

ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Communion
Assist
Assist
Dismiss Services

December 6, 2015

Joe Holloway Sr
 Evan Hall
 Jeff Torney
 Mike Reinitz
 Alex Torney
 Jim Wadsworth

December 13, 2015

Mike Reinitz
 Jeff Torney
 Jim Wadsworth
 Wade White
 Alex Torney
 Joe Burnsed

Prayer List



Bob Emsweller – at home with health problems
Darlene Monreal – Mike Powell's daughter. health problems
Gregory Dozier – family problems
Sandy Parker – at home with her parents.
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
Donna Holloway - in need of prayers.
Scott Dyer – in need of prayer
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
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. – at home
Lisa Barratta
Mike Pranschke-husband of PaulaReinitz's coworker- possible kidney transplant
Kim Burnsed's Father
Family of Dalene Bragg

Announcements

Calendar for November– on back table-

SOCIAL- this Wednesday evening after Bible Study

Truck from Raintree – Coming TOMORROW! . Bring items to the building

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, peanut butter, & Stamps

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

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
December 6, 2015, 2015

<https://josephmallozzi.wordpress.com/2013/12/14/december-14-2013-planning-the-fan-campaign-and-next-years-group-holiday/>

PROCLAIMING VERSUS EXPLAINING

John Gipson

Arthur Balfour once said. "I am more or less happy when being praised, not very uncomfortable when being abused, but I have moments of uneasiness when being explained."



As I pondered these words, I began to reflect on the seriousness of preaching and the possibility that we may be making God terribly uneasy by

giving explanations of what He has said. Perhaps a better approach might be to simply say, "Thus saith the Lord," and let it stand at that. In the midst of all of our explaining, the original message could well be lost despite our best intentions.

One musical person was talking about those pieces called "Variations on a Theme by Haydn" or "Bach" or "Schumann," and said the "the variations are so many and so varied that the hearers wonder what the

original theme was." True! True!

I know that there is a place for explanation. The Ethiopian needed it when he was reading the prophet

Isaiah and came to the words, "As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied



him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth." (Acts 8:32-33.) This opened the door for Philip to tell the good news of Jesus.

My fear is that in our efforts to explain God we forget to simply proclaim Him. In the words of the apostle Paul, "Preach the Word!" After all the variations it's refreshing to hear the simple words, "And the Lord God said. . ."

-via The Midtown Church of Christ; Victoria, TX

Reverence In Worship

by Gene Taylor

Of the many problems that plague the church, a lack of reverence in worship is a particularly irritating one to those who desire to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24). It is extremely offensive to them because there should be no reason for anyone, especially one who claims to be a child of God, to have an irreverent attitude when the saints assemble to worship God. Yet, no matter what congregation you assemble with, irreverent attitudes and actions are displayed over and over by a few. It should not be so! Just keeping a few facts in mind should help in the solution to this problem.

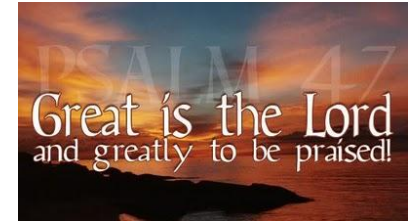
Reverence is honor or respect felt or shown. In worship that reverence is to be directed toward God. To Him belongs honor, because all honor and glory is due Him (1 Tim. 1:17; Rom. 15:6). Respect is due Him because of His love (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8) and His wrath (Hebrews 12:28-29).

Acting in an irreverent manner puts these people in the same dilemma in which Ananias and Sapphira found themselves (Acts 5:1-11). Even though they thought they were only lying to men, the

apostle Peter told them that, in reality, they were lying to God. When people act up in or disrupt worship today, they are not just being disrespectful to those people around them, they are being disrespectful to God, an act just as evil as that of Ananias and Sapphira.

The reverence that is necessary for proper worship is not based on externals such as dimmed lights, etc. The proper reverent attitude that is to characterize every worshiper of God comes from within the individual. A person will only be reverent when he realizes the love of God is

upon the obedient but that the wrath of God is upon the disobedient. While this attitude must come from the heart of each person there are a few things that would



aid worship and help develop the reverence needed. Here are a few suggestions to help us improve in our worship:

First, prepare your mind mentally for worship. Know what you are doing and why you are doing it. Read a passage from the Bible, look over some of the songs that are to be sung or pray a silent prayer for strength and focus.

Second, keep the use of the rest rooms by yourself and your children to a minimum prior to, but especially during, the worship period.

Third, be aware of toddlers to teens. They are never too young or too old to worship. Remember, attitudes learned while one is a youth are carried into adulthood.

Fourth, be as well-rested as possible. You will then be physically and mentally alert.

Fifth, concentrate on what is going on. Put all other things out of your mind.

Many other things could be suggested but if we use these guidelines and determine in our heart to offer worship that is well-pleasing to God, it will reap great benefits for us in this life and the life to come. Let us all learn to truly serve our merciful Father in spirit and in truth.

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