

Those Who Serve

	February 26	March 4
Opening Prayer	Kwesi Garvin	Charles Hall
Song Leader	Kwesi Garvin	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
Assist	Mike Powell	Olan Bacon
Assist	John Story	Mike Powell
Dismiss Services	John Story	Olan Bacon



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for March- on back pew

Social –today

Meetings- tonight after evening services

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 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.

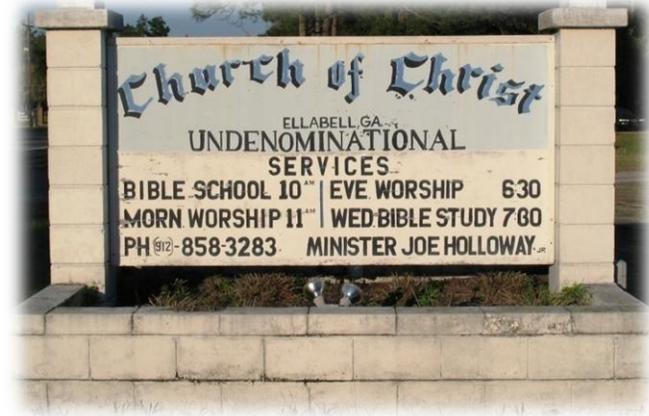
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SPEAKING WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS; SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT

February 26, 2012



Are You Ashamed?

Max A Gaskins

The embers of the fire popped and scattered like fireflies caught upon the wind. The men huddled around close, warming their hands, staring into the now dwindling

flames. They were afraid to look at each other, much less Him, for this would require them to look at themselves.

They were afraid, for they had nothing to focus on, but their own failures; then He spoke. *“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”*

As He spoke, the men became more introspective and were able to reconcile their mistakes with the promise that was given to them. Their backs straitened as determination swept over

them like a warm blanket. They had let Him down once. They would not let Him down again!

Shortly before ascending into heaven Jesus spoke those words to his disciples and they took His words very seriously. From the beginning in Jerusalem, the men were a complete unit as Peter started preaching Jesus to the Jews, making them realize they had murdered God's only son, saying, ***"Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."***

Even under heavy persecution these men, then eventually many more like them, proclaimed The Gospel; just as Jesus had directed them that lone, chilly evening before his ascension.

They scattered, fleeing from prison and certain death, but they never stopped teaching others about The Savior.

One of their greatest persecutors, became their eventual ally and suffered with them on a daily basis; never backing down, never ashamed. This man, The Apostle Paul, stated in Acts the twentieth chapter, verse twenty four; ***"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish***

my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Because of these men and women, beaten, but not defeated; the gospel message was spread throughout the world. Whenever I compare the dedication of these men and women to my own, I feel like, what I imagined the disciples felt, when they had to face their own inadequacies sitting around that fire, with the man they had just a few days earlier deserted. What was the difference? Shame.

The disciples ran scared when Jesus was taken and they were ashamed when faced with Him and His resurrection. They did overcome that shame however and that is what we must do!

It doesn't matter what we did yesterday, or even an hour ago. What matters is what we will do from now on!

This week, I challenge you to look at least one person in the eye (preferably someone who is seemingly down and out) and tell them plainly, "God Loves You!"

It is a very good thing for us to build ourselves up spiritually. It is an even better thing to build someone else up.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" - Jesus of Nazareth, John 13:35 If upon reading this, you feel inspired. I ask that you pass it on to others. Don't be ashamed....

May God bless all of us!

Shamelessly stolen from the bulletin of the Booker Church of Christ; Booker, TX



Give Ye Them to Eat.

Humanity needs both physical bread and spiritual bread