

# Those Who Serve

	March 18	March 25
<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>	Kwesi Garvin	Charles Hall
<b>Assist</b>	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	John Story	Olan Bacon



## Prayer List

**Carol Hall** -- a round of radiation

**Bob Emsweller** – at home and



feeling better

**Darlene Monreal** – Mike Powell's daughter.

health problems

**Linda Powell** – at home –upcoming tests tomorrow

**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

**Patricia Kramer-Sue Holloway's** sister, PET Scan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for March**- on back pew

**Social** –next Sunday after morning services

**Meetings** – after services next Sunday evening

**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.

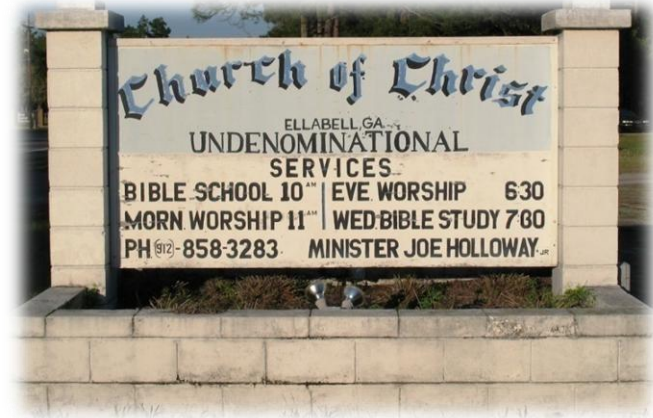
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# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

March 18, 2012

### The Lord's Church

By Ron Boatwright



"The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Only those who are saved according to God's instructions are in the Lord's church. But how many churches does the Lord have? Jesus says in Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build **My church.**" The word "My" shows possession and that the church belongs to Jesus. The word church is singular not plural. The Lord only promised to build His **one church.**

In Ephesians 4:4-6 we read, "There is **one body**, and one Spirit, even as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all, and in you all." Just as there is only one God, there is only one body. What is this **one body**? In Ephesians 1:21-22 we find out what this **one body** is, "And He put all

things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to **the church, which is His body.**" Here we see that the Bible says the church is the body. So the **one body** is the **one church** which belongs to the Lord. One might as well believe in more than one God as to believe that the Lord has more than one church.

Today we hear the sincere but mistaken plea to "attend the church of your choice." Why not attend the church of God's choice, the only one that Jesus "purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). Christ did not shed His blood to purchase any denomination. The one church that Christ purchased with His own blood belongs to Him and the name it wears must honor Him. We read in Romans 16:16, "The **churches of Christ** greet you."



We read in Ephesians 5:23, "Christ is the head of **the church**, and he is **the savior of the body.**" Christ is only the Savior of His one body, His one church. The Lord only adds the saved

to His church (Acts 2:47). In the Lord's scheme of redemption, He has only planned to have one church. He is only going to save His one true church.

*Email from Nigeria (rec'd March 12, 2012)*

Hello my brother Holloway, greeting to you. We are safe in the hands of God. Yesterday was another bad day for Jos residents. A suicide bomber went to detonate bomb in one Catholic Church. That sparked up fresh trouble in Jos yesterday and today. But we are safe. Thanks for prayers.

Grace & peace,  
Tom

## NOTHING TO FEAR



It was the first camping experience for Jed. As soon as he had pitched his tent, he went for a hike in the woods. In about fifteen minutes he rushed back into camp, bleeding and

disheveled.

"What happened?" asked a fellow camper.

"I was chased by a black snake!" cried the frightened Jed.

The camper laughed and retorted, "A black snake isn't deadly."

"Listen," groaned Jed, "If he can make you jump off a fifty-foot cliff, he is!"

There are any number of things in this world that may frighten us. For some of you, it may be snakes, or spiders or rats. For others, it may be great heights or the thought of flying in an airplane.

For others, there is a fear of losing your health or losing your job. For most, there is a fear of death. It was Franklin D. Roosevelt who once said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." I understand him to mean that the way we react to fear is often more dangerous than the thing we fear.

Fear can cause us to make rash decisions. At other times, fear can paralyze us so that we do nothing at all. It is significant to me that the command Jesus gave his disciples more than any other was "Fear not" or "Do not be afraid." The storm is raging. "Fear not!" There are those who seek to do us harm. "Fear not!" The girl has died. "Fear not!" We would regard all of those situations as legitimate reasons to fear. But Jesus made it clear that when He is present, fear is inappropriate. He is capable of handling anything we face, including death!

So what is it that causes you to live in fear? What is it that produces such anxiety that you have trouble going to sleep at night? Turn it over to the One who has promised to watch over you. "Fear not!" Trust Him.

*"I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."* (Psalm 34:4)

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