

Those Who Serve

	Jan 13	Jan 20
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	Rick Stocking
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
Communion	Rick Stocking	Joe Holloway
Assist	Evan Hall	Mike Powell
Assist	Mark Stocking	John Story
Dismiss Services	Olan Bacon	Charles Hall



Prayer List

Bob Emsweller – at home and feeling better
Olan Bacon – at home recuperating
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 at home.

Jay Williams – Health problems

Mark & Teresa Callaway – Mark in St. Joseph's

Nell Sewell – in AR; cancer patient

Charles Stevens – recuperating at home in AR

Elma Jean Robinson – home

Grace Murphy – sis in law of Donna Murphy – severe health problems

Roland Mohsen – home making health decisions. Several treatments in the future

Will Harley – friend of the Storys. Rare form of gastric cancer

Phyllis Smith – mother of Grace Cannon – not expected to live much longer.

Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell

Lisa Hursey – car wreck and med problems

Shirley Hursey – med problems

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for January – on back pew

Save – Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, peanut butter

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://ellabellchurchhome.org/>

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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

Jan 13 2013

Maintaining Our Spiritual Fire

By [Kevin Cauley](#)



This past week I saw a video on the news of a man stepping outside with a boiling pot of water, tossing the water into the air and its instantaneously changing into snow. He was near the top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire and it was thirty-five degrees below zero. My first reaction was, "Hey, that's kind of cool." Then I thought, "Wow, that's really cold." And finally, "That guy's crazy going outside in that kind of weather." Consider that water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit; water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. That's so cold that the water cooled down 180+ degrees in less than a second. The water froze because of a failure to maintain the fire. What can we do to maintain our spiritual fire?

Lesson #1: Much energy was needed to warm the water; but very little was needed to cool it. In order to boil water one must have

a significant energy source. It takes 398 BTUs to change frozen water to boiling water. Energy is required! To the contrary, however, to cool water down takes practically no energy at all. A flick of the wrist and the boiling water was frozen. This reminds me of Paul's words to the church in Ephesus to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). Paul also said to the Galatians (5:6) that what avails is faith working (the Greek word ENERGEIO – energy!) through love. Even spiritually speaking, energy/effort/work is required in order to stay warm; but what is required to freeze? Just do nothing. Work, that is, the input of energy, is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

Lesson #2: Together the water was warm; separated, it became cold. Those trillions of water molecules in that boiling pot stayed warm so long as they were in close proximity to each other; they kept warm off each other's heat. However, once they dispersed they quickly cooled not having the company of their "brethren" to keep them warm. Ecclesiastes 4:11 says, "Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?" The story is told of the preacher who visits the un-attending member and, without a word, while sitting in front of the fireplace, merely pulls a coal out of the fire to watch it slowly die. Yet, putting it back in, the coal warms to a soft red glow again. We need to exhort one another daily and not forsake our assembling together! (Hebrews 3:13, 10:25) Togetherness is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

Lesson #3: Someone "stirred" the pot. That water didn't become snow without someone agitating the pot! If the pot had been left on the fire it would have stayed warm, but it was moved, stirred, agitated. This resulted in the decrease of heat and the increase of cold. Agitation in the church often has the same results. Paul told the church at Philippi, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings" (Philippians 2:14). He said in Colossians 3:13 "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Instead of murmuring and quarrelling we need to practice forgiveness to keep ourselves warm and lively. Forgiveness is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

We all know what it means when a body has "assumed room temperature." Warmth equals life. Cold equals death. Let us do all to avoid assuming room temperature and do everything in our power to maintain our spiritual fire!



Email from Paris rec'd Jan 9, 2013

Happy New Year to all!! I've bronchitis. Roland still has his tendinitis in his foot and other problems. On the 25th Sister Nodia Milcent lost her battle with cancer and on the 2nd of January her funeral was here at the building, and that evening at 7:30 p.m. James St Louis was immersed into Christ. We love you all and wishing you a great year for winning souls. On 14th Roland has an appt with doctor, on the 15th of Jan Manu goes into hospital for an operation and on the 16th Roland gets his first laser treatment on stone in the saliva gland. Lily Rose has a virus and Gabrielle an infected ear. I am on meds and not allowed outside yet. Thanks for prayers. We love you all Hugs Rose

