

# 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.

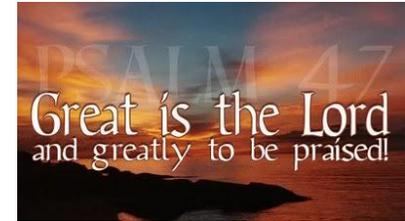
Reverence is honor or respect felt or shown. In worship that reverence is to be directed toward God. To Him belongs honor, because all honor and glory is due Him (1 Tim. 1:17; Rom. 15:6). Respect is due Him because of His love (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8) and His wrath (Hebrews 12:28-29).

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.

Via The Church of Christ in Zion, IL