

**Pastor's Corner – "Teachings from the Parables of Christ (Part 11)"**  
**Parable of Hidden Treasure**

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field." (Matthew 13:44, NIV)

In ancient times, it was customary for people to hide their valuables or large sums of money in the ground. (I don't know if this practice is still done in our days.) The ground in the garden offered better protection from thieves than their simple, humble houses did. Sometimes, due to life circumstances beyond the owner's control, their treasure remained in the ground forever—or until someone else found it, by chance. That is what happened in this parable spoken by Jesus.

In this narrative, the man who found the treasure sold everything he had to buy the field where the treasure was hidden (vs. 45). That is how Jesus demonstrated that the value of the Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure of great price. Nothing can have a greater value than the eternal life promised by Jesus to His children. No material good nor anything else that mankind values can compare to it. "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) Through this parable, Jesus teaches us a lesson of vital importance: that it is worth sacrificing everything in this life to have salvation; whether it be guilty pleasures, a selfish lifestyle, a life of sin loaded with anger, malice, envy, jealousy, revenge, or...

"Lord, for Your sake, I give up everything that could separate me from You. I want to follow You wherever You want to lead me!" Amen!

~Pastor Mihail Baci

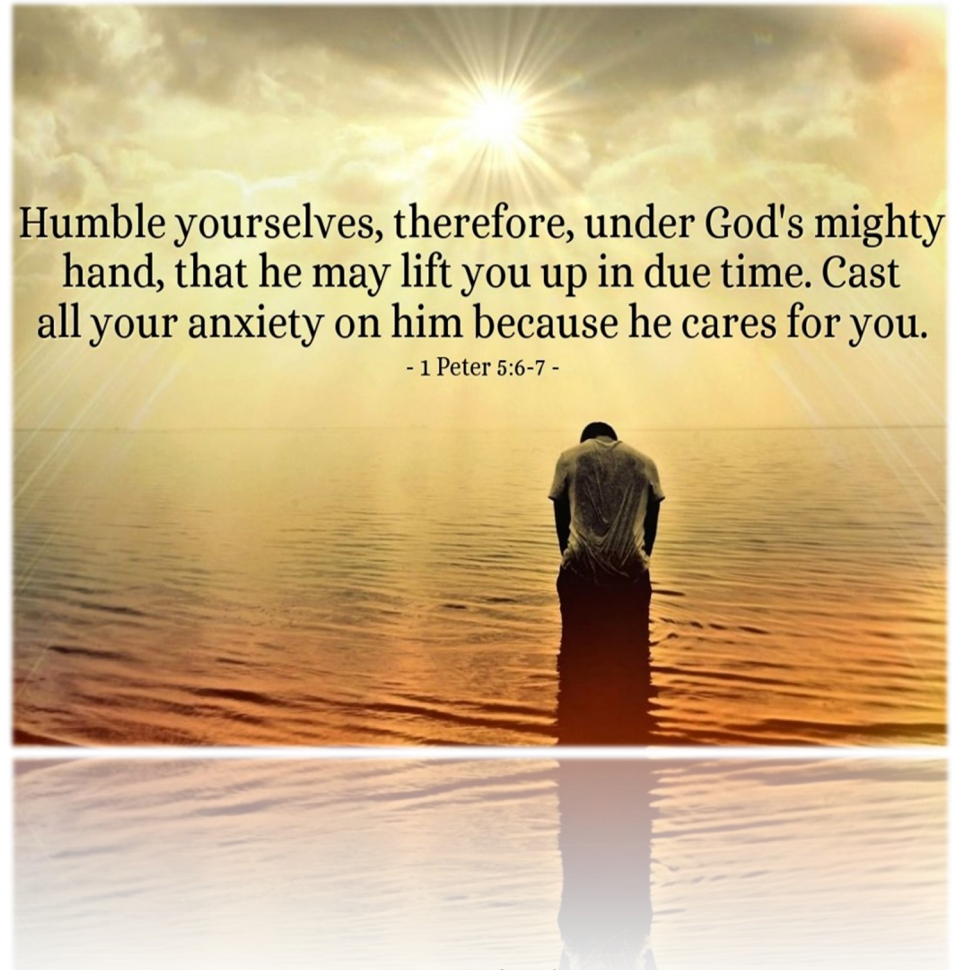
**Teacher's Corner**



# Ellijay Seventh-day Adventist Church

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- 1 Peter 5:6-7 -



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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 20, 2024

9:30 - 10:30

Sabbath School

Rollin Hixson

10:45

Welcome & Announcements

Ulrick Graham

Song Service

Justin Tobias

Call to Worship

Genesis 3:14-15  
& Revelation 12:7-9

Jeffrey Skaggs

Hymn of Praise

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Offering Call

Church Budget

Wendy Schrodt

Children's Offering

Supporting His School

Boys & Girls

Children's Story

Deborah Skaggs

Morning Prayer

Ulrick Graham

Scripture

1 Peter 5:6-11

Rad Pritchett

Message

The Great Controversy

Jeffrey Skaggs

Closing Hymn

I Shall See the King

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Benediction

Jeffrey Skaggs

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| Budget For April  | \$7,000 |
| Received for April  | \$5,722 |
| Pathfinder Gillette Trip Goal \$45,000, raised as of March \$38,000 |         |

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

## Calendar

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| 21-Apr | 9:00 AM | VBS Work Bee  |
| 21-Apr | 1:30 PM | In the Garden Tea Party - Jasper Church                                   |
| 22-Apr | 5:30 PM | Pathfinder Meeting  |
| 23-Apr | 7:00 PM | Church Board Meeting  |
| 24-Apr | 5:00 PM | Women's Support Group   |
| 24-Apr | 6:00 PM | Prayer Meeting—In Person/YouTube/Zoom (ID 950 7892 5271, Passcode 069095) |

## Prayer Request

**Current Requests:** Graham/Francis Family, Buckingham Family, Pritchett Family.

**Continue to Pray for:** 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

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|------|-----------------|
| 4/27 | Brooke Padgett  |
| 5/2  | Charlie Bentjen |
| 5/3  | Don Schneider   |

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| Presiding Elder               | Ulrick Graham                |
| Elder in Charge Next Sabbath  | Justin Tobias                |
| Charge Deacon                 | David Graham & Ulrick Graham |
| Deacon in Charge Next Sabbath | Donny Teague                 |
| PA                            | Alexis Tobias                |
| Greeter                       | Betty Thompson               |
| Deaconess for April           | Pamela Anderson              |
| Prayer Meeting Host           | Rollin Hixson                |
| Sunset this Friday 8:13       | Sunset next Friday 8:19      |