April 5, 2015 April 12, 2015 **Opening Prayer** Charles Hall Joe Holloway Sr. Song Leader Toe Burnsed Evan Hall Communion Evan Hall Jeff Torney **Assist** Wade White **Brent Dozier Brent Dozier** Kenneth Jenks **Assist Dismiss Services Joe Holloway** Iim Wadsworth

Prayer List



Bob Emsweller - at home but in serious condition

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.

Wanda Pledge – recovering from a stroke at home.

Jay Williams - Health problems

Mark & Teresa Callaway – health problems

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

Nancy Nubren - Cancer patient

Linda Wilson - Cancer patient.

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

Donna Holloway- improving

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

 $\boldsymbol{LeeAnne}-health\ problems$

Juanita Fortner - Cardiac Problems, Donna's aunt

Ally Monroid – almost 3 months old – health problems

Mike Powell-back trouble

Kim Burnsed's Parents

Mary Bacon - Tough decisions. Health Concerns

Kitty Myers - Brain Cancer

Ruby Carter - Home

Mickey Barratta

Lauren Carter

Announcements

Calendar for April - on back table-

SOCIAL - this Wednesday

3rd Sunday @ 5 – two weeks from Today – BACON

Work Day- Saturday April 18 8:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt –TODAY after services. Sandwiches, chips, coffee, cookies...and whatever you brought.

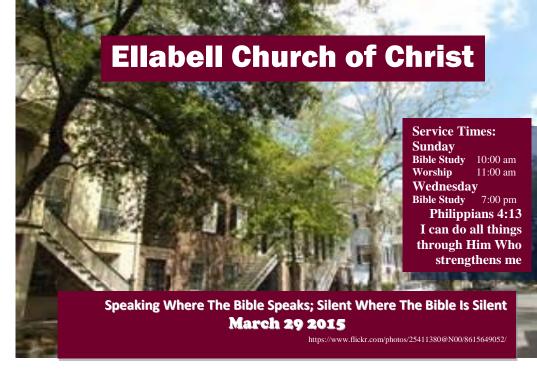
Save – Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, peanut butter **Bookmark our Facebook page.** And add <u>EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com</u> to your contact list. Brother Paul asks that you simply email him anything you want to appear on the Facebook page; pictures, 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.

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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015 (TOM EKPOT JR)

My very dear brethren, I salute all of you and wish that things go well with you all even as you are well in Spirit. I appreciate God who has seen us to this moment. The first quarter of the year is gone, and we are entering the second quarter with high hope. I am so grateful to God, because the way the year started with us, I was wondering if everything was going to go that way. But I confess to all of you that God is gracious and kind in mercy towards us. We were afraid that Nigerian election that started last Saturday will end in violence. Several Christian Southerners had moved down in fear of violence during and after the election. But we decided to stay with our few Christian brothers and sister here so that it they would have some comfort. Well, as it happened, the incumbent Christian president who is from the South lost the election to the Muslim president elect from the North. With this, I believe there would be no violence against us since the Christian man lost the election. Well, may be that is the way God wants to usher in a period of peace in the North. This is one of the wonders of God. I had thought that we may not make it to this month because of the conflict that was anticipated. But God has done this is His own way so that we

can stay back to preach. I think I am ready to go or to stay, to do His will as He sees best.

However, I will be travelling to Rivers State tomorrow Wednesday to speak in their lectureship on Friday. I have to go with my wife and children. Please, keep us in prayers, so that we may go and come back safely. I hope to spend Easter down there and see my parents as well, and return on the Easter Monday. From Jos to Rivers State is about 800miles.

This month of March went so fast almost like last February. I taught 4 Bible classes in Mazah on Fridays and another 4 classes on Sundays at Foron Mission and New Foron. Since my students love going with me, I do keep some at Foron Mission while I go with some to New Foron. Those congregations are doing well. We had one baptism at Foron Mission this month. A teenage boy in the high school who came for holiday with his brother decided to surrender his life for Christ. Join me in praying for the young Justice Samuel to grow in faith. Our weekend evangelism in Mazah is going on well. I still request for tracts that could help us reach some people who claim to be too busy to give us time to study with them. At the school of Biblical studies, we are doing alright. We are planning for our annual lectureship coming up in May. Please, join us in prayers for those we have invited to come and bless us with spiritual lessons. Let me now appreciate you all for your sacrifices to keep the gospel going in Africa. Your labor would go unrewarded. We are indeed very grateful to you all. I wish you all a wonderful Easter celebration ahead.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

"I Know The Shepherd"

Mike Riley

The story is told of a Shakespearean actor who was known everywhere for his one-man shows of readings and recitations from the classics. He would always end his performance with a reading of Psalm 23.

Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want".... the crowd would listen attentively. And then, at

the conclusion of the psalm, they would rise in thunderous applause in appreciation of the actor's incredible ability to bring the verse to life.

But one night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recital of Psalm 23, a young man from the audience spoke up. "Sir, do you mind if tonight I recite Psalm 23?"

The actor was quite taken aback by this unusual request, but he allowed the young man to come forward and stand front and center on the stage to recite the psalm, knowing that the ability of this unskilled youth would be no match for his own talent.

With a soft voice, the young man began to recite the words of the psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the young man's recitation that every eye was full of tears.

Amazed by what he had heard, the actor said to the youth, "I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years. I have a lifetime of experience and training, but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?"

The young man quietly replied, "Well sir, you know the Psalm. I know the Shepherd."

—Unknown Author

Dear reader, there is indeed a big difference in merely quoting the Psalm and knowing the Shepherd! (John 10:14; 1 John 2:1-6). Do you know the Shepherd?

Mike Riley is a member of the Montana Street church of Christ in El Paso, Tx

Stay for a while after services today

The kids will hunt for eggs and we will eat.

Spend time with your family today and your

Church family right after services.

