

# Those Who Serve

	January 19	January 26
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Story	Olan Bacon
<b>Song Leader</b>	Evan Hall	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
<b>Assist</b>	Jeff Torney	Wade White
<b>Assist</b>	Alex Torney	Mike Reinitz
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Joe Holloway	Evan Hall



## 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

**Joe Holloway Sr.** – Open heart bypass surgery Dec 13

**Heather McBrayer** – hospital in Charleston. Serious Condition

**Jeremy Cotham** – cancer patient and double amputee submitted by Sister Edith Cox

## Announcements

**Calendar for January** – on back table-see corrections inside the bulletin

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 5** – this afternoon – Spaghetti – Celebration – Everyone has a recipe for spaghetti of which they are proud. Come show off your Spaghetti recipe.

**Social** – next Sunday after morning services

**Meetings** – next Sunday evening after services.

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

**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. 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

January 19, 2014

DECEMBER 2013 REPORT FROM CAMEROON

Abasiamia Archibong

We give thanks to the Father and the Son for the work accomplished in during the month of December 2013. We are even more thankful to Him for the whole course of our mission work in Cameroon for the whole year that has just gone by. Our calling and election in the year 2013 was made sure by His divine power and grace. It was really a successful year in the vineyard of preaching. A number of souls were rescued from the dominion of darkness because the power of God unto salvation was proclaimed day in day out. Some of these recently saved souls are being cultivated in the family of God's children at Washing Point, Limbe while other converts are being cared for in congregations of the church of Christ nearest to them.. The ministry of the word of God stretches us to with a determination to look after these tender believers. These responsibilities of a minister would have been most difficult if the whole job was carried out single-handedly. That is why we will not stop recognizing the value of your partnership with us in this adventure into eternity.

Let us now outline some memorable achievements recorded in the flanking month of December 2013. If we must discuss in order of

priority, then we need to flash our eyes across our soul-winning archives assembled during the month in review. In this regard, I feel privileged to present to you a precious gentleman who yielded to our earnest evangelistic invitation disseminated on radio. Brother Samuel Tihngan is a young man and a taxi man. He was baptized in December. He spoke to us on phone while our radio preaching was in progress. He called to say he was ready to be immersed into Christ. When we were through with the presentation that particular Sunday evening, we concretized the personal encounter with Samuel within that week. He was in Church the following first day of the week. That same day he was baptized. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Samuel is not alone in his great decision to follow Jesus. In my November report, I indicated that a husband and wife together gave their lives to Christ after listening to our LET THE BIBLE SPEAK radio program. I said his name was Mbella John and his wife is called Rose. I could not get the pictures to you then but I hope now you can see this wonderful couple in their 50's having begun their spiritual walk with the Lord. They cannot worship with the Washing Point congregation because they are resident in another city called Buea. The preacher of Buea Town Church of Christ, Min. Esowe Otia Aaron, happily told me that the new converts have been devoted in their attendance.

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And now concerning the church at Washing Point, it is a story of trials and triumph. Amidst a number of difficulties confronting the growing congregation, the church is still moving ahead with the great commission of our Lord.

Let me now officially wish all of you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR. We thank God for having piloted us all the way from January till this end of 2013. A lot of work has been done to His glory and a lot still needs to be done. Thank you for your support to us in Cameroon. We appreciate your love gifts and donations for the preaching work in Cameroon. God bless you abundantly. Once again, and from the depths of our hearts, we say to you HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## **The Good Fight**

Kevin Cauley

Some battles in life are fought and instantly won; passing tests, playing games, solving a puzzle in the newspaper, or winning at a sporting event. We preoccupy ourselves with these "battles" because they give us instantaneous gratification and bring us a measure of pleasure and self assurance.

Some battles are fought for a while and won; graduating from high school or college, getting a promotion at work, achieving "retirement." We can see the need for fighting these kinds of battles because there is a significant achievement to be won at the end and once we have achieved that level, we can move on to other things, having won the battle.

There are other battles, however, that are ongoing and we will never, in this life, completely win until we conquer them in death. These battles are constant and daily efforts with which we must struggle on a regular basis. This is a hard thing for our society to accept who are accustomed to complex crimes being solved in a one hour TV program, sporting events ending in less than two hours, and conquering the sudoku in 30 minutes. This kind of battle is only won in the continued fighting of it; it isn't a battle that is won, never to be fought again.

It is becoming quite evident to me, that my success in weight loss is only as good as my desire to maintain that success. Months ago, I spoke with another gentleman about this and he related to me how it was a regular struggle to eat right, exercise and keep the weight off. He then said, "But it's a good fight, so I guess I'll keep on doing it." Losing weight and keeping the weight off isn't one of those battles that are won, never to be fought again. It is a constant and daily effort.

Similarly, in my police training this past fall one thing that I learned is that the law will eventually catch up to the criminal. Police activity is a constant and ongoing battle, one that never stops. It also isn't one of those battles won, never to be fought again. It is a constant and daily effort.

We need to realize that living the Christian life is the same kind of battle. If we realize and accept this, I believe we will have a great weight lifted from our shoulders. The person who is constantly telling himself, "I've got to win today!" will soon find himself hopelessly burned out with trying to achieve this task. Why? Because living the Christian life is only something that is won while we continue the struggle. Paul told Timothy, "Fight the good fight of the faith?" (1 Timothy 6:12) and wage the good battle (1 Timothy 1:18). It was a battle that Paul was only expecting Timothy to win by continuing to fight it.

Let us recognize that today we fight the battle and that our victory is in our faith on a daily basis (1 John 5:4) and through this, we will overcome, not in this life, but, in the next. For today, however, if I have struggled, then I have won.

