

## Those Who Serve

	December 28, 2014	January 4, 2015
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Evan Hall	Joe Holloway
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jeff Torney	Wade White
<b>Communion</b>	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
<b>Assist</b>	Mike Reinitz	Alex Torney
<b>Assist</b>	Wade White	Jeff Torney
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Mike Reinitz	Charles Hall

### Prayer List



**Bob Emsweller** – at home but in serious condition  
**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.

**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** – continuing health problems

**Scott Dyer** – in need of prayer

**Ruby Carter** – Stroke Patient

**Dorothy B Smith**

**Nick & Lisa Barratta** – ongoing health problems

**Jerry Emsweller** – cancer patient

**Amanda** –Clarisse Wadsworth's granddaughter – Cancer Patient

**LeeAnne** – health problems

**Juanita Fortner** – Cardiac Problems, Donna's aunt

**Olga Crownover** – Hospice Care in Little Rock; friend of the Holloways

**Ally Monrold** – almost 3 months old – health problems

## Announcements

**Calendar for December** – on back table-

**New Years' Eve Social** – this Wednesday December 31; Bring anything to eat

**MEETINGS** – tonight after evening services

**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



## Happy New Year

Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent  
**December 28, 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.**

## Not Just for New Year's

by Gene Taylor

Usually as one year ends and another is about to begin, people reflect on their lives, especially considering the accomplishments and failures of the past year. Then they make resolutions for the coming year which, most of the time, are promptly forgotten and broken.



Such self-examination is necessary for the Christian, not only at that time of the year, but every day. He must take

stock of himself in relation to his service and accomplishments for the Lord and the growth and maturity in his character. He must ask, "Am I doing all I can to insure my growth, stabilization and maturation as

a child of God? Am I lending my abilities to the congregation to help it grow and prosper both physically and spiritually?"

If he finds himself lacking in these things, he needs to resolve to do better and to do more for the Lord in the future. And such a resolution must not be abandoned but he must persistently and devotedly retain it in his heart. The apostle Paul possessed this attitude. It is what allowed him to be successful as a disciple of the Lord. He said, "...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

As Christians, we must also be looking forward. We should not dwell upon or worry about past failures. Neither should we sit back and rest upon or gloat over past accomplishments. The child of God never reaches a point where he does not need to continue to grow. He never reaches a point in his service to Christ where he has done enough. Diligence in both these areas must always be given to make "our calling and election sure" (2 Pet. 1:10-11).

The following are some questions that all of us need to ask ourselves to see if we are what we should be in the sight of God or if we need to change our attitudes.

- Do I study the Bible diligently? Bible classes and sermons do not supply all the needs of the Christian do grow as he should. Personal, diligent study on his part is essential if he is to gain the knowledge of God's word necessary to function and mature as he should.
- Am I present at every service that I am able to attend? Attendance is usually a barometer of faithfulness. Each must ask, "Are worship assemblies important to me or do I let just anything or anyone keep me from them?" The assemblies are important enough for Christ to be there (Matt. 18:20), what could be more important to you?
- Can I be counted on to support the efforts of this church? Am I concerned about my brethren and my relationship

with them? Each Christian needs to be actively involved in the work of the church in any way he can. No one is to be passive and depend upon others to do the work. If one possesses a proper love for the Lord and his brethren, he will want to working and doing his part. He will also seek to be aware of his brethren who need his help materially, emotionally and spiritually and do what he can to meet those needs.

- Am I really concerned about saving the lost? God's desire is that all should be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). His desire is so strong that He sent His Son to earth to save all who believe and obey Him (John 3:16; Heb. 5:8-9). The Christian is to have that same desire. If he does, he will do what he can personally to take the gospel to the lost.

Do you see some things in which you may be lacking? If so, resolve to change and set things in order, then, "press on."

-via the Centerville Road church of Christ; Tallahassee, FL

## Rules to a Better Life this



2015



*Pray Always*

*Never Hate*

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*Don't Worry*

*Live Simply*

*Expect a Little*

*Give a Lot*

*Always Smile*

*Live with Love*

*Meditate on God's Words*

*Best of All, Be With God!*

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