

Those Who Serve

Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Communion
Assist
Assist
Dismiss Services

July 20

Joe Burnsed
 Evan Hall
 Jim Wadsworth
 Mike Powell
 John Story
 Joe Holloway

July 27

Charles Hall
 Jeff Torney
 Joe Burnsed
 John Story
 Mike Reinitz
 John Story



Prayer List
Bob Emsweller – at home recuperating. Has asked for our prayers.
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

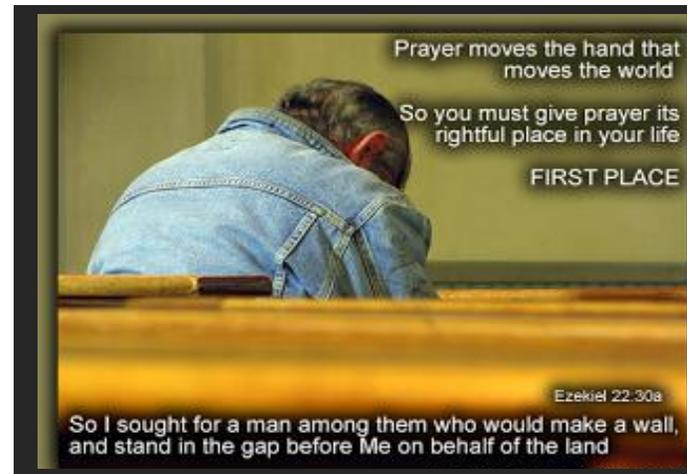
Wanda Pledge – recovering from a stroke at home.
Jay Williams – Health problems
Mark & Teresa Callaway – health problems
Charles Stevens – recuperating at home in AR
Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell
Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating
Scott Reinitz – Mike's brother – Health problems
John – suffering from cancer and had been declared terminal
Bradford Stewart– In Candler in serious condition
Kevin Stanley – in Afghanistan
Nancy Nubren – Cancer patient
Linda Wilson – Cancer patient.
Jeremy Cotham – cancer patient and double amputee submitted by Sister Edith Cox
Donna Holloway– upcoming surgery or not according to her treatments .
Scott Dyer – in need of prayer
Stella Nelson – between home and Memorial Hospital
Sandra McNew – Bryant, AR – Back Surgery
Ruby Carter – Stroke Patient
Richard & Dorothy B Smith
 Family of **Benedict Nwakonta**– a former student of Tom's in Nigeria

Announcements

Calendar for July – on back table-
SOCIAL next week-after morning worship
MEETINGS –next week after evening services
3rd Sunday @ 5 – todat at 5. Everything Vegetarian
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/>

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

July 20, 2014

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2014 (TOM EK POT JR)

My very dear brethren in Christ, I greet you all in Jesus name, praying that our good GOD continue to be with you in your happiness and pains, while we wait for the return of our LORD Jesus Christ. It is a sweet thing to be among those who love and care for you even when we are out of sight. We have become like our two eyes, even though we don't see each other, yet we see together, cry together, and sleep together. The fellowship of Christians will continue beyond here, where we will be all together with one echo always sounding praises to our MAKER. We long for that day. I do sincerely appreciate your prayers especially during the moment we have been thrown into some confusion as a result of bomb explosions. Truly, the situation is growing worst every day, but the hand of God is becoming stronger every second for us. Being alive today if purely the grace of God, I pray that He will help be achieve the essence of our existence.

The month of June is always an interesting month, marking the end of first half of the year, the weather is lovely, with intermittent rain fall without thunder and

storms. The rainfalls reduce the hardship people go through in looking for water. During this June, as always, I left Jos for two weeks leadership training program lasting for two weeks. This time I was in Nasarawa State, where some brethren in that region gathered for the program. Although I have been to this place before for evangelism and other purposes, I was there for the first time for this type of program. Nasarawa State, especially the capital city is dominated by the Muslims. We had 12 students who were very consistent in all our classes and three others who only attended at their convenience. Though the two weeks was a hectic time for us and the students, yet we were always looking for each day to come because the program was so exciting.

Seeing some elderly people so committed to learning more to do more for God made me wonder why I must not continue to desire to serve my Creator. I am the one standing in the middle. By my right is a retired agriculturist, who is presently diabetic, hypertensive, and has hepatitis B. He sometime wonders in the class which way is forward for his life as dietary rules for hepatitis conflicts with the treatment for diabetic. His name is Julius. But I tell you that he was always there to learn more to teach the young congregation is he now preaching for. By my left is court judge, who is retiring from service come this December. He is presently helping a small congregation in his village. Though he lives in the city, he goes to the village every weekend to help the small congregation he established. They were great inspiration to me.

This is the picture of the entire class. Majority of them are farmers in their local areas, and others are business men. Some of them left their families and farms for the two weeks. We had two women (married), with serious determination to teach the children classes in the Church. I was really moved by these brethren's zeal. Each day we were tired at the end of the day, but would be very early the next in the class. If there would be peace in the northern Nigeria, we have some hope for the growth of Church. The picture below is one of our class sessions. As you observe, there only two tables in the class, others are improvised by putting three chairs together. I really thank you all for your prayers. The two weeks were not

interrupted by any violence. This was because you were there praying for us. Thank you so much

In Jos, the Church in Mazah is doing well. I have not been able to worship with them throughout the month of June, but my Friday class with them is going on well. We are studying the life of Job in a book titled "More Beautiful than Gold," how he went through difficult time and came out victorious. We know that we also we come forth as gold to the glory of God. The Church in Foron is doing well. I have been with them for the last two Sundays. Their fear for attack remains just like their faith in God remains even stronger. It sounds paradoxical, but that is true. The reality of impending danger is there to remind that they may be attacked any day, but they have decided that even if they must die, they will die as Christians. Brethren, I have no doubt that there will be more women in heaven than men, am sorry if that offends anyone. But that is the truth in view of their zeal for God. This may not be true in every place, but is true in most of the places I have visited. As I mentioned some time back, two men are back in the Foron Mission congregation. My desire is to see them grow, so that one day they can continue with the work if it happens that I no longer go there. Keep praying for them. I do appreciate all you love for us. Your sacrifices will never go unrewarded by God. As you might have read from my mail to Brother Holloway, I lost one of my students to the cancer of pancreas. I asked for prayers on his behalf last month, and you did pray for him. Well, God decided that he should come back home and rest. He was a preacher of one of the biggest congregations in the Federal capital city of Abuja. His funeral is scheduled for 3rd July. Please, do remember his family in your prayers. His name is Benedict Nwakonta. May the peace of God rule your heart and his blessings be your share now and even unto eternity in Jesus' name.

(Through no fault of Tom's, his pictures did not come through this month.
-Joe)

**Thank You
Joe & Donna want to thank each and every one of you for the beautiful Wedding Reception you gave us last Sunday. The folks at Ellabell are great!!**

-Joe and Donna