

Those Who Serve

	July 14	July 21
Opening Prayer	Olan Bacon	Chares Hall
Song Leader	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
Assist	Wade White	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
Dismiss Services	Joe Holloway	Mike Reinitz



Prayer List

Bob Emsweller – at home recuperating. Has asked for our prayers. Doing much 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.

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 – health problems

Charles Stevens – recuperating at home in AR

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

Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell

Roscoe Frisby – Raytown, cancer patient

Mickey Barratta – Nick's Father – Severe Health Problems

Cody Stewart – 4 year old with brain hemorrhage, currently home

Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating

Scott Reinitz – Mike's brother – Health problems

Lee Hughes – friend of the Storeys, stage 4 lung cancer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for July – 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/>

Ice cream - THE 28TH. MEET AT THE BUILDING AT 5:00 TO EAT. AN HOUR BEFORE TO START YOUR ICE CREAM CHURN

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Ellabell Church of Christ



SAPELE STUDY CENTER

SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday

Bible Study

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

6:30pm

Wednesday

7:00pm

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things
through Him who
strengthens me.

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

July 14, 2013

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2013 (TOM EK POT)

My very dear brethren in Christ, greetings to you all in Jesus name. My family sends their warm greetings to you. We cannot quantify our gratitude to God for using you individually and collectively to bless us in Africa. Besides, your prayers avail much than we can say.

The month of June is over, leaving behind it lasting memories. It is surprising that half of the year is gone, and we are left only with half to accomplish what we set to do for the year. Is often said that "time flies," and truly, it sometimes seem as if the year is flying. No wonder the Psalmist writes, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Ps 90:12). May God teach us how to truly number our days so that our actions will truly be prompted by wisdom from above. Brethren, the month of June 2013 was a busy month for some of us. On the June 1, 2013, I left to Niger Delta along with 6 other lecturers from the School of Biblical Studies, Jos.

We did not think it was wise for us to drive because of several reasons. We went by public transport. It was a long bus that takes over 50 passengers. We took off safely after we had said prayers, and the bus was moving smoothly since it was a fairly new bus. Two hours away from Jos, armed robbers attacked our vehicle, and fired some shots aiming at the driver. One of the bullets hit a pregnant woman who was sitting right before me. She was traveling along with three of her kids, the oldest being 6 years. The death of that woman gave me a hard time for the next one week. Thank you for praying for me to overcome that shock.

As if that was not enough, on our coming back, God spared us again from death. We came to the motor park to pick a taxi that will convey us to the major park where we can board a vehicle to Jos. On arriving at the park, the small taxi we would have boarded just left the station with some other people. We had to pick another one. Shortly, we also left. But on reaching the road, the taxi had a tire burst and went somersaulting several times. All the five passengers died except the driver. I was afraid of continuing with the journey, but with the grace of God, we came to Jos safely.

Our two weeks at Sapele, Delta State, was a blessed moment for us. It is always encouraging to see mature men come out to learn more in order to teach and preach in the Church. One of the students in his 70s said that he knows that he may not use the knowledge he is getting much, as he does not have much years again. But he said, the few years God will give him, he wants to be maximally useful to God. He wants to ensure that he teaches his congregation and his grand children the whole truth of the Gospel. Presently, this brother is having kidney problem. You know once a poor person has kidney problem in Africa, that is a death sentence. Please, do remember this brother in your prayers. His zeal for God strengthened and challenged me. The two weeks were hectic moments, as we taught for 8 hours each day. Since we returned to Jos, several of the students have been calling to appreciate those lessons.

For those of us who have been following my report, I have talked about the movement of the preacher at Foron Mission congregation. As he promised, he is finally leaving the place to join with his family in Abuja. His family and many other

people left the village because of insecurity. We have prayed for the situation to return to normalcy, even though there is little calmness now, no one knows the next moment. For that reason, several people fled the village. The Church that was once full is now left with only women, whose husbands are not Christians. That places a great burden on me to be there until someone will agree to come and assist. Brother Sadoh, who was the preacher is finally leaving Foron today 30th June. The Church organized a short send-off ceremony for him. I was



Foron - Ceremony saying farewell to their preacher

called upon to give short history of the congregation there and preach on the New Testament worship, as some non-Christians came there to bid him farewell. It was a moment of mixed feelings. It was

then I remembered once again how this brother became a Christian. It was during one of our door knocking that a brother mentioned someone who was tired of denominationalism. He took us to meet brother Sadoh. We studied with him twice, and he was ready for baptism. Most of the research was done by him, who behaved like the Bereans, studying the Bible diligently to find the truth. A week after he became a Christian, his wife was baptized. He left his handwork and was willing to come to Jos for training in the School of Biblical Studies. He has worked for the Master faithfully until now that he wants to leave. We wish we were able to keep him back. Once again, permit me to say thank you to all of you for standing by us during thick and thin. I was able to be of help to him because you were of help to me.

May God richly bless you all in the new months ahead.

Joe will be in Raytown next Sunday. In his place, the Ellabell congregation is in for a treat. Brother Lewis Stewart, one of the elders at Statesboro, will fill the pulpit for both services.