

Those Who Serve

	December 15	December 22
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	Joe Burnsed
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Assist	Charles Hall	Jeff Torney
Assist	Brent Dozier	Mike Reinitz
Dismiss Services	Mike Reinitz	Olan Bacon

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. Mom currently in St. Joseph's

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

Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating

Scott Reinitz – Mike's brother – Health problems

Micky Barratta – Nick's father

Ralph Denny – uncle of Paula Reinitz, cancer patient

William Webb – Cancer patient, 3 years old Neuro Blastoma

John – suffering from cancer and had been declared terminal

Bradford Stewart – grandson of Bro and Sis Stewart of Statesboro – chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Richard Myers – Sue Holloway's nephew – cancer patient

Kevin Stanley – in Afghanistan

Nancy Nubren – Cancer patient

Linda Wilson – Cancer patient

Announcements

Calendar for December – on back table

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

3rd Sunday at 5 - today at 5pm . Evening worship directly afterwards. This month-no forks-anything you can eat without utensils.

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/>

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Ellabell Church of Christ

TRUST
 in the Lord with all
 thine heart and he
 shall direct thy paths
PROVERBS 3:5-6

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

December 15, 2013

We Must Give The More Earnest Heed

By Ron Boatwright

We are instructed in God's word, "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away" (Hebrews 2:1). We must pay close attention to the things written in God's word, the Bible; because if we don't we will drift away, fall from God's grace, and be eternally lost. Jesus says there are those, "who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13).



Why do Christians, who were once saved, fall away? Because they didn't give the more earnest heed to diligently study God's word and make it a part of their lives. God says, "My people are destroyed

for a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). God's word is the spiritual food that all Christians need. If we don't partake of it and apply it to our lives we will spiritually starve ourselves to death, which is what Satan wants.

A number of times Jesus would say while teaching others, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Matthew 11:15). Jesus is saying to listen up and pay attention to His word. Jesus also says to those who He is teaching, "Let these words sink down into your ears" (Luke 9:44). In other words Jesus was saying to take heed and give serious thought to everything He was saying. But there are those who "turn their ears away from the truth" (2 Timothy 4:4). They are not interested in hearing the truth of God's word, which is able to save their soul. These are given warning, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Even though the lie of Satan says that one cannot fall from God's grace and be lost, God says we can (Galatians 5:4). Sadly many people in the Lord's church have believed this lie of Satan and will be lost because they have drifted away and are unfaithful.

In order to "give the more earnest heed to the things" written in God's word we must first know what it says. We must do as the brethren in Berea did as they "searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). We need to spend time every day feasting on God's word. We should also take advantage of every opportunity we have of studying God's word such as Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible study, Sunday morning and evening worship, and gospel meetings. If we take advantage of these and other opportunities and apply the things we learn to our lives, only then will we be giving "the more earnest heed" to the things written in God's word, so we can go to Heaven when this short life is over.

What Is Heaven Like?

By Ron Boatwright

Jesus says, "In My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:2-3). Heaven will be a mansion like we have never seen before. "We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven" (2 Corinthians 5:1-2). We should be looking forward to going to Heaven. "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body" (Philippians 3:20-21). Heaven is

described as "The city had no need for the sun or moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it" (Revelation 21:23).

Heaven will always be pure. "But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 21:27). There will be no evil people in Heaven.



Heaven is "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4). We do not earn Heaven, but we inherit it by being a faithful child of God. In Heaven "God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor

sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). There will be no tears or crying in Heaven because there will be nothing there to cause them. There will never be another sad moment because there will be nothing but joy and happiness. In Heaven there will be no funerals or cemeteries because people there will live forever, "In the land where we never grow old". There will be no pain, sickness or hurt in Heaven because we will have an immortal body like the Lord's body. As humans beings we cannot even begin to understand the glories of Heaven even if we were given a lengthy description. The only way we will understand how wonderful Heaven is going to be is to see it for ourselves. Let's make sure we go to Heaven and not Hell.

