

# Those Who Serve

**Opening Prayer**  
**Song Leader**  
**Communion**  
**Assist**  
**Assist**  
**Dismiss Services**

**June 8**  
 Olan Bacon  
 Wade White  
 Charles Hall  
 Joe Burnsed  
 Jeff Torney  
 Joe Holloway Sr

**June 15**  
 Charles Hall  
 Joe Burnsed  
 Evan Hall  
 Mike Powell  
 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  
**Micky Barratta** – Nick's father  
**John** – suffering from cancer and had been declared terminal  
**Bradford Stewart** – grandson of Bro and Sis Stewart of Statesboro – chronic Fatigue Syndrome. At Mayo Clinic in New York  
**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 McFarland** – 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

## Announcements

**Calendar for June** – on back table

**Social** – this Wednesday after Bible Study

**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



**Tom's Report from Nigeria. Please read carefully and pray.**

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

June 8, 2014

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2014 (TOM EKPOT JR)

Dearly beloved in the Lord, greetings to all you who love God and wait for His appearance, grace and peace to you. I do really appreciate you for standing by us even when the going gets tougher. It is always encouraging knowing that there are people who feel for us, and praying for us. God is working mightily on our behalves; otherwise things would have been worse than what it is now. So we give Him all praises.



The month of May was a busy one for me because of the series of activities that I was involved in. First, a team of evangelists comprising 12 of my students and I left on May 3 to Apo village in Abuja, the Federal capital territory for evangelism campaign for Christ. Some of the Church members of the congregation joined us in our daily outings

**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.

Few days before we went to Abuja, the city had experienced a series of bomb blast the claimed several lives. So the whole place was tense by the time we went there. A year ago when we went into the same city, it



was difficult to have people to talk to as they were more concerned with the business of making a living. But the blast turned out to the glory of God, as several people willing to listen to the unadulterated Gospel. We set up about 178 studies with 380 people. Several tracts were handed out.

God added 13 people to His Body at the end of the exercise on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May (One of the baptisms).

Returning to Jos was to prepare for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual graduation exercise of the School of Biblical Studies and the silver jubilee celebration of the School 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Brethren, thank you for your prayers, because God gave me the grace to go through the activities without breaking down. As you see in the picture, some of the graduates posed.



God has sent another set of labourers into vineyard to harvest souls for Him. We will do well to keep these men and women as the fly the flag of Christ, planting the seed, and watering the ones already planted to the glory of God. Several people who have played one role or the other were honoured for their services. I was honoured with the award of long service. I can't believe that I have served the school of 21 years. It is just like last yesterday.



On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we started our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Gospel Lectureship, on the theme, "The Future of the

Church." I chose this theme because of the things that are happening in

some African countries. It won't be long some of them will start coming to Nigeria. Therefore, we needed to remind ourselves of the need to stand on the Bible rather than human feelings. Besides this, we took time to discuss the challenge we are encountering with Islam and the way forward. It might not have been the best lectureship in attendance, but the theme was well timed. We had people across the continent and beyond who attended the lectureship. On average, we had 240 people per day. That was lower than what we have been having in the previous years. One thing I know scared people from coming is the issue of security. Behold, the Devil tried his evil act while we were half way to the program, planting a twin bomb blast that claimed over 118 lives. The city of Jos was thrown into confusion again, but God handled the problem in His own way. At the end, we were able to go through to the end of the program. None of the people who attended the program was hurt, glory to the name of God. My beloved in Christ, thank you for your prayers, thank you for always remembering us. Please, permit me to use this time to request for prayers for one of beloved students, a preacher of the Gospel of Christ, a devoted soldier of Christ, Benedict Nwokonta who underwent some serious surgeries, and has been in the ICU for two weeks now. I desire that God will grant him mercy to come out of this safely, but may His will be done.

Come this Sunday after morning service, I will be leaving Jos again to Nasarawa State for two weeks to teach Church leaders. This time, the two subjects I will handle for the two weeks are Leadership in Local Congregation and Biblical Hermeneutics. I do not know what will happen when I am gone, but I know that God is with us, and He has promised to be with us to the end. So, I am not afraid leaving my family behind in Jos for the two weeks. Jos has become a place people dread once again. Last Saturday, another blast would have destroyed not less than 300 youths, who gathered to watch the European Championship. God averted that disaster, as the blast only destroyed one person including the suicide bomber. Last Sunday worship was held under a tensed condition because of the series of threats, in which our congregation was listed among the target places to be bombed. Even though there were armed policemen around, people equally formed serious security outside to avoid inroad of any evil man. But you see, even though that sounded intelligent, the people who were outside were denied the fellowship that we all desired. They won't listen to the preaching while outside, they won't be part of the prayers while outside. Please, keep praying that peace will return again to Jos. Please, Let me use this opportunity seek for your prayers for my father who has been down again. Thank you for partnering with us to bring salvation to the Africans.

*Raintree Village Truck Item*

**Paper Towels**