

Those Who Serve

	Sep 16	Sep 23
Opening Prayer	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
Song Leader	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Evan Hall	Joe Holloway
Assist	Mike Powell	Rick Stocking
Assist	Rick Stocking	John Story
Dismiss Services	John Story	Olan Bacon



Prayer List

Bob Emsweller – at home and feeling better
 Olan Bacon – relapse, collapsed lung. In St Josephs room 304
 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.

Jessie Shuman – Health Problems

Sandy Parker – at home with her parents

Jason and Tracy Sheehy – upcoming adoption in Uganda

Wanda Pledge – recovering from a stroke and going home soon

Jay Williams – Health problems

Mark & Teresa Callaway – Health problems

Family of Chris Bacon – funeral services were Friday

Tom Ekpot Sr – very ill at home in Nigeria

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for September – on back pew

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

Social – Next week, September 23

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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Ellabell Church of Christ



SERVICE

TIMES:

Sunday

Bible Study

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

6:30pm

Wednesday

7:00pm

Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent

September 16, 2012

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2012 (TOM EKPOT JR).

Dear beloved in Christ, I salute you all both individually and collectively in Jesus name. I pray that this will meet you all well, preparing for the return of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for all your cares and prayers. I sometime wonder how life would have looked like if we did not have access to our Father in Heaven. I guess, that will make hell a real horrible place, because God will not be there. Then just imagine the degree of confusion that will exist in hell.

Your constant prayers have really helped us to come this far. Things would not have gone smoothly the way they went throughout the month of August if not God using you daily to supply our needs. We are truly grateful. In some cases when God will not take away the problem, He gives us grace to bear the grunts.

The month of August came in swiftly and went so swiftly almost without my notice. As I mentioned in my last report, the School of Biblical Studies, Jos resumed for its 2012/13 academic session. This time, contrary to our apprehension, we had so many students who reported for studies. Due to the limited space and facilities, for the first time we were compelled to turn down some applications. This time, we have 38 new students who have registered to study the Bible and return to their congregations to

preach. Good enough, among this number is a brother from Toro who has accepted to be trained. For any congregation to have a future in Nigeria, it is important to have indigenes as members. So interesting is when you have an indigene trained. Brother Sani Sabo who is a brother under training is from Toro. I believe he will be a great instrument when he completes his training. Sani is married with children, but has left his family to come to Jos to be trained. While at home, he is a peasant farmer. He has no one to help him, so I have opted to help him out through the training. Our weekly evangelism at Mazah brought two young men into Christ last Friday, 31st August. The baptism of these boys resulted into the parents kicking them out of their home, and coming to fight the Church for baptizing their children without their consent. Well, the situation is under control as the father of those boys accepted explanation at last, but refused that we study with him. It will take the grace of God for those boys to come to Church since the parents were upset. But there is nothing impossible with God. Please join us in prayers. At Ring Road, another boy was baptized two weeks ago. This one is coming for worship.

Brethren my heart desires that brother Olan of Ellabell Church get well soon and the family of sister Carol be comforted. Our Lord will not fail us. Let's continue to pray for his fast recovery. It is your prayers that sustain us in the Northern Nigeria where everything is so uncertain. We believe in heaven all these toils will certainly disappear. May God keep us busy in the Church while we wait Christ's return.

The Sleeping Judge Joel Stephen Williams

Many years ago in England there was a judge by the name of Doddridge who gained the nickname "the sleeping judge." As he would listen to a case before him in court, he would often close his eyes, slump down in his chair, rest his chin on his chest, and give every appearance of being asleep. Many people appeared in his court in hopes that the law would give them justice. They would hope that the rightness of their position would be evident, but their hopes would begin to fade as they looked at this sleeping judge. On the other hand, some would appear in court who were guilty of wrongdoing and would hope that justice would not prevail. As they

would observe this sleeping judge, they began to hope that they would escape judgment. Judge Doddridge, though, was not asleep. He was concentrating intently on the evidence being presented before him, analyzing it with his great legal mind, and determining what was just. His legal pronouncements were always sound, for the sleeping judge was not sleeping.

Certain false teachers, with whom the apostle Peter was having to deal, assumed that God was asleep on the judgment bar of heaven. Since Christ had not returned yet, they concluded that he was not returning and judgment could be averted (2 Pet. 3:3-4). Peter, however, declared: "Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping" (2 Pet. 2:3). Only to the foolish person who thinks God must work according to our timetable and agenda does it appear that the judge is sleeping (2 Pet. 3:8). God keeps his appointments. He fulfills his promises, and he will fulfill the promise that Jesus will return and that there will be a general judgment of all mankind. Any further delay in the final judgment is a sign, not of the sleepiness of God, but of the mercy of God: "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

Do not presume on the judgment of God or take God for granted. "The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?" (2 Pet. 3:10).

EMAIL FROM NIGERIA (REC'D SEP 7, 2012)

My very dear brother,
Good morning. I am sorry to hear the news of the death of Sister Carol. I believe strongly that is the will of our Lord almighty. I have prayed for this woman day and night on my own and in Christian gathering, and she still passes on. I give the glory to God. It is in a time like this that we are reminded to number our days, so that we know how to relate with Our Maker. Surely the Church will miss her, her husband will miss her, her entire family will miss her. May God comfort everybody concern. Let us remember that God still loves us.
Grace and Peace,
Tom