

# Those Who Serve

	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 14</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
<b>Song Leader</b>	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	John Story	Olan Bacon
<b>Assist</b>	Evan Hall	Mike Powell
<b>Assist</b>	Rick Stocking	Mark Stocking
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Joe Holloway	Charles 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

**Nell Sewell** – in AR; cancer patient

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

**Roland Mohsen** – successful surgery

**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

**Kellie Kuntz** – pneumonia

**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** – this Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> - you gotta eat somewhere, eat here

**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** – Saturday, April 20

**Cookout** – Saturday, April 20 after work day

**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



Mazah 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 7, 2013

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2013 (Tom  
Ekpot Jr)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We salute you all in Jesus name. We continue to thank God because of you and the love you have for His work. Our Good Lord is surely on the throne, and He will bless you all materially and spiritually in every good way. The Northern Nigeria is a place many people have ran away from, and only very few will have a thought of even visit the area because of violence. But God continues to protect us. We had our first showers of rain yesterday (March 30th). We thank God because the weather is down a bit and some of dust have disappeared. The weather was causing several people to be sick. My two sons were down with malaria and typhoid. We thank God they are better now.

The Church is doing fine, even though it faces its own challenges due to what is happening regionally. At Mazah congregation, we are trying to raise the fallen wall now. We

pray God will help do that before the rain starts in earnest. **(picture-top of page 1)**

Our Bible Studies and weekend evangelism is on progress. My Students from the School of Biblical Studies are of great assistance to us in evangelizing the area. We have



some problem now at Foron Mission. Due to the several attacks on the neighboring villages, some brethren at Foron have moved to other places. This has affected the church in no small way. The brother who has been helping in leading the congregation, Goody Sadoh, first

evacuated his family, while he remained there with his first son, hoping that things will return to normal for them to come back. Brethren, as I am writing now, things are getting worse for these brethren. This brother has decided to move away since he is not from that area. He wants to join his family in Abuja, in federal capital city. I can't say no because the possibility of his family coming back depended on the situation, which is now on the bad side. Well, the result of that is that there is no one again to lead these brethren because they are only women left now. These women's husbands are not Christians and refuse to be converted. It therefore means that I will be going there every weekend to worship with them. Apart from the place being a distance from Jos, the route is equally dangerous because of the cattle herdsman who are attacking people. I was there yesterday, and felt like crying as I saw the place almost empty. I can't sit back and allow this congregation to die. We have laboured so much for it, and I believe God will see us through. I therefore ask for your prayers for these brethren and for me, as I will be going there every week now. Keep the Toro congregation in prayers as well, because they are situated in a risky area as well. We cannot tell what will happen in the northern Nigeria, only God knows. Things are not getting

better security wise up here. I believe God has a purpose for this. May we come to know what He wants from us in all of these. May God bless you all. Thank you once again for standing up for Jesus in a time like this.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

### What Can I Do to Help the Church Grow?

A George Barna survey studied people who visited a local congregation. He found that:

- 78 percent loved being greeted by individuals who sat around them at the end of the service.
- 72 percent did not want to stand and be recognized during service.
- 70 percent liked receiving information about the church.
- 65 percent did not want a name tag.
- 64 percent did not want the preacher coming to their house.

You and I know that there is more to congregational growth than numbers. Yet when we consider the narrative of Acts, the Holy Spirit influenced Luke to record the numerical growth of the Lord's church (Acts-s-a; 5:14; 6:1; 9:31).

So what can you do to help the church here grow?

- 1) Park as far away from the building as you can in order to leave closer places for visitors.
- 2) Introduce yourself to guests who sit near you. If 78 percent of visitors appreciate being greeted, then let us all be greeters!
- 3) Invite people to Bible class. If your friends have children, walk them to the classroom.
- 4) Ask guests to join you at other gatherings, such as a small group meeting or social get-together in your home.
- 5) Smile! It is incredible what happens when we smile at others.
- 6) Invite them to lunch. This way you can visit informally and get to know them better.
- 7) Ask guests to sit with you during worship.
- 8) Learn the visitor's name and introduce him/her to people you know. This is a good practice and is biblical (3 John 14).
- 9) Be a friend! People are looking for more than a friendly church. They are searching for friendship.
- 10) Pray for them by name.

—adapted via Crieve Hall Family Chronicle

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