

# Those Who Serve

|                         | March 3       | March 10     |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Opening Prayer</b>   | Evan Hall     | Joe Holloway |
| <b>Song Leader</b>      | Joe Burnsed   | Evan Hall    |
| <b>Communion</b>        | Joe Burnsed   | Charles Hall |
| <b>Assist</b>           | Rick Stocking | John Story   |
| <b>Assist</b>           | John Story    | Mike Powell  |
| <b>Dismiss Services</b> | John Story    | Olan Bacon   |



**Prayer List**  
**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.

**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** – health problems

**Nell Sewell** – in AR; cancer patient

**Charles Stevens** – recuperating at home in AR

**Felix Robinson** – in hospice

**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

**Kellie Kuntz** – pneumonia

**Roscoe Frisby** – Raytown, cancer patient

**Mickey Barratta** – Nick's Father – Severe Health Problems

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for March** – on back pew

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

**Social** – not this Wednesday but the following Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>

**Gospel Meeting** – at Richmond Hill today through Wednesday-7:30 pm

**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. Join us from anywhere in the world online. <http://ellabellchurchhome.org/>

If you enjoyed reading our bulletin, please pass or forward it to others interested in the Cause of Christ

# 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

March 3, 2013

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2013 (TOM EKPO JR).

My dearly beloved in Christ, happy new month! We give thanks to God for seeing through the month of February, above all, for transferring us from the Kingdom of Darkness to the marvelous Kingdom of Light, in which we are to glorify our Maker. To some of us, it is unimaginable that we are already in the March. The year is fast going, therefore, we must form a handle on how we spend the rest of the time God will allow us. Thank you so much for your prayers.

We are witnessing what seems to be peace, but not really peace, because calmness can never be qualified as peace. After the French force and African Union Forces joined hand in pushing hard the rebels in Mali, some of them found their way into the Northern Nigeria, where they had good cover because of Islam. Well, the immediate result was the killing of 9 health workers in Kano State, who were going about vaccinating children against polio, followed by the killing of 4 Korean doctors in Yobe State. Two weeks ago, some foreign nationals (Briton, France, etc) were kidnapped. Brethren, the Americans and the Europeans in the Northern Nigeria are just at risk of their lives. Some have moved to the south and some have left outright. We don't need a prophet to tell us that Christians are the next target. I don't know what

will become of our forth coming annual gospel lectureship in May, Keep praying for us.

My classes at the Bible School in Jos is going on well. I have attached pictures of two of my classes here (Greek and Religion and Society Classes – [see picture at top of page 1](#)).



**The Children at Foron**

At Foron, the congregation in New Foron has moved to its permanent building. I don't know whether that is a good word, because the world itself is not permanent. The Congregation is growing well. But on a sad note, we lost one of the oldest members of the congregation. This man lost his building two years ago because

he saved some Muslims in his house. Well, we thank God for his

life. One of the brothers we trained to return and work with this



**The Church at Foron**

congregation has moved in search for a greener pasture. Well, go got a preaching appointment with another Congregation in the Federal capital. I am glad because he is still working for the Lord. That means, I have to be more

frequent here again until we get another person who will agree to come for training. At Toro, the

Church is equally growing in faith. My classes at Mazah is going on well, I will have to include their picture next. I thank God because I have now gotten a very good camera. I appreciate you all so much for your kindness towards us and your love for God. May He continue to bless you all for His use.

Grace and Peace,  
Tom

### ***The Two Who Ne ver Gave Up*** **Joel Stephen Williams**

A woman fell on the stone stairway of the police station in Boston and was severely injured. She was taken to the hospital and examined by a doctor who said to the nurse: "She will not live more than a day." After the nurse had attended to her for a few hours, the woman told her story.

I have traveled from California, stopping at every city of importance between San Francisco and Boston, visiting two places always--the police station and the hospital. My boy went away from me and did not tell me where he was going, so I have sold all my property and made this journey to seek him out. Some day he may come into this hospital and if he does, tell him that there were two who never gave him up.

Evening came and the doctor told the nurse: "It is now but a



question of minutes." The nurse bent over and said: "Tell me the names of the two and I will tell your son if I see him." With tears in her eyes she replied: "Tell him that the two were God and his mother." Moments later, she died.

Human analogies are limited in their usefulness to explain God. If we compare God to a father or a mother, those analogies may not work well for someone who had a bad father or mother. In other cases human analogies are highly useful. Imagine the great seeking love of that mother who traveled the length of the country to try to find her son. Think of the shepherd who goes out in search of the one lost sheep (Lk. 15:4-7). Think of the hen who gathers her brood under her wings (Mt. 23:37). Think of the father who watches daily for the return of a wayward son (Lk. 15:11-32). Think of the husband who takes his unfaithful wife back into his home (Hosea). Truly the seeking, searching love of God is beyond measure: "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:39).