

Those Who Serve

	June 2	June 9
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	John Story
Song Leader	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
Communion	John Story	Olan Bacon
Assist	Mike Powell	Mike Reinitz
Assist	Mark Stocking	Wade White
Dismiss Services	Rick Stocking	Joe Burnsed



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.
 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
 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 in Atlanta
 Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating
 Scott Reinitz – Mike's brother – Health problems

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for June – on back pew

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 night but the following, the 12th

Watermelon and Ice Cream – Sunday, June 30 at 5:00 pm

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

June 2, 2013



Fire? What Fire?

The scene takes place at the base of Mt. Sinai. The peak is covered with fire and smoke is billowing off of the summit because the LORD descended upon

the mountain in fire. Although, it has been weeks since the trumpet blasted and Moses went up the mountain there is still lightning and the sound of thunder and the mountain continues to shake with the LORD's presence.

See if you can imagine yourself there. The Israelites have seen the power wielded in the plagues, have crossed a mighty sea through parted waters, were delivered from the hand of the Egyptians, manna, appears with the dew daily, water has been brought forth from a rock and now they are camping at the foot of a mountain engulfed in God. Then they come to Aaron with this request...



When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." (Ex. 32:1)

What? The Israelites are literally asking for "gods" to lead them, with God staring them in the face. I want Aaron to say, "Are you crazy? The LORD is right there!" Instead I can almost see him shrugging and saying, "Well, give me some gold."

If you're still picturing yourself at Mt. Sinai, ask yourself, "How did we get here?" The answer lies in the simplest thing, you forgot what was right in front of your eyes or maybe you just stopped looking. I remember placing notes on my mirror to motivate me to do something, and it worked because I saw it daily, then although it was still there, I stopped seeing it. One of Satan's most effective tools is to make our worship, our prayers, or our communion so routine that we stop seeing the amazing presence of God, even though He is right there. Never let yourself lose what is right in front of your eyes. We have a God Who is no less a fiery mountain in our lives today. Praise Him with passion, revel in His presence, and follow where He guides

**Wade McKnight
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greater knowledge of God. I wish that all parents everywhere showed that kind of love for their children.

Then I started thinking about those children. There's so much to love about our kids. They are open, honest, affectionate, and filled with such simplicity. They don't wear a disguise because they are unconscious of any kind of need of one. They receive instruction, facts, and gifts without any pretense. They are so pure.

So, three resolutions came to mind.

Let's be kind to our children. Jesus received them gladly, and I should too. I thought again of our wonderful Bible class teachers who love and teach them. There's no greater work.

"Whoever receives one such child in my Name receives Me," said



Jesus. And again, *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of My Father Who is in heaven."*

Let's guard our children. Let's put no stumbling

block in their way either through our teaching or our example. Centuries ago, it was Juvenal who said, "Let nothing foul to either eye or ear reach those doors within which dwells a boy."

Let's become like our children. If we miss this, we *"will never enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Matthew 18:3).

**William Eudy
Southside Church of Christ
Mineral Wells, Texas**

Little Thoughts

Last Lord's Day, while standing in the hallway in our educational wing, I watched the children on their way to Bible Class. I couldn't help but pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the mothers and dads leading their children by the hand to get a