

**Pastor's Corner – "Teachings from the Parables of Christ (Part 12)"**  
**Parable of the Pearl of Great Price**

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls." (Matthew 13:45, NIV)

The merchant in this parable represents those who are looking for something better in this life. For most of the inhabitants of this world, material goods, wealth, fame, and/or power are the most precious valuables that one can have. The principles of the Kingdom of Heaven are different, however, in that spiritual values are placed above all material and temporal valuables.

Christ exhorts us, "...seek ye first the Kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33, KJV) When the seekers of truth and salvation find Jesus—the Pearl of great price—and the news of the Gospel reaches them, they are willing to give up everything this life has to offer to receive Jesus into their lives. Salvation cannot be bought or sold. It is a gift from God through Jesus. Therefore, "selling something" to gain this treasure means willingly giving up yourself.

"Lord, I choose You to be my Pearl of great price. I am willing to give up everything that could separate me from You because I want to have only You in my heart!" Amen.

*~Pastor Mihail Baci*

**Teacher's Corner**

**"Nothing can bring a real  
sense of security into the home  
except true love."**

*~ Billy Graham*



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*We welcome all of our visitors today. We are a Christian community that would love to have you join our family. Please join us for Bible study, worship and prayer.*

# Sabbath Worship

April 27, 2024

9:30 - 10:30

Sabbath School

Mihail Baci

10:45

Baptisms

Mihail Baci

Welcome & Announcements

Justin Tobias

Song Service

Deborah Skaggs

Call to Worship

Psalms 33:1-4

Mihail Baci

Hymn of Praise

Praise Him!

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Offering Call

GCC Ministries -  
Cohutta Springs

Debbie Chadwick

Children's Offering

Supporting His School

Boys & Girls

Children's Story

Viorica Baci

Morning Prayer

Justin Tobias

Scripture

Psalms 85:6

Luke Hansen

Message

Revival... Now!

Mihail Baci

Closing Hymn

Showers of Blessings

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Benediction

Mihail Baci

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Assisted listening devices are available outside the sound room.

Budget For April	\$7,000
Received for April	\$6,080
Pathfinder Gillette Trip Goal \$45,000, raised as of March	\$38,000

Online giving available: [www.elijaysdachurch.org](http://www.elijaysdachurch.org)

## Calendar

29-Apr	5:30 PM	No Pathfinder Meeting
1-May	5:00 PM	Women's Support Group
1-May	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting—In Person/YouTube/Zoom (ID 950 7892 5271, Passcode 069095)
5-May	9:00 AM	VBS Work Bee
5-May	1:30 PM	JECs Constituency Meeting

## Prayer Request

**Current Requests:** Jorene Stewart

**Continue to Pray for:** Graham/Francis Family, Buckingham Family, Pritchett Family, Vanessa Easley Cass, Dena Troup, Vesta Garber & family, Caleb Padgett, Sharon Lombardo, William Cantrell, Nita Fish, Pastor and Viorica Baci, our parents, children, grandchildren, church, school, & teachers. For prayer requests, call Gyann Holt at 770-533-3773.

## Birthdays

4/27	Brooke Padgett
5/2	Charlie Bentjen
5/3	Don Schneider
5/4	Deborah Skaggs

Presiding Elder	Justin Tobias
Elder in Charge Next Sabbath	Randy Chadwick
Charge Deacon	Donny Teague
Deacon in Charge Next Sabbath	Gerald Anderson
PA	Jeffrey Skaggs
Greeter	Gerald Anderson
Deaconess for April	Pamela Anderson
Deaconess for May	Viorica Baci
Prayer Meeting Host	JC Fisher
Sunset this Friday 8:19	Sunset next Friday 8:24