

Those Who Serve

	Aug 5	Aug 12
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	Paul Kuntz
Song Leader	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Charles Hall	Evan Hall
Assist	John Story	Olan Bacon
Assist	Mike Powell	John Story
Dismiss Services	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed



Prayer List
 Carol Hall -- continued treatments
 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
 Jessie Shuman -- Health Problems
 Cynthia Myers, Juanita Butler, Keela Myers -- Joe's cousins -- car wreck, recovering at home
 Sandy Parker -- at home with her parents
 Jason and Tracy Sheehy -- upcoming adoption in Uganda
 Wanda Pledge -- recovering from a stroke
 Jay Williams -- Health problems
 Mark & Teresa Callaway -- Health problems

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for August -- on back pew
Save --Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, sheets, pillow cases, peanut butter, Band-Aids, toilet paper
Work Day -- August 18
Social -- This Wednesday after Bible Study
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://ellabellcofhome.webs.com/>

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ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

August 5, 2012

REPORT FOR MONTH OF JULY 2012 (TOM EKPO JR)

Dear Brethren in Christ, I salute you all in Jesus name. I pray that the grace of God that was available to all of God's children be multiplied for us this new month. Thank you immensely for taking time to pray for us. I tell you, our Good Lord was at work in the lives of His children. Though the wicked may be working hard to stop God's children from living for Him, the Lord is granting those who are His the sufficient grace to overcome every hurdle. We would not have come this far if not for your continued support and prayers. Once again, I say thank you.

During the month of July, we experienced heavy rainfall. Rainfall that crated floods in several places in Jos. The flood left not less than ten people dead. I thank God because though the flood destroyed my fence, no other property in my house was destroyed. It is amazing because some places are experiencing drought, but we are having excess of rainfall. In every situation, we are to thank God for His goodness.

The challenges confronting us seem to come from every angle. As I mentioned in one of my mails, you might have heard of the rubbery of the Mazah congregation. We lost all our valuables. This came at a time we are struggling to see if we can rebuild the walls that fell last year and have a roof over our head. We had to use a tarpaulin to cover one side of the fallen wall, and zinc to cover the other side. The miserable thief stole the tarpaulin, church table, communion vessels, and our song books. In all of these, he cannot use any, except the table and the tarpaulin. One wonders why the communion vessels if not that the person does not want to see us exist. This single act has made the church to be more determined to fight the battle of winning souls for Christ. They are not discouraged at all. Continue to pray for us. Throughout the month of July, though we mostly worshipped under tense conditions, none of our services were interrupted. Keep praying for us that we may be able worship God under a serene atmosphere. For the past two months, I have been teaching four Bible classes a week, as the School of Biblical Studies resumes this August, I may readjust to at least three to cope with the challenges in the school as well. My two sons are on holiday. My younger son does not want to return to dormitory. He wants to go to school from the house. Well, we see how that works for the first term of next academic session. Keep praying for the church at Kakuruk in Plateau State where the whole village has been displaced, their houses were burnt by Muslims militants. May our Good Lord continue to bless you all in your good work. Once again, I say thank. Grace and Peace, Tom.

A Couple Of Thoughts From The Preacher's Desk

The recent events here in Ellabell have caused me to pause for a moment and contemplate our future here. I know we are a small place and a small congregation. This fact is brought up to me often. I have noticed a few items and wanted to share. Look how the Church here rallied around the catastrophe with the Burnsed home. Their roof has been replaced. Sister Sandy has not been able to come to services

because of her parents' health problems. Food has been taken and greetings extended without any encouragement from your preacher. Five hundred people have received the teaching of the Gospel by mail. Tom shows in his report the Gospel is being preached in West Africa. The Mohsens were here from Paris to thank us for the support they receive from us and report on the work there.

I am not able to put large numbers on our attendance board. I look forward to the days I can do so but I can see large numbers in our accomplishments lately. A small congregation in numbers we are. A large congregation in accomplishments we are as well. No, we should not grow complacent and satisfied. We need to continue to look for ways to serve. It occurs to me that our members, the community of Ellabell, Nigeria, Cameroon, Paris, and the world are better off because of the Ellabell Church of Christ. The little Ellabell Church? She has earned the right to be called my favorite name for her. She is the 'Old Ship of Zion.' Now, feel good for a moment, then start finding something else to do. Let's keep it up.

-Doe

Thank You From Joe, Kim, and Aaron Burnsed



If you donated needed funds or pounded nails or both; your efforts are greatly appreciated. The rain is no longer is a threat.