

Ellabell Church of Christ



Service Times:
Sunday
 Bible Study 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday
 Bible Study 7:00 pm
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 20, 2015
<http://traveladvisorguides.com/travel-info/labor-day-weekend-in-savannah-ga-2013>

	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2015
Opening Prayer	Jim Wadsworth	Joe Burnsed
Song Leader	Jeff Torney	Wade White
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Assist	Jeff Torney	Mike Reinitz
Assist	Wade White	Alex Torney
Dismiss Services	Jeff Torney	Jim Wadsworth

Prayer List



Bob Emsweller – at home about to be 96
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.
Jay Williams – Health problems

Mark & Teresa Callaway – health problems
Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell
Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating
Scott Reinitz – Mike’s brother - Health problems
Donna Holloway - improving
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
Ally Monroid – almost 3 months old – health problems
Mike Powell -back trouble
Shirley Avant – Kim Burnsed’s Mother. In St Joseph’s-possible seizure
Kitty Myers – Brain Cancer
Ruby Carter – Home
Mickey Barratta
Lauren Carter
Jacob Brian – Cancer Patient
Brenda Kelly – in Hospice
Claudie Lyons –Joe Burnsed’s boss
Ashley Becker-Leukemia-daughter of Clarisse’s coworker
Patricia Kramer-Sue’s sister-fall and rehab in Florida
Joe Holloway Sr. – Hospital then home then hospital then home
Sue Holloway – home recuperating
Lisa Barratta
Mike Pranschke-husband of PaulaReinitz’s coworker- possible kidney transplant

Announcements

Calendar for September– on back table-
3rd Sunday @ 5 – Chile-Remember I dared you –Joe
Dave Hogan – from Mount Dora Children’s Home here today
SOCIAL – next Sunday, 4th Sunday so evening services right after the social
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/>
 If you enjoyed reading our bulletin, please pass or forward it to others interested in the Cause of Christ

Let’s Wear A Pair Of Granny’s Glasses!

By Mike Riley



The story is told of a little boy who was one day conversing with his playmate regarding his grandmother’s glasses. He told his playmate, “When I get older, I want to wear glasses just like Granny’s, because she can see so much more than most people. Why, she can see good in a person when everyone else sees the bad in them!

She sees so good, that she can see what a fellow meant to do even if he didn’t do it. I asked her one day how she could see so good, and she said it was the way she learned to look at things when she got older. When I get older, I want a pair of glasses just like Granny’s so I can see good too.”

Evidently, Barnabas meaning “Son of Encouragement” – Acts 4:36) must have had a pair of Granny’s glasses on, because when Saul soon to be Paul) attempted to join himself with the disciples, they were afraid of him, because they had heard of the persecution he had brought against

the church Acts 8:1-3; Acts 9:1-2). Barnabas took him to the apostles and verified how he had seen the Lord on his way to Damascus Acts 9:2-9), and how he had boldly preached the gospel in the synagogues Acts 9:19-20).

Also, when the apostle Paul did not want to take John Mark on their second missionary journey, contention arose because he had turned back the first time. So, Barnabas took Mark, returning to Mark's native country, Cyprus, allowing both missionary teams to continue without hindering the spread of the gospel Acts 15:36-39).

Brethren and friends, **let's wear a pair of Granny's glasses**, so we can clearly see the good in every situation, and in each other, never hindering the spread of the gospel.



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*Welcome
Dave & Kathy
Hogan from
Mount Dora
Christian Home*

and Bible School
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**MICHAŁ "MIKE"
DAWIDOW**

Evangelist and Elder of Sopot Church of Christ

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
for it is the power of God
for salvation to everyone who
believes."

Romans 1:16

Condolences may be mailed to Molly and Annabelle
at P.O. Box 150, 81-701 Sopot, Poland
Memorials designated Mike Dawidow Memorial:
Henderson Church of Christ, 240 White Ave.,
Henderson, TN 38340

**The Church has lost a valiant warrior and Heaven
has gained one of Its Own**

A Sweeter Song

Do you spend most of your time trying NOT to think



about sin? Do you spend your time engaged in serious and difficult battles in your mind, trying to find some way to get past a sin without entertaining it? Certainly, there is a war going on, and we will find

ourselves in epic battles against the ministers of Satan and all that is in the world which tries to drag us into sin and destruction (Ephesians 6:12), but how much easier those battles would be if we spent our time thinking about and committing to those things which please the Lord.

Just as sinful sights and sounds can encourage us to take steps down the paths of destruction, there are just as many sights and sounds in the world that encourage us to take steps down the paths of righteousness. And we can CHOOSE! We can choose whether or not to study our Bibles or go on random Internet searches. We can choose to spend time with our family rather than play video games. We can choose to read a book that encourages family values instead of watching the TV show that encourages wives to suspect their husbands of infidelity.

The Lord has filled our world with wonderful sights and sounds that reflect His glory, and calls us to higher thoughts, words, and actions. We can choose to think about that sin we don't want to commit, or we can choose to meditate on those things which will bring us the "peace which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:6-9).

The call of sin and death can be beautiful and alluring, but there is a sweeter song. Listen to the voice of the Lord. Desire to please and serve Him. Make room in your heart and mind for Him, and He will prepare a room for you in His everlasting kingdom.

—Jeremy Koontz, via the Montana Street bulletin

Memories of Michal "Mike" Dawidow
1952 - 2015
by his wife Molly

Michal Dawidow, evangelist and elder of the Church of Christ in Sopot, passed away in his sleep at his home during the early morning hours of July 13.

Born in Gdansk, to the late Walenty and Anna Czerska Dawidow, Mike grew up and attended schools in the Tri city area of northern Poland.

In 1972 he went to Vienna, Austria, to study with Brother Otis Gatewood. He had \$25 and brother Bob Hare's address hidden in his shoe heel. The taxi to Brother Bob's house was \$25. He there was reacquainted with Molly Lipe of Pope, MS, who had travelled to Sopot the summer of 1971 and was working with missionaries associated with a printing ministry that later became East European Mission. They were married in Mississippi on May 4, 1974, and spent the next three years studying at the Sunset School of Preaching and Missions in Lubbock, Texas.

In fall of 1978, Mike and Molly returned to Europe with plans for Mike to work as an evangelist in Poland. Not able to return to his native land because of the political situation during the Cold War, they based in Vienna, Austria, where Mike published a periodical in the Polish language, began a local work with eastern European refugees, assisted in Bible distribution efforts behind the Iron Curtain, was speaker for a weekly "World Radio Poland" program and did itinerant preaching in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania.

In 1981, because of the failing socialist system and political unrest in Poland, the country was stricken with extreme shortages of food, medicine and other basic supplies. Churches of Christ initiated a Food Relief Program for Poland and Mike, along with Bill McDonough and Don Yelton, spearheaded an effort that delivered over \$2 million worth of food, clothing and medical supplies to churches, hospitals and orphanages over a period of three years. Finally given permission to re-enter his homeland, Mike negotiated with officials in Warsaw for churches of Christ to be given legal rights to exist within the borders of the then Polish People's Republic.

During the mid to late 1980's, Mike spent several weeks a month in Poland, preaching, teaching, planting churches and strengthening existing congregations. Each summer he conducted seminars with Ed Wharton of Lubbock, Texas, and other preachers from the USA and Europe.

It was during a visit in the summer of 1989 that he witnessed the ouster of the communist party in Poland, an event that reverberated by breaking down communist bloc governments one after another throughout the fall and early winter months of that same year. As the family was still living in Austria, they experienced from a closer perspective events the world was watching on the nightly news: the exodus of East German citizens from Hungary, the breach of the Berlin Wall, Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and finally the violent overthrow of the Ceausescu regime in Romania on Christmas Day 1989.

Because of his experience in relief work, immediately after New Year's Day in 1990, churches in America wanting to organize food convoys into Romania called on Mike and by the second week of January, he had trucks rolling. Over the next year, he lead eleven convoys of three to nine trucks each to supply orphanages, hospitals, old folks homes and churches in Romania and Bulgaria with basic foodstuffs, medical and cleaning supplies.

After the first of these trips, Mike had the idea of hanging posters in public places offering free Bibles and correspondence courses through a Post Office box in Vienna. Posters were printed and hung on the next convoy and even before the group returned from their trip, tens, then hundreds, then thousands of letters were received from people in Romania and Bulgaria literally begging for knowledge of the Word of God. In time, hundreds of thousands of Bibles and correspondence courses were distributed - either mailed or passed out at designated gathering spots within each nation.

Mike was by nature an adventurer. He loved a challenge and nothing seemed impossible for him. Over and over he contacted the Albanian Embassy requesting permission to enter that forbidden sanctuary of totalitarianism with Christian help

and the Word of God. Finally, in early summer of 1991, he was given the green light and took the first ever convoy of relief to that beleaguered nation.

Short term and full time missionaries were by now entering these nations to establish permanent works on the heels of his relief efforts and Mike's heart turned back to Poland.

Groundbreaking for a building in Sopot on land donated to the church by the government in appreciation for the relief goods had taken place in 1987 but was stagnating because of lack of supplies and oversight. In fall of 1991, Mike, Molly, and their two children, Annabelle and Mikey, moved to the tri-city and Mike began overseeing the construction of a multi-storied facility in downtown Sopot. At the same time, he took over some of the preaching and teaching duties for the local church.

Mike immediately felt the changes that had taken place in his homeland and realized that everyone was looking westward and wanting to learn English instead of the Russian that was previously required of all school children. Five Let's Start Talking campaigns convinced him that people could be attracted to Bible study by offering it in the English language. Along with Molly and by now Annabelle, who had training in language acquisition, Mike developed a program of study, bringing hundreds of unchurched strangers into the church building to study the Word of God.

Now, the church offers two full semesters of Bible classes in English each year, recruiting native speaking teachers from the USA for one on one lessons with Polish speaking individuals. The very functional building which Mike built is a hub of activity in the Sopot community, hosting musical programs, classes, and meetings as well as regular Sunday worship services.

Tragedy struck the Dawidow family on New Year's Day of 2011 with the sudden death of Mike and Molly's 29 year old son, Michael Ray "Mikey". Mikey was the apple of his daddy's eye and as Jacob of old said when he heard that his beloved son Joseph had been killed, Mike went to his death grieving the loss of his son.

Mike had always been a gifted speaker, but after experiencing extreme personal loss and disappointment, his sermons became more powerful and pointed. He poured himself into Bible study and sermon preparation and found solace in preaching and teaching. He often said that only in the pulpit did he forget his grief.

Mike's life was devoted to his God and his family. He enjoyed having guests around his table and was a charming and entertaining host. He loved telling stories and had enough saved from his own experiences to keep audiences spellbound through a five-course meal. He was an avid history student and always kept up with world politics. He loved every genre of music and turned to it not only for entertainment, but also for solace, whether Beethoven or Mark Knopfler or Pavarotti or Willie Nelson – music spoke his heart. He could not stand to see want and hurt in others and he served his fellow man in every way he could. He lived a good life.

He is survived by his wife, Molly, whom he loved with all his heart, his adoring daughter, Annabelle, and two brothers, Boguslaw of Sopot and Warsaw, Poland, and Marek Dawidow of Bartlett, Tennessee.

Funeral services were at the Sopot Church of Christ at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 20 with Ed Wharton of Lubbock, Texas and Marek Dawidow of Bartlett, Tennessee officiating. Burial will be in the family crypt in Sopot alongside his paternal grandparents, his mother and father, and his beloved Mikey.

Molly and Annabelle plan to remain in Poland and continue the work of the Sopot English Bible School.

Condolences may be mailed to the family to P.O. Box 150, 81N706 Sopot, Poland. Memorials designated as "Mike Dawidow Memorial" may be sent to Henderson Church of Christ, 240 White Avenue, Henderson, TN 38340.