

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

**February 15, 2015**

Joe Burnsed  
 Evan Hall  
 Jim Wadsworth  
 Brent Dozier  
 Alex Torney  
 Joe Holloway

**February 22, 2015**

Charles Hall  
 Jeff Torney  
 Joe Burnsed  
 Mike Reinitz  
 Alex Torney  
 Jim 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.

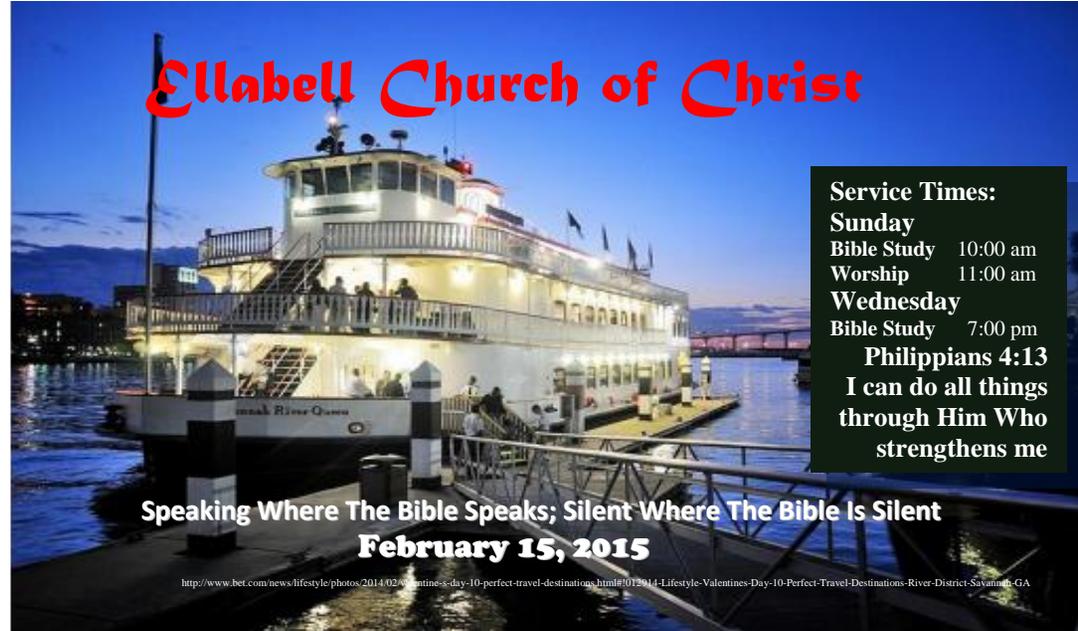
Jay Williams – Health problems  
 Mark & Teresa Callaway – health problems  
 Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell  
 Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating  
 Scott Reinitz – Mike's brother - Health problems  
 John - suffering from cancer and had been declared terminal  
 Kevin Stanley – in Afghanistan  
 Nancy Nubren – Cancer patient  
 Linda Wilson – Cancer patient.  
 Jeremy Cotham – cancer patient and double amputee submitted by Sister Edith Cox  
 Donna Holloway- 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  
 Family of Olga Crownover –friend of the Holloways  
 Ally Monroid – almost 3 months old – health problems  
 Mike Powell-back trouble  
 Kim Burnsed's Parents

**Announcements**

**Calendar for February** – on back table-  
 Feb 22, 2015 – Joe will be gone and preaching at Statesboro. Brother Larry will be here.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 5 – Feb 15. PIZZA- That's TODAY!!!  
 SOCIAL – Next week after morning services  
 Meetings-Next week after evening services  
**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/>

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**  
**February 15, 2015**

<http://www.bet.com/news/lifestyle/photos/2014/02/valentines-day-10-perfect-travel-destinations.html#012014-Lifestyle-Valentines-Day-10-Perfect-Travel-Destinations-River-District-Savannah-GA>

**Service Times:**

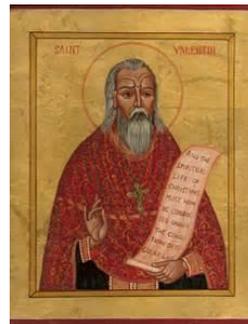
**Sunday**  
 Bible Study 10:00 am  
 Worship 11:00 am  
**Wednesday**  
 Bible Study 7:00 pm  
**Philippians 4:13**  
**I can do all things**  
**through Him Who**  
**strengthens me**

## Legends of Saint Valentine

Early Christian Church indicates the presence of at least two saints names Valentine. Some scholars however, says that there were as many as seven saints credited with the name of Saint Valentine or Valentinus all of whom lived in the Third Century and apparently died on the same day. Given here are some of the most popular of all legends of Saint Valentine:

### Saint Valentine of Rome – I

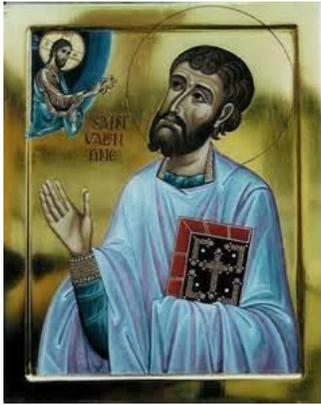
According to one very popular legend, Valentine was a priest in Rome who lived during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. Under his regime, Claudius is said to have engaged Rome into several bloody battles. To strengthen his army, the Emperor continuously needed to recruit soldiers. However, Claudius found that not many soldiers were keen to join the army because of attachment with their wives and families. In order to sever the bond of attachment, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine – a romantic at heart priest, defied this callous decree of Claudius by secretly arranging marriages of young men



and women. When Valentine's defiance was discovered by the Emperor, he was brutally beaten up and put to death on February 14, about 270 AD.

For his martyrdom and dedication for the cause Valentine was named a Saint after his death. By the Middle Ages, Saint Valentine became popular as the patron saint of love and lovers in England and France to the extent that Pope Gelasius declared February 14 as Valentine's Day on 498 AD and put an end to pagan celebrations. Thus, Saint Valentine's martyrdom day became an occasion to celebrate love.

### Saint Valentine of Rome - II



Another famous legend on Saint Valentine states Valentine was an early Christian in Rome who was very popular amongst children. But during the time when Valentine lived, the Roman regime was not in favor of Christianity and it even persecuted Christians to make Rome free of the followers of Christianity. In spite of this strict law, Valentine continued to practice his faith and refused to worship Roman gods. This enraged Emperor Claudius II and he put Valentine into prison.

Valentine is said to have spent a year in rigorous imprisonment during which he was missed a lot by children. They began to toss loving notes and flowers between the bars of his cell window. To an extent, this legend may explain the tradition of exchanging notes and flowers on Valentine's Day.

Some scholars believe that during his stay in prison Valentine made friends with the jailer's blind daughter who at times brought to him notes and flowers from children. Whenever possible Valentine also replied to the notes. Days before his execution, Valentine prayed for the jailer's daughter and she regained her sight. Before his death, Valentine is also said to have written a farewell note for the jailer's daughter and signed it "**From Your Valentine**". This expression is popular even until today.

Some scholars believe that Valentine was killed because he tried to help Christians escape from the Roman prison as they were being

tortured and beaten. Yet another set of scholars say Emperor Claudius II was impressed by Valentine's kindness and good behavior. He even stated that Valentine could be freed if he agreed to worship Roman gods. Valentine did not just refuse he even tried to convert the Emperor to Christianity. This made Claudius very angry and he ordered his execution. Valentine was beheaded on February 14.

From <http://www.stvalentinesday.org/legends-of-st-valentines-day.html>

## God's Valentine Gift

By Joanna Fuchs

God's Valentine gift of love to us

Was not a bunch of flowers;

It wasn't candy, or a book  
To while away the hours.  
His gift was to become a  
man,

So He could freely give  
His sacrificial love for us,  
So you and I could live.



He gave us sweet salvation, and  
Instruction, good and true--  
To love our friends and  
enemies  
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our  
Valentines,  
Let's thank our Lord and  
King;

The reason we have love to give  
Is that He gave everything.



