

# Ellabell Church of Christ

## Service Times:

**Sunday**  
Bible Study 10:00 am  
Worship 11:00 am  
**Wednesday**  
Bible Study 7:00 pm  
**Philippians 4:13**  
I can do all things  
through Him Who  
strengthens me

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

**August 9, 2015**

<https://blueidgimpressions.wordpress.com/2014/08/29/savannah-in-august-after-dark/>

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2015 – TOM EK POT JR

My very dearly beloved in Christ, I greet you all with the love of God, hoping that the grace of God is sufficient to you all. We thank God for seeing us through the month of July despite all the repeated threats the Devil brings to discourage the children of God. We are safe today because you have not ceased to pray for us. I thank you all individually and collectively for unrestrained love and care you all have shown to me, my family and the work in Africa. This would not have been possible if not that the Spirit of God dwells in you, causing you to think beyond yourselves, to show love even unto the people of Africa.

I still plead that you keep on praying for us. The Devil is devising means of ensuring the children of God slack in their love for God. We are going through a period I may call "test of Christian faith." Truly we are triumphantly waxing stronger in faith, but some that were coming up in their faith are diminishing because of fear of death. No one knows what will happen when Christians gather for worship, if they will come out alive or not. Some have refused going to church for fear of bomb. Unfortunately, the evil people do not target people only in the church, but even in the market and even in the mosques that don't agree with them. The fortunate thing is that God is still in control.

The young churches in the village of Foron Mission and New Foron are doing well. The Village came under attack for the second

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

**August 9, 2015**

Charles Hall  
Joe Burnsed  
Evan Hall  
Wade White  
Mike Reinitz  
Joe Holloway Sr.

**August 16, 2015**

Evan Hall  
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Charles Hall  
Joe Burnsed  
Wade White  
Jeff Torney

### Prayer List



**Bob Emsweller** – at home about to be 96  
**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  
**LeeAnne** – health problems  
**Juanita Fortner** – Cardiac Problems, Donna's aunt  
**Ally Monroid** – almost 3 months old – health problems  
**Mike Powell**-back trouble  
**Shirley Avant** – Kim Burnsed's Mother. In St Joseph's-possible seizure  
**Kitty Myers** – Brain Cancer  
**Ruby Carter** – Home  
**Mickey Barratta**  
**Lauren Carter**  
**Jacob Brian** – Cancer Patient  
**Brenda Kelly** – in Hospice  
**Claudie Lyons** –Joe Burnsed's boss  
**Ashley Becker-Leukemia**-daughter of Clarisse's coworker  
**Patricia Kramer-Sue's** sister-fall and rehab in Florida  
**Joe Holloway Sr.** – Hospital then home then hospital then home  
**Sue Holloway** – home recuperating  
**Lisa Barratta**

## Announcements

**Calendar for August** – on back table.

**Social this Wednesday evening after Bible Study**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 5 – next Sunday at 5:00 pm GRILLED CHEESE- whatever you can make of it.**

**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/>

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time in two months. The Islamic militants besieged the village on the first Sunday of the month, to the point that the road was taken over. We were unable to make our way to the Church. But my joy is that even in the midst of this, the Church was still able to meet for worship without my being there. Whatever that happens, even if I am not there again, the Church is alive to God's glory.

My Friday class with Mazah congregation is going on well. We are rebuilding the worshipping place. It is difficult for us because of the meager contribution we make on Sunday. But God's grace is sufficient for us, as we are moving gradually. Please keep us in prayers. The building is so important to us because the mentality of people around there is that a church without building is a frustrated church. The state of building made our weekly evangelism difficult. The good thing is that the Christians know better than what the culture knows. So even though we were meeting in dilapidated building, their faith was still together. We did not lose any member on account of the state of worshipping place.

For the past few weeks, I have been handling a class on "Christian Life of Holiness" at Ring Road Church of Christ. The class is challenging as I have to teach myself first to reach others. It is generating interest on daily basis. We hope after the class members will draw a thick line between holy things and profanity. We can make a difference in the world if we make clear difference between the things of God and the ungodly things. I have taught 11 Bible classes with two different congregations. During the month of July, I set up 9 bible studies. We are hoping that these studies will help the prospect come to understanding of the biblical salvation, and if possible give themselves unto Christ. Please, pray along with me. Also, I was opportune to present a lesson on reconciliation in Highland FM, Jos on the last Sunday of July.

The School of Biblical Studies resumes in the next two weeks for 2015/16 academic session. I am getting ready to teach 6 courses plus dealing with other related students' challenges. This week (Thursday and Friday), I am speaking at the National Youth Program here in Jos. Pray for me to be able to impact these youths positively.

Thank you for praying for my mother who was sick last month. Presently, she is still receiving treatment, and her health is better than before. At the same time, I covet the prayers of the saints for my wife, Sandra, who is down with acute malaria and typhoid fever. She is undergoing treatment. Our faith is not in the drugs, but in God who is capable of empowering the drugs to work effectively.

Brethren, once again, accept my sincere gratitude for all your cares. May our heavenly Lord reward you all abundantly.

## Rescue at Sea

- Unknown



Years ago, in a small fishing village in Holland, a young boy taught

the world about the rewards of unselfish service. Because the entire village revolved around the fishing industry, a volunteer rescue team was needed in cases of emergency. One night the winds raged, the clouds burst and a gale force storm capsized a fishing boat at sea. Stranded and in

trouble, the crew sent out the S.O.S. The captain of the rescue rowboat team sounded the alarm and the villagers assembled in the town square overlooking the bay. While the team launched their rowboat and fought their way through the wild waves, the villagers waited restlessly on the beach, holding lanterns to light the way back.

An hour later, the rescue boat reappeared through the fog and the cheering villagers ran to greet them. Falling exhausted on the sand, the volunteers reported that the rescue boat could not hold any more passengers and they had to leave one man behind. Even one more passenger would have surely capsized the rescue boat and all would have been lost.

Frantically, the captain called for another volunteer team to go after the lone survivor. Sixteen-year-old Hans stepped forward. His mother grabbed his arm, pleading, "Please don't go. Your father died in a shipwreck 10 years ago and your older brother, Paul, has been lost at sea for three weeks. Hans, you are all I have left."

Hans replied, "Mother, I have to go. What if everyone said, 'I can't go, let someone else do it?'" Mother, this time I have to do my duty. When the call for service comes, we all need to take our turn and do our part." Hans kissed his mother, joined the team and disappeared into the night.

Another hour passed, which seemed to Hans' mother like an eternity. Finally, the rescue boat darted through the fog with Hans standing up in the bow. Cupping his hands, the captain called, "Did you find the lost man?" Barely able to contain himself, Hans excitedly yelled back, "Yes, we found him. Tell my mother it's my older brother, Paul!"