

Those Who Serve

	September 1	September 8
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	Olan Bacon
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
Communion	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Brent Dozier	Wade White
Assist	Wade White	Charles Hall
Dismiss Services	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall



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

Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell

Roscoe Frisby – Raytown, cancer patient

Mickey Barratta – Nick's Father – Severe Health Problems

Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating

Scott Reinitz – Mike's brother – Health problems

Ralph Denny – uncle of Paula Reinitz, cancer patient

Patricia Kramer – making health decisions

The Evans Family of Raytown

Announcements

Calendar for September – on back table

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.

Social – not this Wednesday but next week, the

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/>

SALAD Extavaganza – Sunday September 15. Bring your best salad recipe, or the deli at your grocery store. And, no it doesn't have to be healthy. The name just has to end in "salad". Evening worship directly afterwards.

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

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

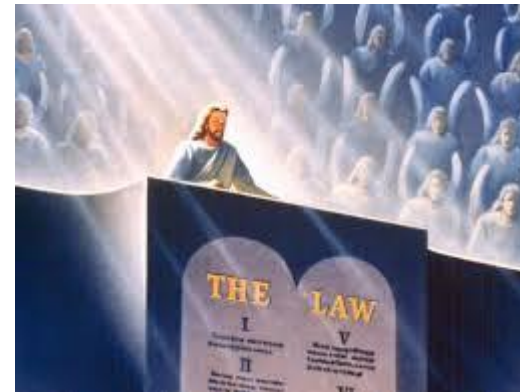
Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent

September 1, 2013

Doing God's Will

By Ron Boatwright

How do we make sure that we are among the few



who are saved and not among the many who are lost (Matthew 7:13-14)? Jesus says in Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who

does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then will I declare to them, I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness". If we believe and call Jesus,

"Lord, Lord", we are still lost if we have not done God's will.

On Judgment Day **many** will be pleading with Jesus, calling him Lord, Lord, and reminding him of the many wonderful works that they had done in His name, but He will say unto them, "I **never** knew you, depart from Me you who practice lawlessness". Why? Why? They had **not done the will of the Father** in heaven. The worst thing that will ever be said to an individual is when the Lord on Judgment Day says to the majority of people, "Depart from Me, I **never** knew you". There will be no appeal to this decision. We have to get it right the first time.

These people in the above scripture seemed to be honest, but they were honestly mistaken as the majority of people are today. Apparently they were good people, because they had "done many wonderful works". But they had not done the will of the Father, which is in heaven. No single condition, that God imposes, can be ignored. **God has no non-essential commands.** When we fail to obey a command of God, we have just broken it. We must obey God by doing what God says to do, when God says to do it, how God says to do it, and for the reason God says to do it. Nothing is more important than pleasing God by doing His will so that we can go to Heaven. God's will is found right in our Bibles.

Take Up Your Cross
David McDonald

As we move from late May to early June across our nation colleges and high school celebrate students who have achieved whatever it is that organization has required for them to graduate. Graduation cannot be seen as an end, whether it is from pre-kindergarten (yes they even have those now), to kindergarten (yes even those) to sixth grade (yes . . .) to high school, to an AA, a BA, a MA, or even a Ph.D. Graduations

which are seen as an end do injustice to the doors they open to one's future. Graduation is all about opening more doors.

The doors of life are many. The journey we call life is filled with many opportunities and obstacles. Both opportunity and obstacle have a way of becoming either positive or negative based on how an individual handles them. The greatest journey we are all on is the journey we take, the path we walk as we live our Christian lives. Jesus stated, *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me"* (Lk. 9:23).

The most important graduation we all will experience will be the one from this mortal body to an immortal eternal body. It is an eternity in heaven we must spend this life pursuing. Taking up our cross involves taking on those hardships, making them opportunities, and those opportunities with the right frame of reference. The reference we must have, to be one of Jesus' is that of self-denial and humility. It may be hardship, obscurity, persecution and dishonor in a world that knows not our Lord and Savior we must live. If any of those constitute our cross, then we must take up that cross and bear it with a joy and a peace that only a Christian can know.

As Christians move from one phase of life to another, whether that phase is a school graduation, a life change such as marriage, or having children, or grandchildren, or retirement, or any of a number of significant life changes, each one brings with it a number of crosses. It is up to us to bear those crosses in as much the same way that we can as our Savior did as He bore His for us. He bore that physical cross and mental cross in a way that allowed Him to serve as a sacrifice for each one of us. We must bear our crosses in ways that glorify Him. To do anything less is to deny Him. Rather than deny Him, deny yourself, live sacrificially each and every day in a way which allows your Christian light to shine and glorify our Creator and Savior. Take up your cross. Follow Him through every door.

