

Those Who Serve

	October 12, 2014	October 19, 2014
Opening Prayer	Charles Hall	Evan Hall
Song Leader	Jeff Torney	Wade White
Communion	Evan Hall	Jeff Torney
Assist	John Story	Alex Torney
Assist	Wade White	Joe Burnsed
Dismiss Services	Jim Wadsworth	Olan Bacon

Prayer List



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

Ruby Carter – Stroke Patient

Dorothy B Smith

Nick & Lisa Barratta – ongoing health problems

Jerry Emsweller – cancer patient

Amanda –Clarisse Wadsworth's granddaughter – Cancer Patient

LeeAnne – health problems

Johnnie Morton – at home

Olan Bacon – in St Joseph's as of this printing

Announcements

Calendar for October – on back table

3rd Sunday @ 5 –next week "International"-Anything from somewhere else.

Social – in two weeks, the 26th

Meetings –in two weeks, also the 26th

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



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

October 12, 2014

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.**

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2014 (TOM EKPOT JR).

Dearly and beloved in Christ, I salute you all in Jesus name. We remain grateful to God for all of His spiritual blessings in Christ, the fellowship of the love we share in Him and the hope beyond this life we all have in Christ. Brethren, being a Christian is the best thing that can happen in this life and that to come. I will treasure my faith with all godly jealousy. That is why we keep each other in prayers.

It is strange to believe that the month of September, 2014 that started just yesterday is over, and will not be again until eternity. Time seems to be on a fast lane, such that only the fast people can lay grip of the reality. Brethren, that is why I feel the best time we have is now to do anything that we have to do for the glory of God. Jesus said, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4-5). Our life on earth is too brief to waste a second on things that won't aid us to reach our goal. We have been able to come this far because we stood together echoing very loud the message of Christ for the salvation of mankind in Africa. We can only say thank you so very much. May our good God continue to bless each and every one of you in your great sacrifices. Jesus faced

challenges that were peculiar to His time and ministry; the apostle experienced difficulties that were enough to shape and strengthen their faith as they shared the message of the Cross. Brethren, whatever is happening in Africa today is not strange to God, neither do the things baffle our Maker. He knows the very purpose He allows innocent souls to be killed on daily basis.



As I requested for prayers in my last report for our annual workshop, the event came and went successfully without any disaster. Although we had four armed police men each day with us, I know it was the protection the Lord provided that saw us through. Several preachers came for the program (See picture). Among them was Brother Nuhu Sani, the preacher whom we were working together at Toro for one year after his graduation from Jos Bible School. He returned to his village to help salvage the young congregation there that was almost dead. He was my son while under training, and became a co-worker in the vineyard of our Savior. Even though he has one hand as can be seen in the picture, his zeal for God is unimaginable. Please, do keep Nuhu in your prayers. I was able to be with brethren at the New Foron congregation after I rounded up my class on prayers with Foron Mission congregation. The brethren are standing together for the common fight of the Gospel.



Brethren, I thank God because one brother is coming with me every Sunday from Jos to Foron Mission. Any day that I have to be away, he stands in well for me. We are working out some modalities to be in Foron on weekend for evangelism. Keep this plan in prayers. We are skeptical of engaging our students on this route because of insecurity. However, the Church is really motivated. If we succeed in bring more stable men into the Church, we can sure even if we do not go there, they Church will remain. Right now, we have bought a piece of land to build a meeting place as we are presently meeting in a rented



abandoned bread factory. Let me conclude this by appreciating you all for your well wishes and cards during my Son and Wife's birthday. My Goodnews and I made a cake for Sandra. She did not expect it anyway. But it was an interesting surprise. See Picture of Sandra sitting in front of her cake and a bottle grape juice for family celebration. Thanks so much for your prayers. May God keep you all close to His side and provide your needs adequately as you have done for others. Have a wonderful month of October.

Not For Sale

Joel Stephen Williams

One day a poor girl slipped into the garden of the queen at Balmoral.



She approached the gardener and told him that her mother was extremely ill at home and she wanted to take her a flower. Since it was winter, flowers were very rare, but the little girl had seen flowers growing in the queen's greenhouses. She had saved a few pennies and asked the gardener if she could buy a single rose for her mother. The gardener was

sympathetic with the little girl's request, but he replied: "The queen has no flowers for sale." The little girl was about to turn away in disappointment and return home.

Unobserved by either the little girl or the gardener, the queen had been listening through a window in the greenhouse. She stepped out and told the girl: "The gardener is quite right, my child. He has no authority to give you the flowers you want, nor does the queen cultivate flowers for sale. But the queen has flowers to give away." From a basket the queen took several rare roses and gave them to the little girl and said: "Take these to your mother with my love, and tell her that the queen sent them. I am the queen."

This story provides a good allegory for the story of salvation. We have a need for pardon for our sins. We can go to various sources and ask for forgiveness, but no human has the authority to cleanse our souls. We can not purchase redemption, because God's grace has not been cultivated for sale. However, if God decides to give His mercy away freely to a sinner, that is His right, especially in light of what Christ achieved in His incarnate life and through His death at Calvary. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). We "are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).