

# Those Who Serve

	<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 29</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Paul Kuntz	John Story
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
<b>Communion</b>	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
<b>Assist</b>	Aaron Burnsed	Charles Hall
<b>Assist</b>	Evan Hall	Joe Holloway
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall



## *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, but back at work

**Jessie Shuman** – Health Problems

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Calendar for April** – on back pew

**Social** – today after morning services

**Business Meeting**-next week after morning services

**Ladies’ Meeting**- next week after evening services

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

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**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

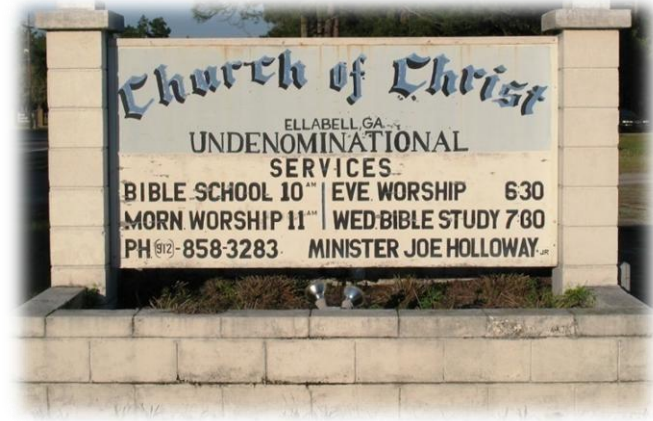
**Prayer List** –There is a form on the back pew to add names to the prayer list.

**Worship Services Online** – Go to our website and there is a link at the bottom.

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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

April 22, 2012



### **Meaningless?**

by Bart Warren

There is no question of greater importance than: “Does God exist?”

If the answer is, “No, He does not exist,” then we are morally free to live and act in any way we so choose. Whatever enters your mind to do, do it! If there is no God, the world is meaningless. As such, one may ascribe meaning in any way they see fit. Many choose to live as if there is no God because they are selfish and want to make up their own rules for life. One famous admission comes from Aldous Huxley in his work, *Ends and Means*. Beginning on page 270, he states in part:

“I had motive for not wanting the world to have meaning; consequently assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption [...] For myself, the

philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation [...]"

However, if the answer is, "Yes, He does exist," then we are morally culpable and must give an account to the Creator. The world has meaning!

Should one objectively consider the evidence (the universe is not eternal, it had a beginning... nothing comes from nothing...design demands a designer...morality demands a lawgiver... et. al.), they will draw the conclusion that God does exist.



Should one objectively consider the Bible, they will draw the conclusion that God knows them, loves them, and demands His creatures live for and

obey Him.

Our lives have meaning. We were created by the Almighty and our duty is to glorify Him! ***"...with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"*** (Rom. 15:6; cf. 1 Cor. 6:20).

-from the bulletin of the CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Booker, Texas

*Does Jesus Care?*

*Charles R. Rose*

The beautiful hymn by Frank E. Graeff asks,

**—Does Jesus care when my heart is pained  
Too deeply for mirth or song,  
As the burdens press,  
And cares distress,  
And the way grows weary and long?!**

The inspired apostle Peter assures us that Jesus does indeed care and that you can *"cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you"* (1 Peter 5:7). This care which Peter asks us to turn over to the

Lord is from the Greek word "merimnao" and means to draw in different di-rections, distract, hence signifies that which causes this, care, especially an anxious care (Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words). The "care" which Jesus has for us denotes "watchfulness, to be interested in something or someone." He was interested in man-kind to the extent that, even before man was created, He was ready to shed His precious blood for our sins (1 Peter 1:18-20). He is ever watchful and eager to help you and me over-come the temptations which we face each day. His promise to provide a way to escape Sa-tan's snares (1 Corinthians 10:13) is just one of the many blessings given daily.

Just as Jesus *"saw the multitudes (and) was moved with compassion on them"* (Matthew 9:36), He sees us today and still has that same love which constrained Him to suffer the ag-ony of Golgotha.

This great hymn by Frank E. Graeff brings about several questions in the succeeding stanzas which we can see Christ's answers in our daily walk. Our Lord does not remove the darksome days, which seem to be filled with *"nameless dread and fear,"* but through God's Holy Word instills in us the faith and trust needed to secure a future away from such fears (Romans 10:17; Revelations 21:4). Our Master does not shield us from Satan's darts, but provides the *"shield of faith ... and the sword of the Spirit"* with which to fend off such at-tacks (Ephesians 6:10-19).

As long as the earth stands we will face heart-rending experiences such as sickness and death of loved ones. But His promise of life after this life gives us courage and hope.

Near the end of the fourth stanza we sing, *"Is it aught to Him? Does He see?"* and by faith in the Son of Almighty God we answer,

**O, yes, He cares!  
I know He cares!  
His heart is touched with my grief;  
When the days are weary,  
The long nights dreary,  
I know my Savior cares.**

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