at CBC. If you haven't filled out a visitor's form (attached to your bulletin), please take a minute to fill it out so we can know what your concerns are. We don't plan to twist your arm and make you join us, but we do want to help you find a church family/ home. We have a website at: www.cartecaybaptist.com/

Check the weekly bulletin for opportunities to worship, pray, study or fellowship with us.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

CBC has an active group of prayer warriors ready and willing to pray for you and/or your concerns anytime, all the time. Call the confidential prayer line 706-635-1091 or drop your prayer request in the church offering plate.



A short note from the Editor:

A newsletter is only as good as its content. In order to have meaningful content the congregation needs to take an active part and contribute things that have meant something to them, and they want to share. Have you read something lately that is worth the share? Have you written something you'd like to share? We would like to begin 2020 with a member spotlight. Not to put you and your family on display but for you to tell our growing congregation why you love Cartecay Baptist and how long have you been coming. Its not about membership, it's about fellowshipping with the Lord. Email, aeriehollow@ellijay.com

Missions Banquet

On Wednesday, March 11 we will host, Matt Dye who works with the North American Mission Board. Matt is the founding / planting pastor of M28 Church in Midtown Atlanta. Matt has received "Annie Armstrong" money and he is so grateful for the partnership of churches that help support church plants like his. You can see more info about M28 Church at their website: m28church.com. Matt and his family live in Midtown Atlanta in a condo and love the city!

Join us for this special evening as we learn more about what God is doing in N. America and how we can be involved through our gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our goal this year is $2500. Please begin praying now and let's all give generously. Not just to meet a goal, but to grow the Kingdom.

Why we love Cartecay Baptist Church

Bobby & I met at The Big Pig Jig in Vienna Ga and were married December 14th, 1996 at Bethel Methodist Church in Dalton, where I was playing piano. After we married, I moved to Valdosta with Bobby. He retired Jan 1999 and we moved to our property in Ellijay. We had visited Cartecay Baptist every time we came up from Valdosta. Our first introduction personally to everyone was Valentine's Day Dinner in February of 1999. We were personally invited by Weymen & Doris English who became dear friends to us. We joined Cartecay Baptist on 3/14/1999 and since we were both baptized at an early age decided to be baptized again as our devotion to Christ and to each other and Cartecay. We both loved to sing and became very active in the choir right away and later I was pianist off and on for several years. Billie Holt nominated me for church clerk around 2002 or 2003 and I am still serving in that position. Billie Holt was a great inspiration & mentor when I was asked to be Choir Director. Bobby was ordained as Deacon on 10/25/2016 and served as a active Deacon for 3 years. Over the years we have been blessed to serve in several Vacation Bible Schools, Awana, and especially Builders for Christ. For about 10 years we went with Builders for Christ each summer to build a church. This was a blessing to us as we met people over the years who actually helped build the sanctuary & fellowship hall at Cartecay Baptist. This was a way for us to get to know other people at Cartecay more personally and enjoy great times of service together. We have made some great friends in Christ over the years and cherish each one. We truly miss some of our dearest friends that have gone on to be with the Lord or moved away for various reasons. We pray for God's continued guidance as we continue to serve Christ and Cartecay and look forward to making more new friends in Christ.

Joan & Bobby Bradford

The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

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Andrew
Bartholomew
James
James Alpheus
John
Judas
Matthew
Matthias
Philip
Simon
Simon Peter
Thaddeus
Thomas

This includes the 12 original apostles and the one selected to take Judas' place.

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Judas had:

The best pastor

The best leader

The best adviser

The best counselor

Yet he failed

The problem is not the leadership or the church you go to.

If your attitude or character doesn't change or your heart doesn't transform

You will always be the same.

Dr. Fernando Cabrera

Happy Birthday

Joan Clement 3/3
Kathy Harrison 3/7
Mary Strohl 3/8
Kylan West 3/17
Pam Richards 3/22
Haven Thomason 3/22
Vernon Holt 3/27
Jenna Kelly 3/30
Lynn Harrison 3/31

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Remember you may be the only Bible someone ever reads!

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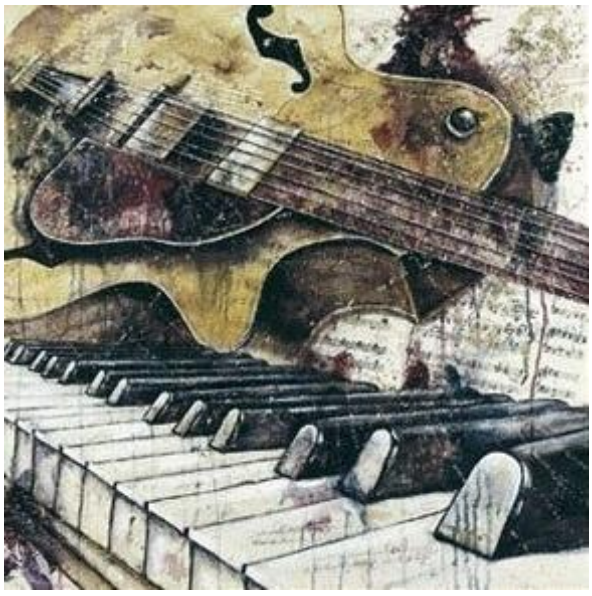
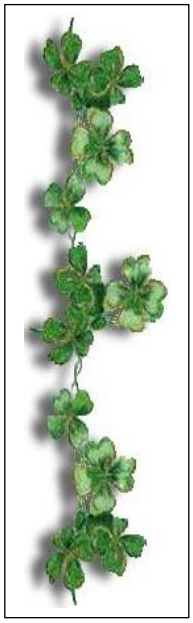


come join the choir



Located in the Cartecay River Valley, we are a rural church with traditional roots and a contemporary vision. A place where you can come as you are and leave better for it. No alterations or adjustments need be made, no masking or acting is necessary… dress casually. Simply Come! We know you'll feel right at home and be accepted. Founded in 1991, located off Roy Road at the east end of Gilmer County. Sunday School gathers at 9:30, we have a class for you. Church Service is at 11 a.m. Call for more information: 706-635-1090