

Those Who Serve

	April 29	May 6
Opening Prayer	John Story	Olan Bacon
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Assist	Charles Hall	Evan Hall
Assist	Joe Holloway	Aaron Burnsed
Dismiss Services	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway



Prayer List

Carol Hall -- a round of radiation

Bob Emsweller – at home and



feeling better

Darlene Monreal – Mike Powell's daughter. health problems

Gregory Dozier – family problems

Lorianne Broussard – Sister in law of Nick & Lisa Barratta; son Jacob Olivier has been missing for several months.

Linda McDonald – friend of the Holloways, at home battling cancer

Randy Edenfield – son of Steve and Tammy Hurst, personal problems

Jessie Shuman – Health Problems

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for May – on back pew

Business Meeting-tonight after services

Ladies' Meeting- tonight after evening services

Raintree Village – Truck will be here June 11th

Mothers' Day Collection – for Raintree Village will be May 13

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, sheets, pillow cases, peanut butter, Band-Aids, toilet paper

Bookmark our Facebook page. And add EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com to your contact list. Brother Paul asks that you simply email him anything you want to appear on the Facebook page; pictures, announcements, etc.

Call List –There are forms on the back pew if you want to be added to our call list. If you want a call made, call me or text me and I will make the call and schedule it. 912-667-0519

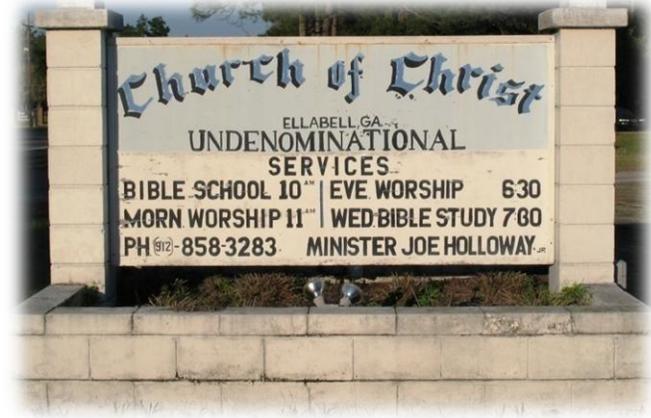
Prayer List –There is a form on the back pew to add names to the prayer list.

Worship Services Online – Go to our website and there is a link at the bottom.

Join us from anywhere in the world online. <http://ellabellcofhome.webs.com/>

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SPEAKING WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS; SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT

April 29, 2012

My 9-year-old's last-second request surprised his doctor and taught me a valuable lesson about sharing the gospel

Tina Blessitt

Last fall my 9-year-old son, Austin, had his tonsils removed. Before the surgery, Austin's anesthesiologist came to start an IV. He was wearing a cool surgical cap covered in colorful frogs. Austin loved that "frog hat." The doctor explained that he had two choices. He could either try to start the IV, or he could wait until Austin was up in the operating room. In the OR the doctor would give Austin some "goofy" gas, and start the IV when he was more relaxed. "So, Austin," he asked, "which do you want?" Austin replied, "I'll take the gas."

But when the doctor started to leave, Austin called, "Hey, wait." The doctor turned. Yeah, buddy, what do you need?" "Do you go to church?"

"No," the doctor admitted. "I know I probably should, but I don't." Austin then asked, "Well, are you saved?" Chuckling nervously, the doctor said, "Nope. But after talking to you, maybe it's something I should consider."

Pleased with his response, Austin answered, "Well, you should, 'cause Jesus is great!" "I'm sure He is, little guy," the doctor said, and quickly made his exit.

After that a nurse took me to the waiting room. Someone would come and get me when Austin's surgery was done.

After about 45 minutes, the anesthesiologist came into the waiting room. He told me the surgery went well and then said, "Mrs. Blessitt, I don't usually come down and talk to the parents after a surgery, but I just had to tell you what your son did." Oh boy, I thought. What did that little rascal do now? The doctor explained that he'd just put the mask on Austin when my son signaled that he needed to say something. When the doctor removed the mask, Austin blurted, "Wait a minute, we have to pray!"

The doctor told him to go ahead, and Austin prayed, "Dear Lord, please let all the doctors and nurses have a good day. And Jesus, please let the doctor with the frog hat get saved and start going to church. Amen."

The doctor admitted this touched him. "I was so sure he would pray that his surgery went well," he explained. "He didn't even mention his surgery. He prayed for me! Mrs Blessitt, I had to come down and let you know what a great little guy you have."

A few minutes later a nurse came to take me to post-op. She had a big smile on her face as we walked to the elevator. "Mrs. Blessitt, I couldn't wait to tell you something exciting that your son did." With a smile, I told her that the doctor already mentioned Austin's prayer.

"But there's something you don't know," she said. "Some of the other nurses and I have been witnessing to and praying for that doctor for a long time. After your son's surgery, he tracked a few of us down to tell us about Austin's prayer. He said, 'Well girls, you got me. If that little boy could pray for me when he was about to have surgery, then I think maybe I need his Jesus too.'"

Wow! Austin had played a small part in something wonderful. But then, so did the nurses who prayed and witnessed. I thought about John's words in his Gospel, "One sows and the other reaps" (John 4:37).

Austin's experience taught me that, although we never know which role we may be called to play, in the end it doesn't matter. What's important is that we remain faithful in sharing the gospel.

(Tina Blessitt, a freelance writer, lives with her husband and four children in Kentucky ...

"Don't tell God how big your troubles are--tell your trouble HOW BIG YOUR GOD IS!!!)

Matthew 5:16

-from the Bulletin of the Booker Church of Christ; Booker, TX



25TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Sunday, May 13th, will mark the **25th Annual Mother's Day Special Collection for the Children** of Raintree Village! This is the one time each year when we urge our supporting churches to provide an opportunity for their members to contribute to this work through a Special Collection. In the past, Mother's Day contributions have carried us through the long, hot summers when contributions are generally lower. This year's goal is to raise \$75,000!

Won't you help us this year? Please encourage your local church leaders to schedule and promote this Special Collection for the Children of Raintree Village... Sunday, MOTHER'S DAY, May 13th.

We will need interested individuals and churches to make donations in order to meet our goal of \$75,000. Please help us. Remember, you can donate securely online via our website

<http://www.raintreevillage.org/#>. Too, you can specify your donation as a Memorial or Living Honor for your Mom!

Contact us at (229) 559-5944, or email our Executive Director, Kenny Holton. Thank you for your support and prayers.



OUR PRESSING NEEDS:

TACO DINNERS/FIXINS'; VEGETABLE OIL; CANNED FRUIT JUICES (APPLE, GRAPE, ORANGE); SALAD DRESSINGS (THOUSAND ISLAND, RANCH, VIDALIA); CANNED POTATOES/ENGLISH PEAS; PICKLES; BAR-B-QUE SAUCE; GARBAGE BAGS (30-33 GAL); DREFT; MAYO/MIRACLE WHIP; PLASTIC WRAP; PANCAKE MIX; LIQUID CHILDREN'S ALLERGY MEDS; DOVE/IVORY SOAPS; NAIR; FEMININE PRODUCTS; BLEACH; SMALL RUBBER BANDS FOR HAIR; PAPER PLATES/ CUPS/NAPKINS; PRE-SWEETENED KOOL AID/LEMON-ADE; FOODS AND CLEANING SUPPLIES (ALL KINDS)

WE CANNOT USE EXPIRED FOODS OR MEDICATIONS!

PLEASE NOTE: BADLY NEEDED ITEMS

CANNED FRUIT JUICES

TACO DINNERS

VEGETABLE OIL

ANTIBACTERIAL SOAPS