

# Those Who Serve

**Opening Prayer**  
**Song Leader**  
**Communion**  
**Assist**  
**Assist**  
**Dismiss Services**

**August 31, 2014**  
 Evan Hall  
 Wade White  
 Joe Burnsed  
 Jeff Torney  
 Mike Powell  
 Charles Hall

**September 7, 2014**  
 Joe Holloway  
 Evan Hall  
 Charles Hall  
 Mike Reinitz  
 Wade White  
 Jim Wadsworth



**Prayer List**  
**Bob Emsweller** – at home recuperating. Has asked for our prayers.  
**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. Mom currently in St. Joseph's

**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  
**Elma Jean Roberson** – at home recuperating  
**Scott Reinitz** – Mike's brother – Health problems  
**John** – suffering from cancer and had been declared terminal  
**Bradford Stewart** – In Candler in serious condition  
**Kevin Stanley** – in Afghanistan  
**Nancy Nubren** – Cancer patient  
**Linda Wilson** – Cancer patient.  
**Jeremy Cotham** – cancer patient and double amputee submitted by Sister Edith Cox  
**Donna Holloway** – upcoming surgery or not according to her treatments .  
**Scott Dyer** – in need of prayer  
**Stella Nelson** – between home and Memorial Hospital  
**Sandra McNew** – Bryant, AR – Back Surgery  
**Ruby Carter** – Stroke Patient  
**Dorothy B Smith**  
**Nick & Lisa Barratta** – ongoing health problems  
**Jerry Emsweller** – cancer patient  
**Amanda** – Clarisse wadsworth's granddaughter – Cancer Patient

## Announcements

**Calendar for September** – on back table-  
**Meetings** – next week after evening services  
**Social** - not this Wednesday but Wednesday of next week, the 17th  
**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. 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



*Last Week's Social*

August 31, 2014

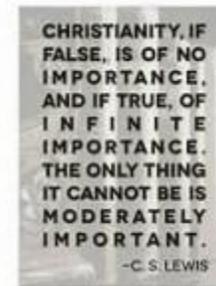
**Service Times:**  
**Sunday**  
 Bible Study 10:00am  
 Worship 11:00am  
 6:30pm  
**Wednesday**  
 7:00pm

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things  
 through Him who  
 strengthens me.

## Do You Know What Christianity Is Worth?

Without proper appreciations, people can hoard things of little importance while throwing away many of life's most precious treasures. Adam and Eve sacrificed a paradise for a moment's reckless folly for a taste of that which was forbidden. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas betrayed his greatest friend for thirty pieces of silver. The Prodigal Son wasted a fortune for foolish pleasures in a life that left him starving in a pig pen.



One of the most amazing things about much of humanity, is that they place a very low value on virtue, morality and hope. There are a few things in life that are exceedingly important. The wise person would not think of throwing these things away for things that, by comparison, are virtually garbage. Jesus taught that His words and His way are like the pearl of great price, worth everything else that one may give up in order to possess it.

Christianity is like the hidden treasure that a man found, and he sold all that he had so that he would be able to buy it. It is worth self-denial, taking up one's cross, bearing whatever burden he must, and suffering whatever privation necessary in order to have that which deserves to be first in one's life.

The words of Christ resounds through the ages: "**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness....**" (Matthew 6:33 KJV).

Satan is the most ruthless criminal of all time. For mere pennies, he can buy off souls that Christ gave His life to save — all because many are poor, poor traders; they never truly learned the value of Christianity and their own life.

The Savior asks, "**For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?**" (Mark 8:36 KJV).

Do we often think of what Christianity is worth?

One word sums it up.

**EVERYTHING!**

—*Author Unknown*

## A Secret No One Could Keep



Dick Marcear writes about the beginning of the Anaconda Mining Company. It all started long ago when a group of prospectors set out from Bancock, which was then

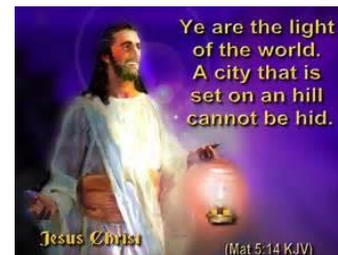
the capital of Montana, in search of gold. After many hardships they were overtaken by Indians, who took their good horses and left them with only a few limping old ponies. The Indians told the prospectors to return to Bancock, and they threatened to overtake and kill them if they ever saw them in their region again.

They felt their efforts had been wasted. Discouraged and heartbroken, they started back home. Along the way, they stopped beside a creek. One man picked up a stone from the creek bed, examined it, and, said, "It looks like there may be gold here." The others heard him, and together they panned about \$50 worth, a great sum in those days.

As they returned to Bancock they vowed not to tell one soul about their discovery. No one else was to know. Quietly they re-equipped themselves with tools and supplies for a return trip to retrieve more gold.

But, to their surprise, when they left to go back to that creek, three hundred men followed them! They questioned each other. Which of them had broken the vow? Each insisted he had told no one. When they asked the men who followed them, the only explanation they could ever find was that their beaming faces had betrayed their secret.

Christians do not have a secret to hide, but a treasure to share. We have found the true gold, the "pearl of great price," and there is plenty for everyone. Let those around you know it, not only by your words, but by your beaming face and your life transformed by your knowing Jesus. "Now when [the Jewish leaders] saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished and recognized that these men had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13)."



"You are the light-of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14, 16)."

For His Cause,  
Tim Woodward