

# Those Who Serve

	Jan 27	Feb 3
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Story	Olan Bacon
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
<b>Communion</b>	Joe Holloway	Rick Stocking
<b>Assist</b>	Rick Stocking	John Story
<b>Assist</b>	John Story	Joe Burnsed
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	JoeHolloway	Charles Hall



## Prayer List

**Bob Emsweller** – at home and feeling better  
**Olan Bacon** – at home recuperating  
**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

**Elma Jean Robinson** – home

**Grace Murphy** – sis in law of Donna Murphy – severe health problems

**Roland Mohsen** – home making health decisions. Several treatments in the future

**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

**Lisa Hursey** – car wreck and med problems

**Shirley Hursey** – med problems

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calendar for January** – on back pew

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

**Social** – today after morning services

**Meetings** – tonight 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.

**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.

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# Ellabell Church of Christ



## SERVICE TIMES:

**Sunday**

Bible Study

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

6:30pm

**Wednesday**

7:00pm

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

Jan 27 2013

### Polish Mission

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DECEMBER 31, 2012

*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*

-Psalm 116:15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This has been a long and difficult fall that started out optimistically but ended in sadness.

Steve and Linda Gilstrap with Bob Foster came in September to teach in our English Bible program, followed by Tony and Treva Lalli, Janet Kehehley and Lori Wooten from Oklahoma and Ron and Edna Butterfield from Henderson, TN. We had good attendance and enrolled some very interested new students. Things were looking good and we were very happy with progress.

Then the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup>, our daughter Annabelle called and said that Molly needed to fly to Mississippi immediately as her mother was "going down fast." Molly flew out on the 10<sup>th</sup> and arrived in Pope a few hours before her mother passed away at five p.m. on October 11, 2012.

The funeral for Molly's mother, Belle Newman Lipe, was at the Batesville, MS Church of Christ. The Lipes had been charter members of the congregation since Easter Sunday 1954 and at almost ninety-two years, "Mooney", as we called her, was one of the oldest members in age and tenure.

Because of my 86 year-old father's poor health, I could not fly to America for the funeral, so I stayed here and we continued our classes as scheduled. Through the wonders of technology, I did participate in the service by leading the closing prayer over SKYPE.

Molly's mother left her the enormous responsibility of distributing and disposing of personal items according to lists she left. Since her folks had lived in the same house for sixty-five years, the task is overwhelming. Molly and Annabelle worked constantly for two months but we must return to Mississippi to finish the job and finalize matters with the house. We will at that time contact congregations that have fellowship with us in our work in Poland and make personal visits and reports. We will be in contact with you about dates and times as plans develop.

Annabelle, who had been her grandmother's primary caregiver, has moved back to Poland. She and Molly flew home December 9<sup>th</sup>. She had a job waiting for her and is quickly adjusting to life in Poland. As a family, we are content to all be on the same side of the Atlantic again.

We thank you for your prayers, your fellowship, and your faithfulness as supporters and prayer partners with us in our lives and work. We know that countless petitions have been raised to the Father on behalf of Molly and her family. We have felt the comfort that the Father gives when He takes one of His servants home.



Please continue to pray for my father who suffers with venous stasis ulcers on his leg. These have plagued him since mid-summer and require daily care. We are fortunate that he lives only a few doors down from us and I can be there when he calls within four or five minutes.

Yours in Christ,

**Mike and Molly Dawidow**

**(Our sympathies to the entire Davidow**

**family. Mike's father is Brother Walenty Davidow whom you have heard me speak of often. He is one of the men who inspired me to be a preacher of the Gospel. –Joe)**

#### **DOES GOD EXIST?**

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects.

When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving a God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.

The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is, people do not come to me."

"Exactly!"- affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

# You're Invited!!!!

**What:** 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration reception for

**Who:** Guy and Ann Parker (Parents of Sandy Parker)

**When:** 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Where:** Ellabell Church of Christ Social Hall