

# Those Who Serve

	February 5	February 12
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Story	Olan Bacon
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
<b>Communion</b>	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
<b>Assist</b>	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
<b>Assist</b>	Kwesi Garvin	Joe Holloway
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Kwesi Garvin	Charles Hall



## Prayer List

**Carol Hall** -- upcoming PET Scan

**Bob Emsweller** – at home and



feeling better

**Darlene Monreal** – Mike Powell's daughter.

Has health problems

**Gregory Dozier** – family problems

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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for February**– on back pew

**Social** –this Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies' Meeting** – one week from tomorrow night

**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](mailto: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.

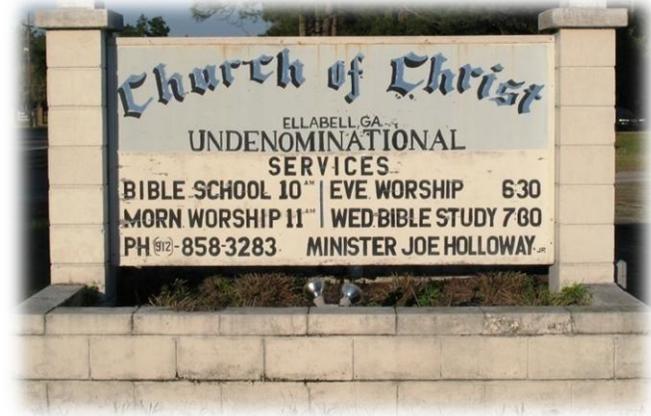
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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

February 5, 2012

### REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2012 – TOM EK POT (JR).

My dear fellow laborers in the kingdom of God, I greet you all. My family equally sends its warm greeting to you all. The month of January has come and gone, and the year is beginning to become old, but our hope in Christ is ever new and will remain just so. We have determined that onward ever with Jesus and backward never in His ministry. I thank you for taking time to pray for us. The month of January was another month that dread caught many of us in Nigeria. The pronouncement of increase in gas prices resulted in the complete cut short in the supply of the product, thereby increasing prices of everything. In addition, there have been series of bombing in the northern Nigeria. Several churches have been burnt and Christians killed. Security operatives who would have been of help are also targeted.

It now takes great courage for people to accept to come to Church services. And when they come, we have to mount serious internal security to assure them that they

are safe. Time for some worship services have been reduced, and any activity that will enter into the night will not have people come for it. Evangelism by door knocking has become more difficult, as one cannot go anywhere again preaching. I have never in my life witnessed a thing like. I only read in the Bible and church history of how early Christians suffered. Unfortunately, we are now living in a time one would say, "we have freedom of worship," are made to secretly worship our God. I have questioned myself several time to know where the mistake comes from, yet still come to point that Christians in Nigeria have not stood up for Christ enough. We had relaxed so much and allowed Islam to permeate everywhere. Some of us are only seeing the dangers now of not standing up for Jesus, and some have not still seen. Many Christians have relocated, but that is never the solution to this problem. Going down the south will only help Islam to solidify their presence in the country, and will eventually come down the south. Besides, what of the few northerners who have become Christians? Leaving them will be discouraging to them, and they may fall away. Throughout the month of January, our major task was trying to keep the saved safe. Even though we had some few studies outside, we tried to encourage these brethren from house to come for worship. At Mazah, our weekly Bible study is capturing the attention of the members the more. We are having 65% attendance in our Friday class. Keep us in prayer. The young man at Toro who has been assisting the Church has decided to leave. His relations who are even against him in his ministry have come together to mount pressure on him to return home for safety reason. Toro is actually in a dangerous area of the Islamic influence. Well, it means that I have to be there more regular than before until we find another person who will be willing to assist. Please, do keep me in prayers. The situation in the country has become unpredictable. Beginning with the hike in gas price and now insecurity because of Islamic terrorism, life become tough with

common men. Although the Moslems are claiming that terrorism is not part of Islam, yet all terrorists I have seen are Muslims. It means that they all have that potential, and can become one anytime. I will therefore warn against giving them any foothold, otherwise, they will take an acre. May God keep us in His protective wings, and continue to invigorate to lay down our lives for the spread of the Gospel in Africa. Thank once again for being there for us.

### *Email from Nigeria (rec'd Feb 3, 2012)*

Hi brother Holloway,

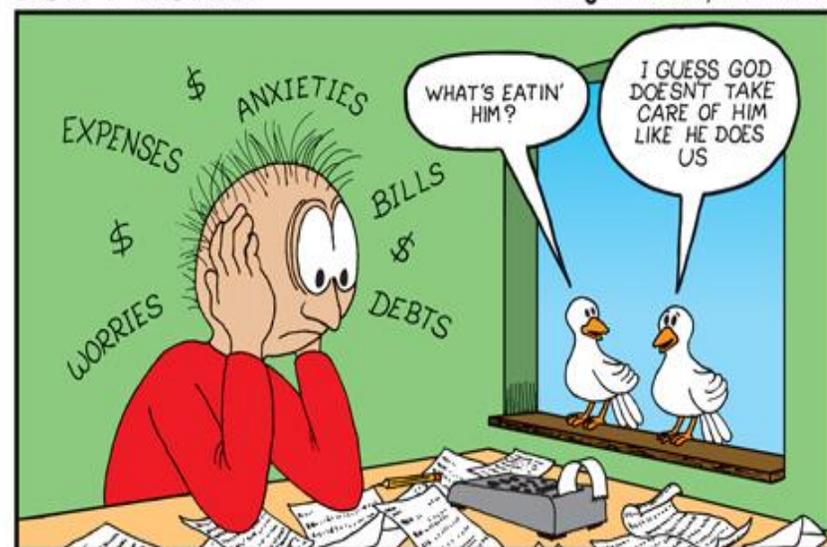
Thanks so much for your kindness. I so much appreciate the contribution the brethren have made. I owe God thanks on their behalf. I am working modality on how to be more available for the Church at Toro. Keep praying for us. Please, say our appreciation to the Church.

Grace and Peace,

Tom.

### **DON'T WORRY**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

- MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV