



# COLQUITT EMC NewsLINE

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Colquitt EMC Partnered with Ace Electric and Lowndes County Fire Rescue to conduct **Fire-fighter Electrical Emergencies and Safety Training**. Firefighters from across the region joined to strengthen skills and build connections for responding to electrical incidents like downed powerlines, transformer fires and energized structures.



*Colquitt EMC loved visiting JM Odom Elementary, RB Wright Elementary, Berrien Primary and JT Reddick's Community Helper Days. Each event included bucket truck demos and electrical safety education. It is always a joy to teach students about our industry.*



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## FRESH COAT, FRESH LOOK!

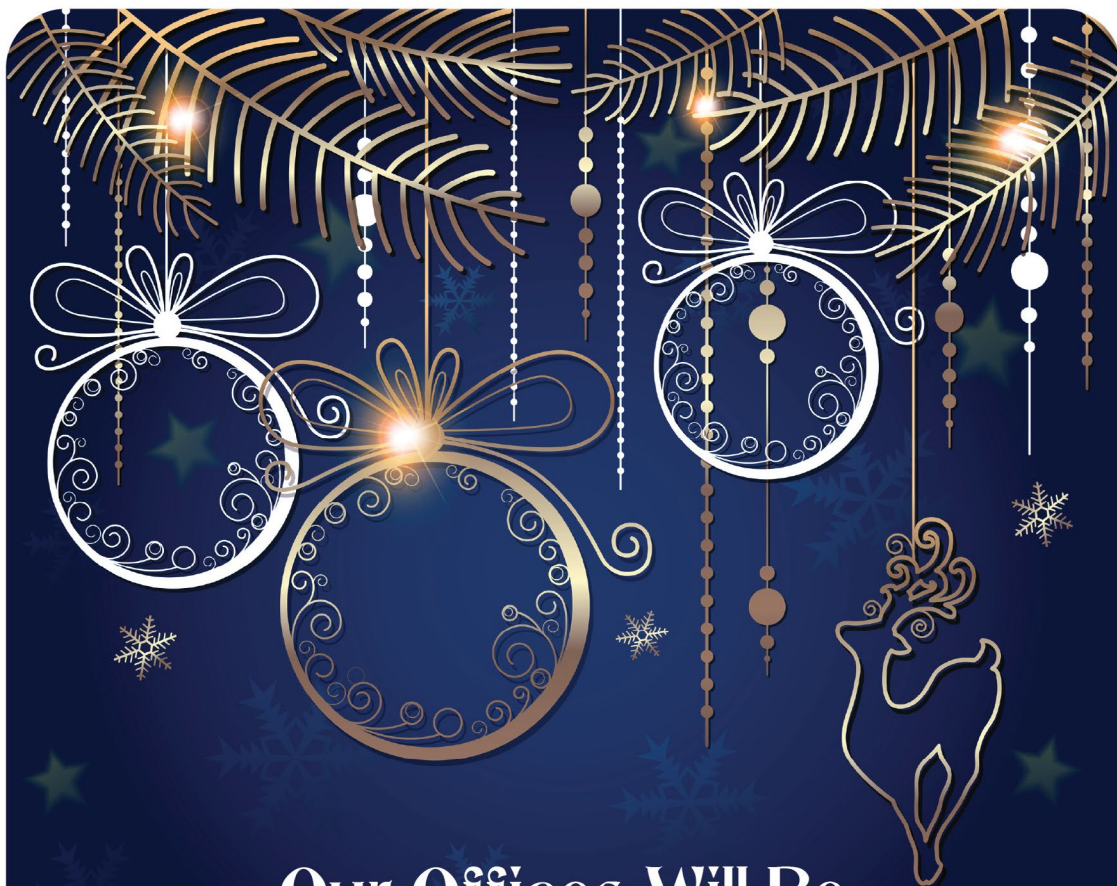
Colquitt EMC's Adel Office is sporting a fresh coat of paint and looking better than ever. Swing by to see our bright new exterior!

## SERVICE AWARDS

Please join us in congratulating these hardworking employees for their years of service to Colquitt EMC.

Bruce Bailey – 45 Years  
Justin Brown – 35 Years  
Roger Touchton – 35 Years  
Joey Weakland – 35 Years  
Les Moore – 30 Years  
Michael Young – 30 Years  
Angie Rodney – 30 Years

Christie Suggs – 25 Years  
Calvin Thomas – 25 Years  
Lee Frazier – 25 Years  
Luke Miller – 25 Years  
Michelle Dowling – 20 Years  
Debra Stanfill – 20 Years



Our Offices Will Be  
**CLOSED**

November 27 & 28

December 24 & 25

New Year's Day - January 1



# HOW TO GET YOUR HEAT PUMP READY FOR HEATING SEASON



As the weather starts to cool down, it's time to make sure your heat pump is ready to keep your home warm and comfortable. A little preparation now can save you money, prevent breakdowns, and help your system run more efficiently all winter long. Here are some simple steps you can take to get your heat pump ready for heating season.

## ✓ Check and Change the Air Filter

- Dirty filters make your heat pump run longer.
- Change the filter every 1–3 months, depending on how dusty your home is.
- A clean filter helps with airflow and keeps your indoor air cleaner.

## ✓ Clear Around the Outdoor Unit

- Remove leaves, sticks, and dirt from around the outside unit.
- Make sure there's at least 2 feet of space around it for good airflow.
- Don't cover the unit—it needs to move air freely!

## ✓ Inspect the Thermostat

- Make sure your thermostat is working properly.
- Set it to "heat" mode and test the temperature setting.
- If it's not responding or seems off, you may need to replace the batteries or call a technician.

## ✓ Check for Strange Noises or Smells

- Turn on your heat pump and listen for any banging, grinding, or squealing sounds.
- If you smell something burning or musty, it could be a sign of a problem.

- These issues should be checked by a professional.

## ✓ Clean the Vents and Registers

- Dust and vacuum all the vents in your home.
- Make sure furniture or rugs aren't blocking them.
- Good airflow helps your system work better and keeps your home evenly heated.

## ✓ Schedule a Professional Tune-Up

- A technician can check refrigerant levels, electrical connections, and overall system health.
- They'll clean the coils and make sure everything is running safely.
- It's best to do this once a year before the heating season starts.

## ✓ Review Your Energy Bills

- Compare your current bill to last year's.
- A big increase could mean your system isn't running efficiently.
- Catching problems early can save you money.

## ✓ Know When to Call for Help

- If your heat pump isn't heating well, turns off too often, or runs constantly, it's time to call a technician.
- Don't wait until it breaks down on a cold night!

Getting your heat pump ready for heating season doesn't take long, but it makes a big difference. These simple steps will help your system run smoothly, keep your home warm, and avoid costly repairs. If you're ever unsure, it's always a good idea to call a professional for help.

## LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

If you move or no longer have electric service with Colquitt EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Colquitt EMC service area. Colquitt EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

# Recipe OF THE MONTH



## Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars

### INGREDIENTS

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup light brown sugar, packed  
5 tablespoons butter, softened  
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans or 1/2 cup walnuts  
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
3/4 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup pumpkin, packed  
2 large eggs, lightly beaten  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground allspice  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### DIRECTIONS

Combine flour and brown sugar in medium bowl. Cut in butter to make a crumb mixture. Stir in nuts. Set aside 3/4 cup crumb mixture for topping. Press remaining mixture into bottom of 8x8 baking pan. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 15 minutes. Cool slightly. Combine cream cheese, sugar, pumpkin, eggs, spices and vanilla in large mixing bowl. Blend until smooth. Pour over baked crust. Sprinkle with reserved topping. Bake an additional 30-35 minutes. Cool before cutting into bars.

## Church of the Month



### Enoch Creek Church

7125 George Rd. • Lake Park, GA  
Pastor Zack Corbett • [enochcreekchurch.org](http://enochcreekchurch.org)

### Service Schedule

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday Adult Life Group      | 9:30 AM  |
| Sunday Morning Service       | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday Children's Church     | 11:00 AM |
| Sunday Evening Service       | 6:00 PM  |
| Wed Midweek Service          | 7:00 PM  |
| Wed Children & Youth Classes | 7:00 PM  |

To nominate your church for Church of the Month, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246 with your church's information or email [marketing@colquittmc.com](mailto:marketing@colquittmc.com). Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

## Bible Verse of the Month

Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he! ~ Psalm 99:3