

# Those Who Serve

	<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Nov 11</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Story	Olan Bacon
<b>Song Leader</b>	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	Joe Holloway	John Story
<b>Assist</b>	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
<b>Assist</b>	Mike Powell	Joe Burnsed
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Rick Stocking	Mike Powell



## Prayer List

Bob Emsweller – at home and feeling better  
 Olan Bacon – at home recuperating  
 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.

Jessie Shuman – Health Problems

Sandy Parker – at home with her parents

Jason and Tracy Sheehy – upcoming adoption in Uganda

Wanda Pledge – recovering from a stroke at home.

Jay Williams – Health problems

Mark & Teresa Callaway – Health problems

Nell Sewell-in AR; cancer patient

Charles Stevens – recuperating at home in AR

Elma Jean Robinson – home

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for November** – on back pew

**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](mailto: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.

**Social**-not this Wednesday, but the following Wednesday, the 14th

**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://ellabellchurchhome.org/>

If you enjoyed reading our bulletin, please pass or forward it to others interested in the Cause of Christ

# Ellabell Church of Christ



## SERVICE TIMES:

**Sunday**

Bible Study

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

6:30pm

**Wednesday**

7:00pm

*You know you want to be here.*

## Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent

November 4, 2012

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012 (TOM EK POT JR)

My dearly beloveds in Christ, I salute you all in Jesus name. The Lord we serve and worship has brought US this far, and we are confidence that He will by no means allow His children to face despair. Thank you all for your prayers. We too join the host of God loving people to commit you all into the mighty hands of God as some States over there experience some bad weather. When I watch this in the Television, am so scared on one hand, but start imagining the wave Simon and the other Apostles were faced with when they had to cry out, "Master, we are perishing." I sure our Savior will not allow His children to perish. May our faith be rather built up in the face of whether physical storm or emotional storm, or whatever it may be.

The month of October presented several opportunities for us to draw nearer to God and serve Him with sincerity of heart. I was opportune to travel to Ogaja, a local government in Cross River State. It is quite a long drive from Jos. In fact, it is a whole day journey. I presented a two day Seminar on Conflict resolution in the

Home. Since then, I received several phone calls, asking more questions on issues threatening the unity of some families. They have invited me to come back to the rural areas of that locality and speak more on the same issue. Ogoja as a whole, majors in Agriculture. That is why some men have adopted polygamy style of live, but still wants to be Christians. In addition to teaching them the Bible, they need our prayers.

This month alone, through the grace of God, we had two souls added to the family of God at Mazah. We knock doors every weekend; have our Bible study every Friday. I was so much pleased when a young teenager came to me and said that she read a passage where Jesus said, if man will not praise God, then God can raise up stones to praise Him. Then she came to resolution that as long as she lives, stone will not praise God on her behalf. That means, she will not give up in her Christian life even if everyone quits worshipping God, I was thrilled.

You might have heard of all the bombings going on the northern Nigeria. We are almost becoming used to this abnormally. That sounds awful, but I think one just has to make up his/her mind to keep up with Jesus not minding all these distracters. I look at them as attempt to divert Christians' attention from the Cross. Last Sunday, in a neighboring state to Jos, the suicide bombers blew himself up and killed 8 others in a Catholic Church. We just know that it could be any of us anytime. Paul said, for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. We have come



to that point in Plateau State and the entire northern states. May God continue to bless you all for the great inspiration by way of support you give to us. On behalf of myself and the entire family, I say thank you so much. May you all have a wonderful month of November ahead. Grace and Peace.

### **Preferring The Copy**

*by Gene Taylor*

While recently visiting the Chicago area, I took the time to go to the **Field Museum of Natural History**. They had portions of fifteen of the Dead Sea Scrolls and many archaeological artifacts from the area around the Dead Sea where the scrolls were found on exhibit there and I wanted to see them.



The Dead Sea Scrolls were written in Israel over 2,000 years ago. They were discovered in a series of caves in Qumran in 1947. Written on parchment and papyrus in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, they contain the earliest known surviving copies of the books of the Old

Testament as well as apocryphal writings, legal documents and writings that reveal the beliefs and customs of the people who created them, the Essenes.

The museum was very crowded on the day my friend and I went there. Most were there to see "Sue," the reconstructed skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex which had debuted the day before. Even the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit was crowded, the overflow finding its way to it.

The exhibit rooms were darkened. Exposure to light causes further deterioration in the scrolls. Each scroll was placed in a glass case. A small, dim light, controlled by a sensor, went on as someone stepped in front of each case. On the wall across from the case was a copy of the scroll and a description of it.

Though I had visited Qumran and gone to the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem where many of the Dead Sea Scrolls are on display, I was still greatly enjoying looking at this exhibit. I found each scroll fascinating. While looking at one that contained a portion of the book of Hosea, I looked up to find my friend in order to share some information with him. While glancing around the room, I observed something interesting. My friend and I were the only ones in the entire room looking at the actual scrolls. The rest of the people were looking at the copies of them and reading the descriptions about them but were ignoring the scrolls themselves.

I continued to observe for a few minutes and my initial conclusion was born out. I thought, "How could these people prefer the copies and not be focusing on the genuine articles?" Then it hit me. That is what so many people do in religion. They prefer man-made copies to the genuine article -- the blood bought, divinely built church which belongs to Jesus Christ.

Which do you prefer, the copy or the real thing?

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