

Those Who Serve

Opening Prayer	Sep 2	Sep 9
Song Leader	Rick Stocking	John Story
Communion	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Assist	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
Dismiss Services	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
	Paul Kuntz	Rick Stocking



Prayer List

Carol Hall -- in Candler severe stomach trouble
Bob Emsweller -- at home and feeling better



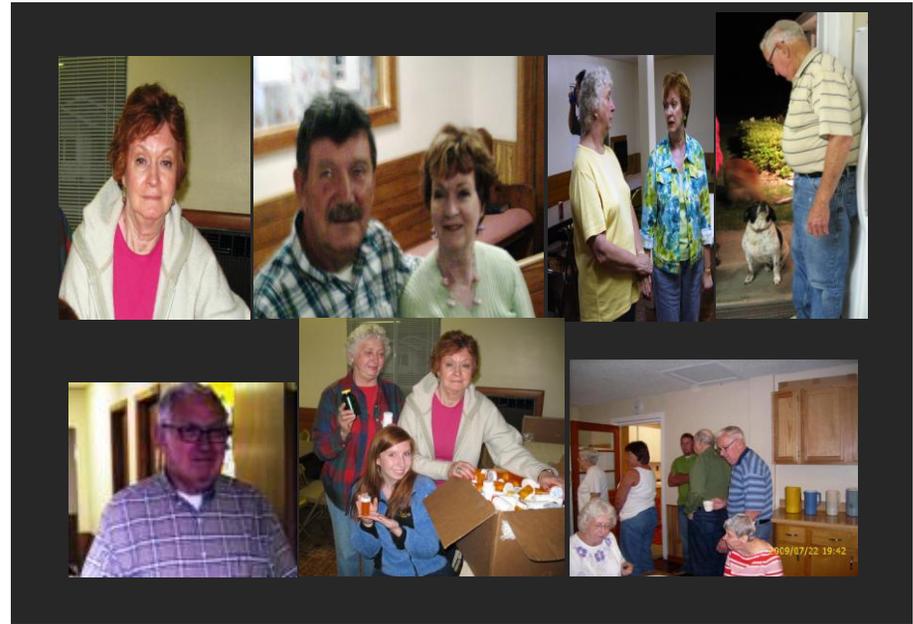
Olan Bacon -- In St Joseph's Hospital in ICU
Barbara Stocking -- in Memorial Hospital at this writing
Darlene Monreal -- Mike Powell's daughter. health problems
Gregory Dozier -- family problems
Lorianne Broussard -- Sister in law of Nick & Lisa Barratta; son Jacob Olivier has been missing for several months.
Family of Linda McDonald -- friend of the Holloways, left this world Wednesday
Jessie Shuman -- Health Problems
Cynthia Myers, Juanita Butler, Keela Myers -- Joe's cousins -- car wreck, recovering at home
Sandy Parker -- at home with her parents
Jason and Tracy Sheehy -- upcoming adoption in Uganda
Wanda Pledge -- recovering from a stroke and going home soon
Jay Williams -- Health problems
Mark & Teresa Callaway -- Health problems
Family of Chris Bacon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for September -- on back pew
Save --Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, sheets, pillow cases, peanut butter, Band-Aids, toilet paper
Social -- Wednesday, September 12
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.
Worship Services Online -- Go to our website and there is a link at the bottom. Join us from anywhere in the world online. <http://ellabellcofhome.webs.com/>

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

September 2, 2012



IDENTITY THEFT

Charles R. Rose

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

We hear much today about identity theft. Several news reports have been aired telling of the danger of our very small children becoming victims. The granddaughter of a friend of mine was attending classes in one of the governmental programs when she received a call from the Social Security Administration. The caller asked if she was still in the program, to which she answered "Yes." She was

then asked why, then, had she applied for work with a firm in Oklahoma? Someone was using her Social Security number. This is a problem of which we should all be aware and take precautions to protect ourselves and our children. However much one might suffer in this life should he or she be victimized in this way, there is a much more serious form of “identity theft.” Peter informs us that Satan is a thief seeking to steal your identity as a faithful child of God. Notice some ways by which he accomplishes this:

1. SATAN STEALS A CHRISTIAN’S IDENTITY WHEN HE INFLUENCES ONE TO LOVE THE WORLD MORE THAN GOD:

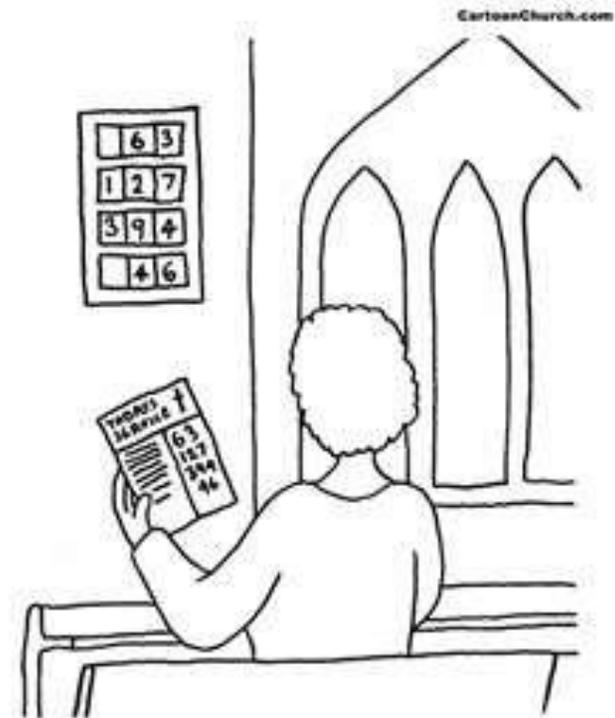
Twice in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15), Jesus speaks of the wicked one snatching the seed of God’s Word from the hearts of men. For the child of God this happens, Jesus said, when they are choked by cares, riches and pleasures of life. The apostle John charged, *“Do not love the world or the things in the world, if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”* *“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God”* (Hebrews 3:12).

2. SATAN STEALS ONE’S IDENTITY WHEN ONE BELIEVES JESUS TO BE GOD’S SON, BUT REFUSES TO ACCEPT ALL SCRIPTURE AS GOD’S WORD:

The great majority of humanity does not follow God’s Word either in daily living or in their religious practices. Satan encourages us to do as the majority does. Primitive man became so corrupt that God destroyed him from the earth, saving only righteous Noah’s family (Genesis 6—7; 1 Peter 3:20-21). Following the flood man again became wicked and God chose Abraham through whom He would eventually bring Jesus to save man from sin (Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:16). The LORD still

commands, *“You shall not follow a crowd to do evil”* (Exodus 23:2).

3. JESUS PRAYED THAT HIS DISCIPLES BE SANCTIFIED IN GOD’S TRUTH STATING, “THY WORD IS TRUTH” (John 17:17): For those whom Satan has stolen through unbelief, God’s Word warns, *“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous de-ception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved”* (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10). “Saved” in this passage is the same as “sanctified” in John 17:17. For those who do not believe God’s revealed truth, Satan has stolen their identity as children of God. **HAS SATAN STOLEN YOUR IDENTITY?**



SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE SHE HAD WON ON HER FIRST VISIT TO CHURCH

