

# Those Who Serve

	February 12	February 19
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
<b>Song Leader</b>	Kwesi Garvin	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
<b>Assist</b>	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
<b>Assist</b>	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway



## Prayer List

**Carol Hall** -- upcoming PET Scan

**Bob Emsweller** – at home and



feeling better

**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 several months. In Florida

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

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

**E.G. Knight** – Sue Holloway’s brother, at home in Alabama

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for February**- on back pew

**Social** –in two weeks, the 26<sup>th</sup>

**Meetings**- also in two weeks

**Ladies’ Meeting** –tomorrow night at 7pm

**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.

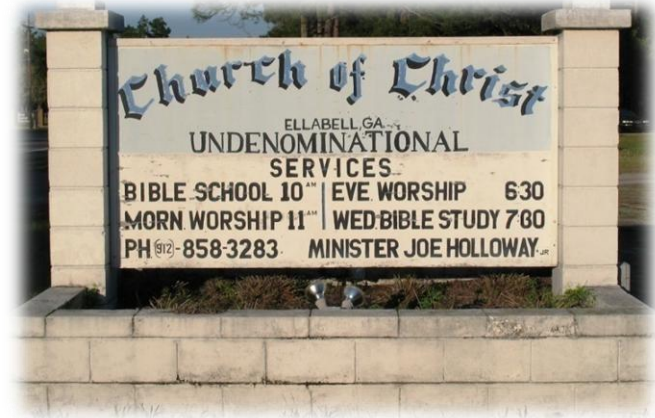
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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

February 12, 2012

### CHRIST IS OUR DEFENSE ATTORNEY

John states that his purpose in writing his first letter was so his readers would not sin (1 Jn. 2:1). However, the apostle writes in the very next phrase, “But if anybody does sin...” Is there a contradiction? Understanding the grammatical tenses in the Greek text helps us here. In the first phrase the present tense is used meaning John desires that his readers might not continue in sin. In the second phrase, he used a past tense with the idea of not continuing in sin but “if anyone ever sins.” His readers’ lives are not to be unbroken patterns of sin but they will still sin occasionally.

The provision of Christ for the Christian who sins is then described in three ways. First, He is the one “who speaks to the Father in our defense.” The word literally means “one called alongside of another” and had a legal connotation in the first-century. It is the same word translated “Counselor,” “Helper,” or “Comforter” in John’s gospel describing the Holy Spirit (Jn, 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). Satan is the “accuser” of Christians (Rev. 12:10). However, Christ is the stronger “Advocate” of His people. Second, the provision of Christ is described as “Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.” Finally, John describes Jesus as

"the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 Jn. 2:2). As our defense attorney, Christ does not plead that we are innocent before the Father but that we are covered by His blood if we confess our sins.

**Ben May**

**Via the bulletin of the Honolulu church of Christ**

## NEWS FROM PARIS



*The Mohsens will be in Savannah July 19-23.*

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### "That Old Time Religion"

**1 John 1.5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

**6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.**

**7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**

**8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

**9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.**

**2.1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.**

**2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

**3 We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.**

**4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

**5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:**

**6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.**

I do not know what others mean when they sing about the "old time religion" but I know this: the ancient message of John and the other apostles is good enough for me!

Notice how John conveyed the relevance of the essential truths of the gospel. Our faith is not based only on what God has done. It is based on what Christ and his blood continue to do. We have spiritual security because the blood continues to cleanse and Christ continues to intercede for us. If we walk in obedience, as Jesus did, we enjoy these benefits each day...and that is good enough for me!

Dear Father, we are so grateful for the precious promises that provide security for us in Christ. We want to walk in the light today and show others the way of Christ. Help those who are hurting. Forgive us for the sake of our Defender, Christ. We ask this in His name. Amen

**1 John 5.14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

**15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**

Only God can know HOW our prayers WORK but we believe HE answers. Let us be thankful and prayerful!

Love

Brad Forgy

