

# Those Who Serve

	April 14	April 21
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
<b>Communion</b>	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
<b>Assist</b>	Mike Powell	Mark Stocking
<b>Assist</b>	Mark Stocking	Rick Stocking
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Charles Hall	Evan Hall



## Prayer List

**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.

**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

**Charles Stevens** – recuperating at home in AR

**Will Harley** – friend of the Storys. Rare form of gastric cancer

**Phyllis Smith** – mother of Grace Cannon – not expected to live much longer.

**Edith Cox** – at home – former member of Ellabell

**Roscoe Frisby** – Raytown, cancer patient

**Mickey Barratta** – Nick's Father – Severe Health Problems

**Cody Stewart** – 4 year old with brain hemorrhage

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for April** – on back pew

**Save** –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, peanut butter

**Social** –in two weeks, the 28<sup>th</sup>

**Meetings**–aso in tow weeks, the 28<sup>th</sup> after evening services

**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.

**Work Day** – last weekend...sorry

**Cookout** – last weekend as well...sorry...again

**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

*Philippians 4:13*

I can do all things  
through Him who  
strengthens me.

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

April 14, 2013

### Cameroon Report for the Month of March 2013

Making disciples has never lost its top location in the cadre of our Cameroon mission priorities. In the month of March we endeavored to keep the main thing in the position of the main thing despite several reasons to expect despondency and even pessimism. We will keep reaching forth with a hopeful message to those in danger of eternal peril. My work of preaching in the month of March has vividly reminded me that, like the biblical Timothy, I have been charged to preach the Word in season and out of season. The month presented a momentary need for more prayers, I'm afraid to say, than preaching. Nevertheless, a lot of preaching occurred during those perilous weeks of the messy March. And now we can say with authenticity that our evangelistic battles during the 30 days were courageously fought and convincingly won. If the imprisoned Peter, the stoned Stephen, the beheaded James, and the scattered Jerusalem church could succeed, then our success in the month of March came with little or no surprise.

But how do we measure the degree of success of the season in focus? Not just by the number of souls baptized but also by the souls evangelized. For the baptism index, I present to you Sister Melanie Bih, a young woman whom the Lord has recently rescued and redeemed. Sister Lami was the impromptu photographer at the time of the baptism. All she could snap were these pictures showing the last moments just before the immersion. Regrettably, Brother Ferdinand's Camera refused to co-operate when Melanie and I stepped into the water. Hence, I have only attached "dry" pictures of the event. The good news is that Melanie has found and followed the Truth.

On the other hand, the number of those evangelized is literally in thousands. This is a valid but estimated figure especially as it is factually founded on the number of prospects taught within a month on a one-on-one basis as well as the telephone feedback we are getting from our mass media evangelism presentations. The radio program has provoked a wide range of participation of the southwestern people Cameroon in the gospel discussion that takes place every Sunday 5-7 p.m. and every Thursdays 3-4 p.m. Currently we are speaking on the theme "How to Become the Church of Christ". This theme is an attempt to educate the denominations on what the scriptures say they must do in order to become a part of the one true Church. I am sure that some time in the future we the team of LET THE BIBLE SPEAK will give you samples of our presentations to have an empirical idea what the people of Cameroon have been hearing from the Washing Point Church of Christ through EDEN RADIO. This is a preaching program that the minister of the Ellabell Church of Christ, Dr. Joseph Holloway, once participated when he wanted to test his mobile Skype. Hopefully in the future His participation will be planned instead of spontaneous. Well, those are the concerted effort in conformity with our watch word which is EVANGELIZE!

However, we cannot evangelize if we don't want to sacrifice. The comfort and liberty of my family was assaulted in the month of March. I always know that God is still working on my faith. And as I have dedicated my life to the service of the most precious career ever known to man, I expect persecutions and oppositions from nature, from men and from Satan himself. March 2013 has gone down in history as one of my darkest hour in my calling. It is my unshakable conviction that the same God who has called me to preach the gospel is the same God who has called me to be a blessing to my wife, Sister Lamikat Abasiama. On Friday March 8 she went to market never to return until Tuesday night, March 19 when she was dumped along the road in a state of unconsciousness. She spent a total of 11 days in captivity in the hands of unknown predators. All she could remember after resuming consciousness is that they asked her to give them my phone number for them to call and ask for ransom. We will go back for another HIV/AIDS after 3 months to validate the one conducted after she was found. To be very sincere, I prayed and fasted like never before but I was ready for the worst in the midst of the uncertainty. It was our darkest hour. It was one of the worst blows the Devil has inflicted on me ever since I came to Cameroon. There have been similar terrible events in my life before and during my involvement in Cameroon missions. But it is not everything a hunter sees in the forest he has the capacity to express in words all the time. This time I thought the solution was to be still and know that He is God. Only God could rescue us from the doom and gloom of the situation. I have now known by experience that Acts 8.1 cannot prevent Acts 1.8 from taking place. Rather persecution of Acts 8.1 contributed to the proclamation envisioned in Acts 1.8. We still believe in the providential hand of God to rescue us from every evil attack which comes our way as we attack the kingdom of Satan. God is always abundantly able to deliver us, but if He chooses not to, He is still worthy of our praise and worship. I am not in Cameroon for my comfort. I am not here for enjoyment. I am here for the defense of the Gospel at all cost. If somebody decides to kidnap my wife and traumatize her for 11 days, and God allows it to happen, then to Him be glory. No sparrow falls to the ground without Father's approval. The very hairs on Lami's head are numbered. We may be heart-broken, dejected, frustrated and depressed but God's glory is our priority. I know you may wonder,

asking what if she was killed after being abducted. The true answer is that God is always in control. The only thing left now for the Devil to do is to kill me. Any other form of attack from him is inferior and ineffective because it can't stop me from preaching. His problem is that I should desist from preaching because it is depopulating his dark kingdom. As a key player in the present preaching of the gospel of Cameroon, I am a target mapped out to be toppled. But I am too implicated with lost souls and too complicated for Satan to intimidate me to abandon preaching.

Any other form of attack is inferior because it can't stop me from preaching. As a key player in the present preaching of the gospel of Cameroon, I am a target to be toppled. But I am too implicated with lost souls and complicated for Satan to intimidate me to abandon preaching. I have to learn from other peoples' mistakes because I cannot live to repeat them all. I am not fighting against flesh and blood; just as the weapon of my warfare is not carnal The shield of faith is still extinguishing the fiery darts of the wicked. No matter what I suffer for Christ's sake, I will not run away from Cameroon! Is this the time to run away when a church that was dying has been revived and is growing since January 2007? Is this the time to seek comfort when the Washing Point is breaking records in Cameroon Church history as the most courageous congregation to initiate their own building project after just a few years of renting? Is this the time to resign from what the apostle Paul said woe is he if he failed to do it? Yes it is true that many times I have been tempted to quit the job. Quitting is very easy but there is something equally invariably very difficult for me. That is, what do I tell the new converts in the church? What do I tell the congregations all over Cameroon who believe that I have been sent to the nation for a time such as this? What about the vow I made to God when I was seriously ill while in the Bible school in Jos? How do I explain my pain to our selfless supporters and financial donors? What do I tell the minister of the Church at Ellabell? That's not all, what do I tell the preacher and teacher in Jos, Nigeria? And above all, what will my answer be when I appear before the Judge of all to give account of what I did with my ministerial talents? By these questions I wish to express the reasons for my commitment to the commission. It has nothing to do with the things of this world. It is about the eternal destiny of my soul and the souls of others. Therefore, I request your prayers always. I equally thank you for supporting us financially. Thank you. Yours in the good fight of faith.

Abasiama John Archibong

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### **Email from Nigeria**

Dear brother Holloway,

Greetings to you. I finally got a way into my mail. The person have erased all my contacts and changed my pass-word.

May God forgive him/her. Thanks for helping me send the information to as many as you do. I would have sent to all those on address, but I have no contact now. Regards to the Church.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

(Tom's email was hacked. Many got an appeal for funds for Tom's daughter. He doesn't have one -JH)