

# Ellabell Church of Christ

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

**March 29, 2015**

Joe Burnsed  
 Wade White  
 Charles Hall  
 Jeff Torney  
 Kenneth Jenks  
 Evan Hall

**April 5, 2015**

Charles Hall  
 Joe Burnsed  
 Evan Hall  
 Wade White  
 Brent Dozier  
 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  
 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  
 Kim Burnsed's Parents  
 Mary Bacon – Tough decisions. Health Concerns  
 Kitty Myers – Brain Cancer  
 Ruby Carter - Home

## Announcements

**Calendar for April** – on back table-

**Meetings** – will be tonight after services

**SOCIAL** - not this Wednesday but the following Wednesday, the 8th

**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

## 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**

**March 29 2015**

<http://visittybee.com/what-to-see-and-do/historic-savannah/>

## DONKEYS & MULES: THE RIDE OF KINGS

*Jesus was not showing humility when he rode a donkey on what we call his "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem. What the people saw was their king on the ride of kings. So they sang!*

*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!.*

*(Luke 19:38)*



*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessed is the King of Israel!*

*(John 12:13)*

*Webster defines a mule as the offspring of a horse and donkey. Judges 5:9-10 says, "My heart is with Israel's princes....you who*

*ride on white donkeys." Judge Jair led Israel 22 years, and had 30 sons who rode 30 donkeys (Judges 10:3-4). Judge Abdon, who*

ruled Israel 8 years, had 70 sons and grandsons who rode on 70 donkeys (Judges 12:14).

II Samuel 18:9 says Absalom, King David's son, rode on a mule. In I Kings 1:33,38,44, David ordained that his son, Solomon, ride on his own mule through the street as one proof that he chose Solomon to be the next king.

The people knew Jesus was not only riding the ride of kings, but was also at last fulfilling the prophecy they all knew well:

**Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion!**

**See, your king is coming seated on a donkey's colt!**

(John 12:15; Zechariah 9:9)

And herein is the humility that Jesus did exhibit: He rode on the colt of a donkey. Still, even the colt was a sign to his followers. They knew so well the entire prophecy of Zechariah continued in 9:10, looking forward in time to that Triumphant Day:

**He will proclaim peace to the nations!**

**His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River  
To the ends of the earth!**

From <http://churchofchrist-cg-az.com/files/article-Ride-of-Kings.htm>



## What About Church Growth?

By Mike Riley

Almost every religious journal carries an article about church growth. Seminars are conducted about it. Experts on church growth have become as numerous as fleas on

a dog. There are many misconceptions about church growth as well as mistakes as to what real growth is. Many err in regard to what it takes for a congregation to grow.

### The Amount Of Contribution

The general consensus seems to be that if the contribution is above average or exceeding the budget, it is an indication of church growth. While it is true that if a church is to grow properly each member must give liberally and cheerfully (2 Corinthians 8:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7), a big contribution is not the determining factor in church growth. Some "big givers" in the church are such because the preacher doesn't "step on their toes". Should he begin to "crack



down" on their sins, they cut down on their contribution. A church is not growing much if an above average contribution depends on sanctioning sin.

### The Incorrect Assessment Of Numbers

Another false measurement of church growth is an incorrect assessment of numbers. A mere shift of members from one place to another is no growth at all. The Lord's instruction is "Go make disciples" (Matthew 28:18 – ESV) rather than "compete for what you already have". New carpet, air conditioning, comfortable pews, or size and beauty of a building do not determine growth. Millions of dollars have been spent on the concept that such are indications of church growth.

### Indications Of Real Growth

What then are indications of real growth? Let's ask ourselves, how God conscious are the members? Do they put Him first in their lives? (Matthew 6:33). Are they seeking to present His image in daily conduct? (2 Corinthians 3:18; James 1:23). How do the members treat one another? Do they "rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep"? (Romans 12:15). What about indications of concern for the needy? (James 2:14-18; 1 John 3:17-18). Is there an earnest desire that the lost hear the gospel? If members are faithful in true evangelism and real benevolence as they should be, church growth will take care of itself, all the church growth seminars being conducted notwithstanding.

### Conclusion

Most members say they want the church to grow. But church growth is a lot like the weather – everybody talks about it, but no one does much about it. Ask yourself, how long has it been since I invited a non-Christian to attend a service and hear the gospel preached? It might be surprising how many people in your city or community have never been personally invited to attend the services of the Lord's church. What are you (and I) **doing** to help the church grow?

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