

Those Who Serve

	August 4	August 11
Opening Prayer	John Story	Olan Bacon
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
Communion	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Rick Stocking	Mark Stocking
Assist	Wade White	Mike Reinitz
Dismiss Services	Charles Hall	Evan Hall



Prayer List

Bob Emsweller – at home recuperating. Has asked for our prayers. Doing much 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.

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

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, currently home

Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating

Scott Reinitz – Mike's brother – Health problems

Ralph Denny – uncle of Paula Reinitz, cancer patient

Announcements

Calendar for August – on back table

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

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://ellabellchurchhome.org/>

SOCIAL – not This Wednesday but Wednesday of next week

August 18 at 5:00 – a little friendly competition. Bring your best chicken wings made from your favorite recipe

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

Ellabell Church of Christ



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

August 4, 2013

The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family.



The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche.

My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey.

But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

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.

Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)



Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them.

Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished.

He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant,

sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked ... And NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name?....

We just call him 'TV.'

He has a wife now....we call her 'Computer.'

Their first child is "Cell Phone".

Second child "I Pod "

and JUST BORN WAS a Grandchild:

IPAD

-submitted by Brother Wilson Goddard of Raytown, MO

God's Word Of Truth

By Ron Boatwright

The truth of God's word is found in the Bible. Jesus says in John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall



make you free." Only the truth that is found in God's word can make us free from sin so we can be saved. God wants all people to be saved. 1 Timothy 2:4 says concerning God, "Who desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge

of the truth." Before one can be saved one must first come to a knowledge of God's truth.

But there are many people today who do not want to know the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12 says many will "perish because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved...that they **all** may be condemned who do not believe the truth." Why will they be condemned? Because one can not obey the truth until he first believes it.

Many people as 2 Timothy 3:7 says are "Always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." Why aren't they able to come to a knowledge of the truth? Because as Romans 1:25 says, "who exchange the truth of God into a lie." And as 2 Timothy 4:4 says, "And they will turn their ears from the truth, and be turned to fables." Why are so many people turning from the truth? 2 Peter 2:2 says, "many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed." What is going to happen to people who believe these lies? 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 says, "God will send them strong delusion that they would believe a lie, that they might all be damned who believe not the truth." The world is saturated with religious lies that are going to cause the majority of people to be lost forever. (Matthew 7:13-14). So it is a very serious matter that we know, believe, & obey only God's truth. One cannot be saved unless he does so. People must read and follow their instruction manual (the Bible) on how to go to heaven.