

# Those Who Serve

	<b>November 27</b>	<b>December 4</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
<b>Song Leader</b>	Kwesi Garvin	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	John Story	Olan Bacon
<b>Assist</b>	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
<b>Assist</b>	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Joe Holloway	John Story



## Prayer List

**Carol Hall** -- at home, Dr. visit to decide next course of treatment.  
**Bob Emsweller** -- at home and feeling better  
**Eric Stripling** -- finished chemotherapy and



radiation in AR

**Pat Kramer** -- Sue Holloway's sister -- after surgery -- recovering at home

**Carol Sheehy** -- Statesboro, GA finished chemotherapy and in maintenance.

**Tom Cubbedge** -- Cancer patient

**Darlene Monreal** -- Mike Powell's daughter. Has health problems

**Gregory Dozier** -- family problems

**Lorianne Broussard** -- Sister in law of Nick & Lisa Barratta; son Jacob Olivier has been missing for over a month

**Mollye Stewart** -- daughter-in-law of Lewis and Charlene Stewart of Statesboro.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Raintree Village**-the truck will be here Dec 5

**Meetings** -- tonight after evening services

**Save** --Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, sheets, pillow cases, peanut butter, Band-Aids, toilet paper

**Calendar for December** -- on back pew

**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.

**Correction**-There will be no social today. I know the calendar says there will be but disregard it. *I know I do this every year. If you brought food anyway, I will eat it -Joe*

**Worship Services Online** -- Go to our website and there is a link at the bottom. Join us from anywhere in the world online.

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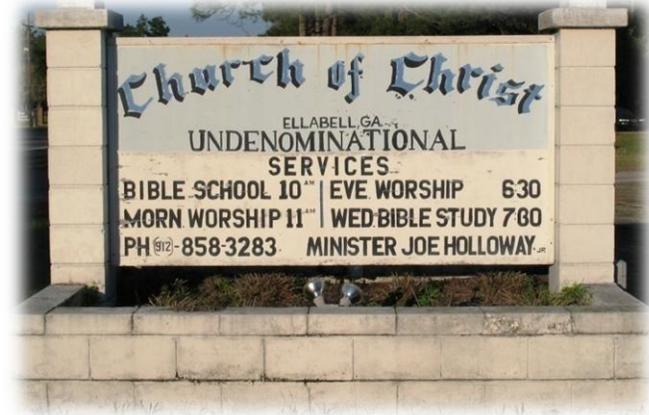
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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

November 27, 2011

## “GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES”

“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ~

In 1636, a preacher named Martin Rinkart wrote the lyrics of the song, “*Now Thank We All Our God*” to be used as an expression of gratitude by his family at meal time. It was written during the “Thirty Year’s War” when the preacher was conducting as many as forty funerals a day, including that of his own wife. Yet in spite of war and plagues, he was able to give thanks to God for his blessings.

In times of extreme and difficult circumstances, people who believe in God can find in their heart expressions of gratitude. In contrast, when people are greatly blessed with a bounty of material and physical substances there is a tendency of man to forget the source of such blessings.

An illustration says that the Lord sent two angels to earth to gather the requests and thanksgivings made by His followers. Both angels returned to heaven in distress. The angel bearing the requests was weighed down with his burden, while the other angel bringing the prayers of thanksgivings was nearly empty handed.

The lesson is obvious and clear. Many of God's children are more apt to make re-quests, petitions and supplications rather than the giving of thanks. People who are greatly blessed with a bounty of material and physical substance are most likely to forget the source of such blessings.

We should remember the source of our blessings: James wrote, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created." (1:17).

The psalmist encourages us by his response to being a recipient of God's blessings: "How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people." (Psalm 116:12, 13, 14).

The children of God should remember daily the blessings that flow from His hand of grace. Especially ought we to keep in mind that God "has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." (Eph 1:3).

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"*  
Thomas Ken (1673)

Larry Sheehy  
Statesboro, Georgia

Revised from article by Raymond Elliott, *Early Morning  
Meditations*

*-shamelessly stolen from the Statesboro bulletin*

## EMAIL FROM NIGERIA

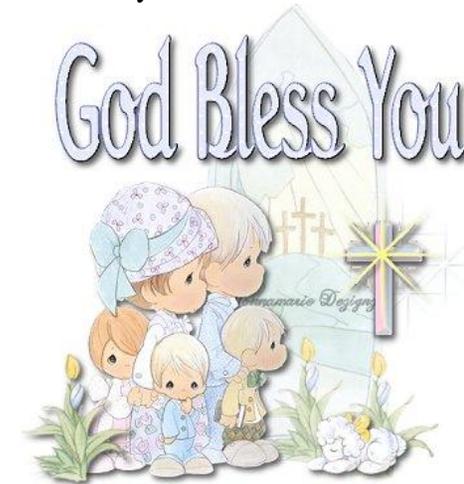
Hi brother Holloway,  
Greetings to you. I felt bad that the communication network failed us. I guess the internet signal from this side was poor. I thought I will be able to speak to the brethren there, and appreciate them for their sacrifices. I know you did that for us. Their donations again has melted my heart. I can see true spirit of sacrifice, even a little boy would give up all that he has. May God keep blessing them. Statesboro congregation is among the congregations we will continue to praise God on their behalf. Viewing the size of the congregation, they are not so many but they are doing tremendous works. I come to

the conclusion that great work does not depend on size, but on the mind of the people. Thank you for taking your time to go down and greet them for us. My hearing problem is on and off. I pray that it will finally leave alone. I completed the five days treatment. Keep praying for us. May God continue to guide you in all you do.  
Grace and peace,  
Tom

Hi Brother Holloway, wishing you and the entire brotherhood a happy thanksgiving holiday. Please, Give our love to dad, mom, and the Church.  
Grace and peace,  
Tom & Sandra

## *Email from Paris*

Happy Thanksgiving from the Mohsens to all of you. We love you and miss you all.



Rose and Roland

**REMEMBER THE TRUCK FROM  
RAINTREE VILLAGE WILL BE HERE  
MONDAY DECEMBER 5.  
PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO  
THE BUILDING**