

# Those Who Serve

	May 6	May 13
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Olan Bacon	Charles Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Kwesi Garvin	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
<b>Assist</b>	Evan Hall	John Story
<b>Assist</b>	Aaron Burnsed	Mike Powell
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Joe Holloway	Paul Kuntz



## 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

**Ladies' Meeting**- Tuesday night, th 8<sup>th</sup>

**Social** – this Wednesday night after Bible Study

**Raintree Village** – Truck will be here June 11<sup>th</sup>

**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](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

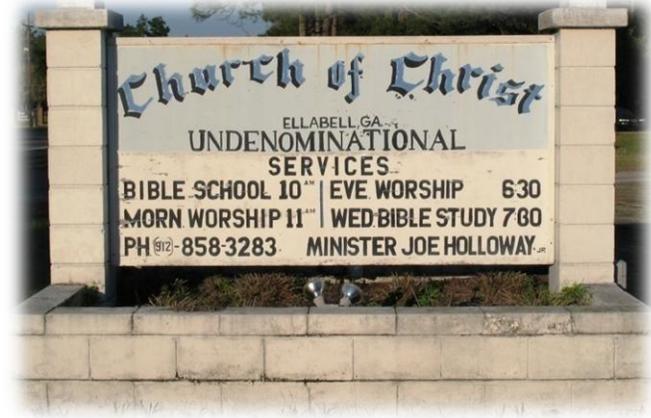
**Prayer List** –There is a form on the back pew to add names to the prayer list.

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

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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

May 6, 2012

### I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

The songs we sing in our worship to God are extremely important to the edification of any local body. Therefore, we should carefully consider the words of each hymn, and sing with gratitude in our hearts to the Lord. One of the most thought provoking songs is “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.” The words found in the second verse are especially significant and worthy of careful attention....

*“For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend; To her my cares and toils be given, Till toils and cares shall end; Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways...”*

We would do well to carefully consider these words and honestly examine ourselves. Do we really love this church enough to shed tears for it? Do we mourn over the fallen? Do we grieve over indifference in ourselves and procrastination in others? What about our prayers? Do we spend much time in secret praying to the Father for the spiritual and numerical growth of this local body? Do we pray without ceasing for the harmony and purity of this church? As Bible teachers, are we praying for wisdom as we warn and teach every soul? How often do we speak privately to God about our leadership? Are we praying for their physical and spiritual health? Do we ask God to strengthen the shepherds of this flock and give them wisdom and

humility? Brethren, if we're guilty of negligence in prayer for this church then we're slowly drifting into a state of slumber, which if not corrected produces a dead church.

What about our labor in the kingdom? Are we overflowing in the Lord's work? Are we reliable in the work? Can we be trusted to complete an assignment? Diligence in the kingdom is necessary to prevent further distractions. A church that is distracted in her work is headed for discouragement, and the extent to which we love the Lord's church is determined by just what we are willing to sacrifice in order to do the work in a timely and excellent manner. If we have failed as a church in either our message or mission, we have failed our God. Whatever our hands find to do, then by the grace of God let us do it with all our strength.

I've never been interested in simply giving people something to casually think about. Seems to me that just produces groups of people who are content with gathering dust while sitting around merely discussing future plans. What stirs me up for God is motivating people with the truth of Scripture, then seeing them get in gear because of their love for the Lord and His church. Let us all today examine ourselves with reference to our love, concern, and dedication to this local body. Singing the great hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" with the spirit and the understanding will go a long way in renewing our passion for the church. Since we are the bride, it's time we adorn ourselves as such.

—Paul White

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).*



**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



**25TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, May 13th,**