## Those Who Serve

**May 26** June 2 **Opening Prayer** Charles Hall Joe Holloway Evan Hall Song Leader Ioe Burnsed Communion Rick Stocking John Story Assist Evan Hall Mike Powell Assist Joe Holloway Mark Stocking **Dismiss Services** Mike Reinitz Rick Stocking



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

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 - hospital in Statesboro

Family of Jesse Callaway

#### **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 <u>EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com</u> 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. <a href="http://ellabellchurchhome.org/">http://ellabellchurchhome.org/</a>

SOCIAL – TODAY

Meetings – TONIGHT

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

May 26, 2013



### That's Good...

"That's good!" You hear it repeated all the time. When you taste something that makes you palate sing, when your child comes to you, excited because they just found a dandelion, when something goes just right. However, I would like you to sit back and think for a

minute—how do you define, "good?" It may mean different things to you depending on what you are going through, whether they are fine times or struggles. Although, I would hope everyone's definition of "good" would be the same as David's...

But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge that I may tell of all Thy works (Psalms 73:28). NASV

You really need to read the entirety of Psalms 73 to get the intensity of the last line in this Psalm. David starts by saying how God is good to His people, but in the same breath recounts how he almost stumbled. Instead on keeping his eyes on the Lord, David started looking around, listening to others, and becoming envious of what they "seemed" to have. Satan has a way of making envious or hurting hearts look and listen to the wrong things. "Why can't I do that," "Why can't I be like that," or "Why do they have it so good?" bounces around in our brain and we forget that one of the greatest blessings God gives us is being near. David says, "The nearness of God is my good." Recognizing God is near and nothing that you are going through can change that fact, gives you peace, hope and true

Well thats not a good sign.

BAD

joy that nothing else can give you and nothing can take away.

As if reminding us that the, "Nearness of God," surpasses all was not enough, David also threw in a bonus nugget of wisdom, "That I may tell of all Thy works." Don't let this idea get lost because it is so very important. David is saying his job is to praise God. Why is this so important? The first reason is that God deserves it! The second, is that when we take the time to give

the Lord what he deserves, we are reminded of all the things He has done for us and this reinforces the blessing of having Him near.

Lord we praise you for being near us. We praise you for sending your Son to be near us. We praise you for sending your Spirit to live in us, because above all else you are our GOOD!

#### Wade McKnight

Southern Oaks Church of Christ Chickasha, OK

#### WHERE CAN I GO BUT TO THE LORD?

That's the title of a beautiful hymn, but it's also a question that we should ponder.

I was visiting with a friend of mine this week and I asked him how his father-in-law was, and how his mother-in-law was. His father-in-law is very ill

and in a nursing facility. His mother-in-law is worn out from helping with her husband. So, my friend proceeded to tell me about his brother almost dying from a kidney ailment, and then his good friend had a heart attack, and his friend's brother ended up in the hospital with a serious problem--and then another friend has been diagnosed with something that could be terminal. So...what's next?

I tried to encourage my friend, but I am at a loss as to what to say. He knows I care, but how much more can this family bear?

And then I get a phone call from one of our church members telling me his wife is being taken to a hospital in Lufkin by ambulance from our Emergency Room at Tyler County Hospital; and this husband is very ill and has to stay in due to his affliction, so...how much more?

Where can we go but to the Lord!?

A song by Bill Gaither says, Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow. And that is what it is all about isn't? Jesus rose from the dead and defeated death whereby His followers can be assured of a place to spend all eternity with Him (John 14:1-3).

Thank God, He has the answers, because I don't! And I know his Way is the only Way!

#### **Keith Bellamy**

Woodville church of Christ

Woodville, Texas

#### Raintree Truck Coming in a Week

**OUR PRESSING NEEDS:** 

WE CANNOT USE EXPIRED FOODS OR MEDICATIONS. YOU HAVE HELPED TREMENDOUSLY IN RESTOCKING OUR PANTRY, THANKS1 WE HAVE PLENTY OF SHAMPOO; PLEASE NO MORE NOW!

· BODY WASH;

MOUTHWASH;

ALL DETERGENT FREE

DIAL ANTIBACTERIAL SOAP;

CANNED FRUIT DRINKS (APPLE/

AND CLEAR:

ORANGE/GRAPE)

FACE WASH;

NAIR

#### PLEASE NOTE: BADLY NEEDED ITEMS

- PAPER PRODUCTS (PLATES/
- NAPKINS/ TISSUE/ PAPER TOWELS; BODY MIST
- VIENNA SAUSAGE
- CANNED HAMS;
- WAFFLE SYRUP;
- AIR FRESHNERS;
  CANNED PINEAPPLE (SLICED, TID-
- BITS. CRUSHED);
- APPLESAUCE;MUFFIN MIXES;
- SALAD DRESSINGS (RANCH, VI-DALIA ONION; THOUSAND ISLAND, FRENCH);
- NEW REGULAR SIZED PILLOWS;
   TOILET BOWL CLEANERS
- TOILET BOWL CLEAVER:
- GARBAGE BAGS (KITCHEN)

#### NEW PILLOWS BADLY

PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE REQUESTED ITEMS