Painting with a Purpose

The ART of Loving God

Mission Statement

The ART of loving God. Advancing God's Kingdom one brush stroke at a time. Our mission is to glorify God through the discipleship of students and the pursuit of excellence in the arts, with the Bible as the foundation and Jesus Christ as our focus. This mission is at the core of what drives our program to pursue the arts in a way that is distinctive and brings honor to Jesus Christ. Students have the opportunity to express their individuality and creativity, cultivate their God-given gifts and learn how to effectively serve and influence others through the Arts.

Vision Statement

Demonstrating our love for God by providing an opportunity for Children and Youth to use their artistic talent as a way to help others and advance the Gospel. Equipping young people to live a life of excellence through service to God's kingdom and community as faithful disciples of Christ.

Our PWP Students voted to continue to support C4C!

This year PWP will be focusing on: All Creatures Great and Small

Psalms 104: 25 (NIV)

"There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small"

Theological themes in these verses include:

1. God as the Creator and Sustainer – Everything exists by His wisdom and for His purpose.

2. The Wisdom of God in Creation – The intricate design of life reflects divine intelligence.

3. The Abundance of Life – God's creation is vast, both in land and sea, pointing to His generosity and provision.

Our Mission for 2026-2027 will be:

Canines 4 Christ

Marcia Hayden: Local Canines4Christ Leader and has been vetted as the most active in our area. (Ellijay Ga)

Statement from Marcia & Mike Hayden: My husband and I are members of FBC Ellijay. Mike served as Minister of Ed and Admin for 35 years, before retiring. He now teaches a Sunday School class and does the screens for our church once a month. I am a choir member and sing on our Praise Team. I am a retired teacher from Gilmer County. We are both active in our church and participate in many other ways.

Their Mission is to have the love of Christ shine through us and our canines as His disciples by providing a ministry of presence that actively engages with people who need the love, hope and compassion that only God's message can provide.

Canines for Christ is an international Christian-based, animal-assisted therapy ministry that uses ordinary people and their beloved dogs to share God's message of love, hope, kindness, and compassion to the community.

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity under IRS guidelines and an AKC Recognized Therapy Dog Organization.

What We Do

Founded by Chaplain Larry and Susan Randolph, Canines for Christ has been in existence since July 2007. God has blessed many people through this ministry and changed lives. We are honored to give Him all the glory and humbled to be representing our Lord in communities all over the world. New dogs, volunteers, and Chaplains are being added constantly to serve God in this unique ministry. With God's blessing, we hope to expand in many more locations. Praise God! We give Him all the glory!

Where We Serve

We currently go to places such as cancer centers, grief centers, children's hospitals, nursing homes, veterans hospitals, hospice facilities, special needs facilities for the mentally and physically disabled, home visits, prisons, 911 call centers, schools, and crisis response locations and many other places as requested.

Look for our 2027 Art Show & Market Place this Spring!

(Updated August 2026)

ADULT ART

Individual Lessons

Private instruction will be given for adults, age 13 and up. Lessons will be available weekly in 2 hour time blocks on Monday and Thursday as scheduled.

Fee is $240 monthly plus a one-time

supply fee of $50.

Adult Art Classes

Explore and develop your art skills in our oil and acrylic painting, watercolor, drawing, sculpture, textile, and mixed media.

Adult art classes are available to students

13 years and older.

Classes will be scheduled for a six week period on Tuesday evenings from 6:30—8:30 pm.

Fee will be $180 per six week session with a supply fee between $15—$30 depending on medium being taught.

Family discounts available.

Register by calling 706-632-2763

CHILDREN'S ART

Individual Lessons

Private instruction will be given to children of any age. Lessons will be available weekly in 2 hour time blocks on Monday and Thursday as scheduled.

Fee is $240 monthly plus a one-time supply fee of $50.

Children's Art Class

Children's Art Classes offer programs of study to include painting, drawing, design, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, and much more.

This class introduces your child to basic art skills and gives them opportunity to grow as young artists.

Classes will be scheduled for a six week period on Tuesday afternoons from 3—5 pm for ages 5—12.

Fee will be $180 per 6 week session with a supply fee between $15—$30 depending on medium being taught.

Sibling discounts available.

Register by calling 706-632-2763