

# Those Who Serve

	February 19	February 26
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
<b>Communion</b>	Kwesi Garvin	Charles Hall
<b>Assist</b>	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
<b>Assist</b>	Mike Powell	John Story
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Joe Holloway	John Story



## Prayer List

**Carol Hall** -- upcoming PET Scan

**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. In Florida

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

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

**Family of E.G. Knight** – passed away this past Friday. E.G. served as an elder and will be truly missed by our family and the Church in Alabama.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for February**- on back pew

**Social** –next week, the 26<sup>th</sup>

**Meetings**- also 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.

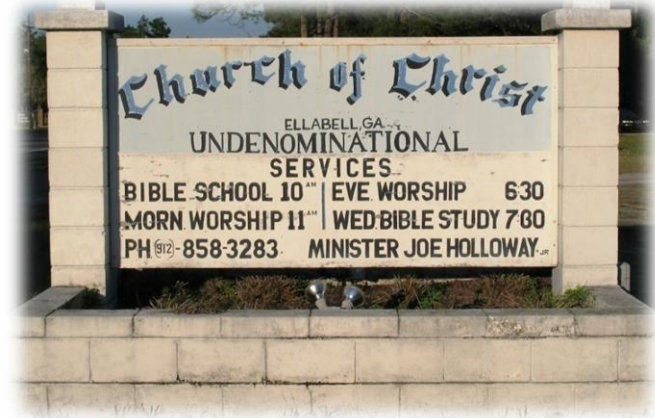
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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

February 19, 2012

### Abasiama's January Report from Cameroon

Another year has just gone by. Many questions naturally arise with respect to our West African work of missions. Have we made good use of the time the Lord has given us thus far, or have we wasted it? To what extent have we been a positive influence as the salt of the earth and light of the world to demonstrate a better way so the light of the gospel of Christ can be communicated to the 7 billion people on the planet? Questions such as these motivated us in Cameroon to make more efforts to reach out to rescue the perishing in Limbe and other places where opportunities could be created to share the gospel. This we did knowing that all things are possible with God.

Expectedly, two precious souls have had their lives changed for Christ. The first to be led to the Lord was a gentleman named Martin. He lives in Mile 4, and had been listening to our preaching on radio for some time after which he decided to visit the church. That one visit has changed everything for the muscular new convert. He has come to know that which really matters in life- Jesus Christ, the savior. Bro. Martin has been happily fellowshiping with the saints at Mile One. Apart from Martin, the other soul whose live has been surrendered to the master is Miraboh. Just like Martin, Miraboh did not delay in taking a valid decision of faith after we evangelized him.

He too met Jesus in January. Here are some of bro. Miraboh's baptism photos.



We are thankful to God because, from all indications, many more souls are on their way to the kingdom of our Lord who promised to build His church. We can confidently testify that the

Lord is constantly in the business of building His house in all dimensions-spiritually, numerically and architecturally.



Right now, we are celebrating the laying of foundation stones to commence the project of our building. Our shout of joy is reminiscent of the Jewish joy at the time when the builders laid the foundation of the house of the Lord. It is an understatement to say that our work and worship as church has been adversely affected as a result of not having a good place of



worship. But now things are getting better. We have struggled and struggled, and finally the journey of a thousand miles has begun with the first step, the foundation laying of Mile one church building. Here are



some of the images of the long awaited rocky foundation. By God's grace, we will someday be out of tenancy. That is why we will always appreciate every one of you who has dedicated some of your income to support us in the preaching work of



missions. We once again say a very big THANK YOU to all of you dear financial supporters whose commitment has indeed kept Cameroon missions in steady state of progress. Please receive the appreciation from the orphans and my family for your most recent support to us. God bless you all.



***Not For Sale  
Joel Stephen  
Williams***

One day a poor girl slipped into the garden of the queen at Balmoral. She approached the gardener and told him that her mother was extremely ill at home and she wanted to take her a flower. Since it was winter, flowers were

very rare, but the little girl had seen flowers growing in the queen's greenhouses. She had saved a few pennies and asked the gardener if she could buy a single rose for her mother. The gardener was sympathetic with the little girl's request, but he replied: "The queen has no flowers for sale." The little girl was about to turn away in disappointment and return home.

Unobserved by either the little girl or the gardener, the queen had been listening through a window in the greenhouse. She stepped out and told the girl: "The gardener is quite right, my child. He has no authority to give you the flowers you want, nor does the queen cultivate flowers for sale. But the queen has flowers to give away." From a basket the queen took several rare roses and gave them to the little girl and said: "Take these to your mother with my love, and tell her that the queen sent them. I am the queen."

This story provides a good allegory for the story of salvation. We have a need for pardon for our sins. We can go to various sources and ask for forgiveness, but no human has the authority to cleanse our souls. We can not purchase redemption, because God's grace has not been cultivated for sale. However, if God decides to give his mercy away freely to a sinner, that is his right, especially in light of what Christ achieved in his incarnate life and through his death at Calvary. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). We "are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).