

# Those Who Serve

	April 1	April 8
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Olan Bacon	Charles Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	Kwesi Garvin	Joe Holloway
<b>Assist</b>	Joe Holloway	John Story
<b>Assist</b>	Charles Hall	Kwesi Garvin
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Joe Burnsed	Paul Kuntz



## Prayer List

**Carol Hall** -- a round of radiation

**Bob Emsweller** – at home and



feeling 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.

**Linda McDonald** – friend of the Holloways, at home battling cancer

**Randy Edenfield** – son of Steve and Tammy Hurst, personal problems

**Joe Holloway Sr.** - Surgery last Wednesday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for April** – on back pew

**Social** – Calendar wrong(believe it or not) Social is on the 11<sup>th</sup>, not the 4th

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

**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

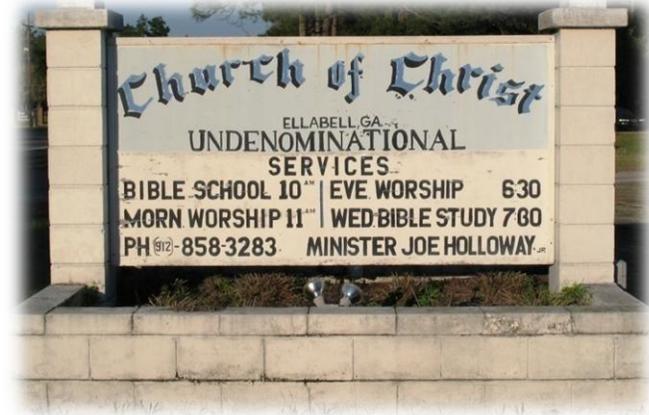
**Prayer List** –There is a form on the back pew to add names to the prayer list.

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

<http://ellabellcofhome.webs.com/>

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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



## SPEAKING WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS; SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT

April 1, 2012

### ABASIAMA'S MARCH 2012 REPORT FROM CAMEROON

Every time I have the privilege to share with you the news of the wonderful things the Lord is accomplishing in Cameroon missions, I always thank God and full of joy. With every passing day, we are witnessing the handiwork of the Lord in our efforts to live up to our God-given mandate of winning souls to the kingdom of Christ. Just like in any other place, preaching the gospel in Cameroon is very challenging. However, we are never discouraged because we believe that every challenge has been permitted by the Lord for a purpose. Without challenges or obstacles, we cannot be champions. That is why when we always count our blessings regarding the work of preaching the gospel, it always surprises us what the Lord has done.

In the Month of March, we had so many blessings that could not be itemized one by one. But just a highlight will suffice. As our custom is, we went out in search of the lost sheep of the Gentiles in every village and town where thirsty souls screamed for the living water of the word. Of course, it is a delight to open the pages of the Bible to teach and lead the erring back to the right way of the Lord. In the month under assessment, we did our best to preach the word to so many persons and there were a number of persons who paid a very close attention and promised to be baptized after a careful research of

those things they heard from us. From every indication, we are optimistic that in the near future, we will post their baptism pictures to you, as always. For now, just know for sure that some troubled souls are at the verge of Jordan, and by His grace, they will enter into the kingdom as we ourselves have been assisted to enter therein.

We cannot overemphasize the contributions of our radio preaching to the conversion of many souls to the Lord in Limbe. This consistent program has amazingly lifted so high the banner of truth in Limbe and the surrounding towns. We have a very practical way of knowing the minds of our listeners by making the second segment of the program audience-participatory. Many people usually call by telephone to ask their questions while others call to ask for the scriptural answer to the soul-winning question "What must I do to be saved?" That is not to imply that we do not have callers who are persuaded that we are out to "steal sheep from other churches". These types of participants are those who feel the forceful proclamation of the truth by the Church of Christ is an existential threat to the survival of their denominations. But we are acquainted with such reactions to the preaching of the good news. So in March, it was not strange to have people who vilified us for standing up for the truth of one faith and one baptism. We always count ourselves blessed to be counted worthy to suffer insult and opposition for cause of Christ.

Coming back home to the church from evangelism trip, our spirits become more delighted because of the serene spiritual mood in which the Mile 1 congregation is operating. We cannot take this peaceful atmosphere for granted given the awareness that the forces of division and contention have become the rule rather the exception in many congregations around us. The New Town church, for instance, has been under a persistent condition of strife and bigotry for years now. And we have been sacrificing time and energy to advise the perpetrators of contention to give peace a chance as worship in spirit and truth cannot exist in an atmosphere of rancor and brotherly hatred.

Furthermore, we will not cease to thank God for the strength and resources he has provided for us so far to gradually continue to upgrade the status of our auditorium in the making. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a step, so goes a Chinese proverb. We have started and by God's power, we will not leave the structure uncompleted. So keep us in your prayers, please. As at now, we continue to worship in our rented place. We thank God in every circumstance, for this is His will concerning us. We know we are not

alone in this experience. Others have gone through it, and we believe we will as well.

We have a big dream of a great congregation in not so distant future. Our vision is to have a church that will serve a base of church planting operations. We dream to start new congregations in Places like Batoke and Mile 4, which stand in need of having congregations that will help the populations there to worship the Lord in truth. This kind of vision will be difficult to realize while we are not yet reasonably well established in terms of building and other necessities of church planting. Again, this vision requests your intercession.

As always, we pray that the God of peace continue to bless and keep you strong in His amazing grace. Please accept warmest regards from my family and the orphans. We are so thankful to you for your support for the cause of Christ in Cameroon. We really cannot thank you enough for your dedication to helping us spread the gospel of the kingdom in this part of the world. We are truly indebted to every one of you whose constant financial donation has been a great tool in advancing the preaching of the word in Cameroon. Thank you for sharing your food with the helpless orphans among us. Thank you for blessing my life and family for us to become a blessing in turn to those who are waiting to hear the gentle voice of Jesus inviting them to the kingdom of heaven. Be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord, for you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. THANK YOU.

Abasiamama John Archibong

*My Preacher recently received a call from the IRS...*

*IRS: "Hello, is this the Church office?"*

*Preacher: "It is."*

*IRS: "This is the IRS. We need to verify some tax information submitted by one of your members. Can you help us?"*

*Preacher: "I think I can, what's your question?"*

*IRS: "Do you know a Ted Hooligan?"*

*Preacher: "I do."*

*IRS: "Is he a member of your congregation?"*

*Preacher: "Yes."*

*"Did he donate \$10,000?"*

*(pause)*

*Preacher: "He will."*