

Those Who Serve

Opening Prayer	January 26 Olan Bacon	February 2 Joe Burnsed
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Jeff Torney
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Assist	Wade White	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Mike Reinitz	Evan Hall
Dismiss Services	Evan Hall	Joe Holloway



Prayer List

Bob Emsweller – at home recuperating. Has asked for our prayers.
Darlene Monreal – Mike Powell's daughter. health problems
Gregory Dozier – family problems
Loranne 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
Donna McFarland– surgery soon.

Announcements

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

Social - today after morning services

Meetings – this 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 to your contact list.

Brother Paul asks that you simply email him anything you want to appear on the Facebook page; pictures, announcements, etc.

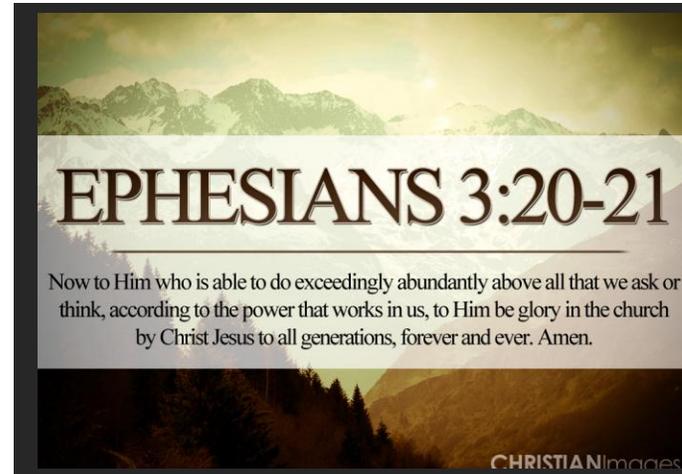
Call List –There are forms on the back pew if you want to be added to our call list. If you want a call made, call me or text me and I will make the call and schedule it. 912-667-0519

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/>

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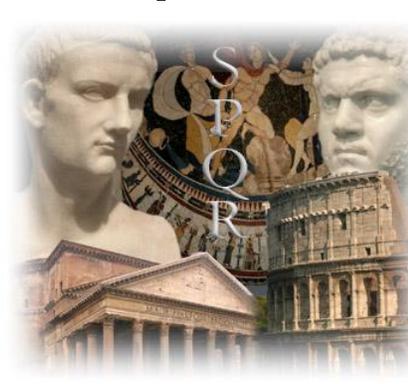
Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent

January 26, 2014

The Downfall Of Rome

by David Padfield

The renowned historian **Edward Gibbon** is often quoted for his vivid descriptions of the Roman empire. In his great work, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, he describes how the Roman army



became lax in discipline and exercise. "It is the just and important observation of Vegetius, that the infantry was invariably covered with defensive armor, from the foundation of the city to the reign of the emperor Gratian. The relaxation of discipline,

and the disuse of exercise, rendered the soldiers less able, and less willing, to support the fatigues of the service;

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.

Fall Of ROME

they complained of the weight of the armor, which they seldom wore: and they successively obtained the permission of laying aside both their cuirasses and their helmets. The heavy weapons of their ancestors, the short sword, and the formidable pilum, which had subdued the world, insensibly dropped from their feeble hands. As the use of the shield is incompatible with that of the bow, they reluctantly marched into the field; condemned to suffer either the pain of wounds, or the ignominy of flight, and always disposed to prefer the more shameful alternative. The cavalry of the Goths, the Huns, and the Alani, had felt the benefits, and adopted the use, of defensive armor; and, as they excelled in the management of missile weapons, they easily overwhelmed the naked and trembling legions, whose heads and breasts were exposed, without defense, to the arrows of the barbarians. The loss of armies, the destruction of cities, and the dishonor of the Roman name, ineffectually solicited the successors of Gratian to restore the helmets and cuirasses of the infantry. The enervated soldiers abandoned their own, and the public defence; and the pusillanimous indolence may be considered as the immediate cause of the downfall of the empire." (Vol. III, pp. 271-272).

The gospel armor has been placed in our hands (Eph. 6:10-20). Three times in the last chapter of Ephesians Paul told us to "stand" fast in our fight "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." He told the Corinthians that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God" (2 Cor. 10:4-5).

It is not enough for us to defend the truth, we must attack the citadels of error and pull down their strongholds! Many congregations today are content to sit in their meetinghouses and just dare Satan to show his

ugly head -- they would never dream of taking the battle to him!

The Roman army fell because they became lazy, careless, content and complacent. Brethren, let's keep our spiritual sword sharpened and always remain alert, so our enemy will not catch us unprepared. "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Eph. 6:13).



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