

Those Who Serve

	March 24	March 30
Opening Prayer	John Story	Olan Bacon
Song Leader	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Rick Stocking	John Story
Assist	Charles Hall	Evan Hall
Assist	Mike Powell	John Stocking
Dismiss Services	Evan Hall	Joe Holloway



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar for March – on back pew

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

Social today after morning worship. I know, the calendar says different... Sorry. If you bring food on the wrong day, I'll eat it. If you don't bring food on the right day, eat someone else's. It all works out.

Meetings – next week after evening services. The calendar is right on this one.

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/>

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

March 24, 2013

One Second and 25 years...



I'm sure it is not an uncommon phenomenon with me; however, most times I don't specifically notice it. This time I was sitting and while not consciously trying to avoid the task set before me, I found myself 25 years in my past thinking of a conversation I had with my youth minister. That brief mental journey had the effect of giving me, the break I needed to complete the task of the present.

I find it truly amazing how God designed the creation He called man. He placed inside of us the ability to recall a memory from a quarter century ago with clarity as if it were yesterday. (A side note is that I

also find it truly amazing that the same man can give credit of this ability to a random chain of mutations, but that is another article altogether).

Why did God give us this ability? Our memory can take us to any number of places, with a smell, a glance or by something read that creates a chain of events that connect in a matter of seconds. I believe one of the main reasons God did this was to give us the ability to praise Him. We should use our memories to connect us to God. We can journey to the time of our baptism, when the water and the Spirit combined to take away our sins. We can remember a blessing, a time when it could only have been God that pulled us through or a Bible verse memorized as a youth that reminds us how much God cares for us.

So take a second and travel to a time God has blessed you then take several minutes to praise Him for His love for you.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful I know that full well. Ps 139:14

-WADE MCKNIGHT



Making Memories

Growing up in the church, I have many wonderful memories: learning about Noah's ark at 4 years old, playing red rover

on the church lawn, great hiding places, licking the communion cups clean after my parents took the Lord's Supper, being able to touch the ceiling tiles in the hallway for the first time, going

with dad to work at the building, church pot lucks, climbing trees (and buildings), sitting with grandparents and parents in worship, making "finger cups" with Wrigley chewing gum wrappers, getting in trouble "once or twice" for talking in service, going to eat with family or going to grandma's house after worship, working on the joy bus on frigid and icy days, attending youth activities as a teen, being baptized at the age of 12, preaching for the first time at 12 years old, many Bible classes, hearing grandpa preach on occasion, wearing multicolored suits to church in the 70's, and so much more!

Great memories which I have because I was blessed to have parents and grandparents who made the commitment to attend every Bible class and worship assembly. I thank God for their dedication and influence throughout my entire life, from birth until this very day!

Parents, when your children are grown, what memories will they have of the church? Think carefully before answering. What kind of heritage are you giving to those precious souls God has blessed you with? May we all be able to say with Joshua, "*as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*" (Joshua 24:15)

My hope and prayer for each of you is that 20 or more years down the road your children will be able to look back and see that you love the Lord, you seek Him first and you are primarily concerned with their spiritual lives. Because of the way you are rearing your children, will they be more likely to be faithful to God or will they be encouraged to forget Him altogether?

Concerning Timothy's rich spiritual memories, Paul wrote to him, "***...I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.***" (2 Timothy 1:5)

Let's make memories that please the Lord and bring a smile to our children's faces!

Email from Rose Mohsen rec'd March 20, 2013

Roland's surgery went well. Thank the church for prayers. Of course there is pain. ouch
Rose