

	January 4, 2015	January 11, 2015
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	Brent Dozier
Song Leader	Wade White	Evan Hall
Communion	Charles Hall	Jeff Torney
Assist	Alex Torney	Mike Reinitz
Assist	Jeff Torney	Wade White
Dismiss Services	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway

#### 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.

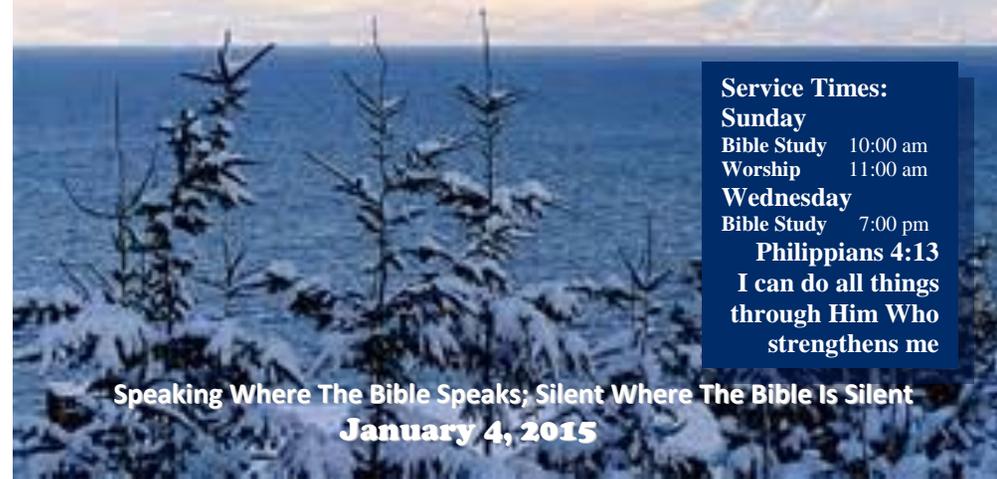
**Wanda Pledge** – recovering from a stroke at home.  
**Jay Williams** – Health problems  
**Mark & Teresa Callaway** – health problems  
**Edith Cox** – at home – former member of Ellabell  
**Elma Jean Roberson** – at home recuperating  
**Scott Reinitz** – Mike's brother – Health problems  
**John** – 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  
**Olga Crownover** – Hospice Care in Little Rock; friend of the Holloways  
**Ally Monrold** – almost 3 months old – health problems

#### Announcements

**Calendar for January** – on back table.  
**Social** – not this Wednesday but the following Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 5** – will be a tribute to Asian food. Don't miss it ... on the 18th  
**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

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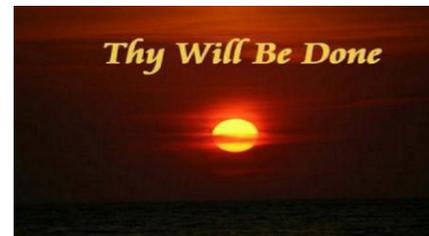


**Service Times:**  
**Sunday**  
 Bible Study 10:00 am  
 Worship 11:00 am  
**Wednesday**  
 Bible Study 7:00 pm  
**Philippians 4:13**  
 I can do all things  
 through Him Who  
 strengthens me

Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent  
**January 4, 2015**

## IF THE LORD WILLS

by Ron Drumm



Our world is much like the New Testament world concerning buying and selling merchandise and being involved in marketing a product. Business involves planning how to market and sell

your goods. God cares about our business endeavors. But He wants us to see the importance of not boasting about our work. James calls it arrogant to boast about business efforts as if we are the ones in charge and our successes come because of what we have done ([James 4:13-17](#)).

Earlier James revealed that every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow of turning ([James 1:17](#)). God is the provider of everything we have. Our very lives come from Him. We

must understand that everything we are able to do is based on God's blessings for us ([Matthew 6:25-34](#)).

Another sobering truth centers on the brevity of life. We simply have no promise of another day. Our personal life span is like a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away ([James 4:14](#)). Our future lives depend on God's providential care.



So, everything that we plan to do or we are doing should be prefaced with the words, "If the Lord wills..." ([James 4:15](#)). This acknowledgement of God's involvement in our lives demonstrates our humble attitude

concerning every aspect of our day to day activities. If we believe that God cares about what we are doing and that God is involved in what we are doing, then we will not arrogantly boast in our work.

It is important that we stay away from evil and do that which is good. In fact when we know there is something good we should be doing and we do not do it, then we have sinned ([James 4:17](#)). We know if the Lord is willing we will be buying and selling, going to school, and living a long and prosperous life to the glory of God



## Email from Nigeria

*My very dear brethren, permit me to begin by saying, Happy New Year!*

*It is another year. We have become*

*like our two eyes, even though we do not see each other, yet we see together, cry together, and sleep*

*together. We are so grateful for all your love and care. When we look at the sacrifice you have made, we regain strength to keep on moving on despite the dangers we do face, of course, your prayers have seen us through to this point. You have accomplished much in Africa, which you may not imagine. May God keep blessing you the more in this New Year. I keep on feeling the absence of our late brother Olan. I know you feel him the more. May God's will be perfected in our individual and collective lives this year. Thank you for praying for my family. The year almost ended with crisis, but God has averted it for us. Sandra is out of the hospital, she is still recovering. My son Goodnews is booked for another dental clinic on the 3rd of January. His two broken teeth will have to be crown to avoid further damage. Once again, Happy New Year and great love.*

*Grace and peace,*

*Tom*

