

# Those Who Serve

	Jan 6	Jan 13
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Evan Hall	Joe Holloway
<b>Song Leader</b>	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
<b>Assist</b>	Charles Hall	Evan Hall
<b>Assist</b>	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	John Story	Olan Bacon



## 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

**Social** – this Wednesday after Bible Study

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

**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

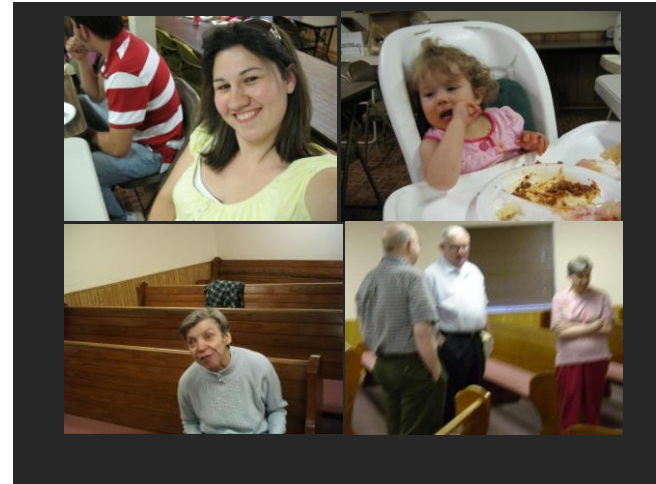
**Prayer List** – There is a form on the back pew to add names to the prayer list.

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

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# Ellabell Church of Christ



## 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 6 2012

### REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012 (TOM EK POT JR)

Dear beloved, greetings to you all. Let me begin with the traditional season greetings of “Happy New Year” to you all in Jesus’ Name. Truly, this is our collective wish for everyone who waits for the return of our Savior Jesus Christ. It always a greeting at the beginning of the year, and for sure, the Lord hears us. Last year might not have given us what we thought, and to some was not a good year by their rating. But I tell you, whatever God allows to come to us is to our good, Even though we may not understand the good in it at the moment. Yes, 2012 was a memorable one in different ways to different people. To the Christians, we can’t deny the fact that our God was with us and had given us the things necessary for life and godliness in His kingdom. Therefore, we all owe Him accolades. In Africa, and Nigeria in particular, the Lord rescued us severally from the Devil’s snare. At some points, we had come close to being destroyed by the evil one, but the grace of the Lord saw us through and we can sing halleluiah now to the glory of His Name. The fight is not over, therefore, we will remain in Him until He wears us the crown of life.

Brethren, permit me to appreciate you all for the wonderful things you did for the Lord during the year that just passed. Sometimes, you might be tempted to think that there insignificant. But truly, the Lord did not think so. May He continue to bless you all in your individual and collective sacrifices to expand the Kingdom of Christ in Africa. The Devil is fighting hard to uproot the work of Christ, but with our collective effort, the Kingdom of Christ must prevail against darkness. You stood with us in defending the Gospel. Know that your labor will never be in vain.

In the month of December, I was in the Niger Delta region for two weeks. Here again, the rate of kidnapping increased during the last two months, we had to be there to help train Church workers and leaders, in order that the congregations in this locality might be strengthened. We had 15 students who gathered. Some of them are teachers in government schools, and some are business people who desire to teach and preach the Gospel of Christ. The two weeks were mixed with sorrows and joy. Joy because of the enthusiasm in these students who have come to study. We could see the excitement in them as they understood the Bible clearer. Our classes begin everyday by 8.00am and punctuated by 5.00pm. On the third day of this exercise, the devil struck. One of the students who come on a motor bike each day from another state died. I was teaching the Synoptic Gospel, when I noticed that the man was not too well. He was sweating profusely. He later went out and we later followed him. It was not up to two minutes, when he went to the rest room and could not come out again. We rushed him to the hospital, but he died. Brethren, the class could not function for two days because of the event. We were all weak. But the Lord kept strengthening us. The following week, another student on his way back from school had an accident. Same week, another student lost three members of his family on the same as a heavy truck ran over the three victims who were standing by the road side. Same week, I got news of my friend, brother in Christ, a faithful preacher, who had an accident on his way back from worship. He died later due to complications. It was as if all these incidences were waiting for the same time to happen. I believe the Lord knows all. We returned to Jos on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas day, a brother's son here in Jos, who is also a brother in Christ was killed by a group of young men. These

young boys went to his house, and called him around 3pm. They took him to a corner and beat him to death. The churches in Jos were again thrown into confusion. The body of the late Emmanuel, a 20 years old boy of brother Adebisi is still in the mortuary as the Police are making their findings. Please, let remember this family in our prayers. The father is just a poor carpenter, and the mother graduated from the School of Biblical studies, Jos three years ago. The father became a Christian in 2008, Same year, their family house was burnt down by the Muslims. Now another disaster has struck. Brethren, we have faith that in this new year God will enable us to climb all the hills of life and will give us grace to descend valleys when He leads us there. Keep us in prayers that God will open more doors for us to preach His Gospel to those who are in need of salvation. Whatever He sees best, may His will done in our lives. May God give us all a rewarding 2013 in Jesus.

Grace and Peace  
Tom

**EMAIL RECEIVED JAN 2**

Hello brother Holloway,  
Happy New Year to you, the Church, mom and Dad, and all loving people around you. We thank God that He made it possible to be here in a year we have never been. Though years are not with God but man, because we are limited, we know for sure that God sees the end from the beginning of the year. We were indoors throughout 1st January because of fear of uncertainty. Our prayer is that may God lead us through this year safely. May we learn to number our days in order that we may know how fleeting our lives are and then enter into the heart of wisdom (Psalms 39.4; 90.12). I pray that this year will be truly a good year for the Christians worldwide. May God keep blessing you in your endeavors in Jesus name. I attached here the report for last month. Have great new year.

Grace and Peace,  
Tom

**EMAIL RECEIVED JAN 4**

Happy New Year!! I hope to get back to see you all one day but until then thank you for not letting me go! I am glad to always be in y'all's thoughts and prayers and to have you all on mine. Give your momma a big hug from me and Allie!  
With much love,  
Candice Lassiter