

# Ellabell Church 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**  
**October 18, 2015**  
<https://www.flipkey.com/blog/2014/09/12/best-fall-east-coast-vacation-spots/>

	October 18, 2015	October 25, 2015
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Evan Hall	Charles Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jeff Torney	Wade White
<b>Communion</b>	Jim Wadsworth	Joe Burnsed
<b>Assist</b>	Wade White	Jim Wadsworth
<b>Assist</b>	Alex Torney	Jeff Torney
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Joe Burnsed	Jim Wadsworth

**Prayer List**



**Bob Emsweller** – at home about to be 96  
**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.  
**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  
**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  
**Shirley Avant** – Kim Burnsed's Mother. In St Joseph's-possible seizure  
**Kitty Myers** – Brain Cancer  
**Ruby Carter** – Home  
**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.** – Hospital then home then hospital then home  
**Sue Holloway** – home recuperating  
**Lisa Barratta**  
**Mike Pranschke**-husband of PaulaReinitz's coworker- possible kidney transplant  
**Betty Ingram**-at home with her daughter under Hospice care

**Announcements**

**Calendar for October**– on back table-  
**SOCIAL – next week – Super Sunday- both services and a social! Bible Class Too!!**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @5 – today – CANDY!!!!!!!**  
**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

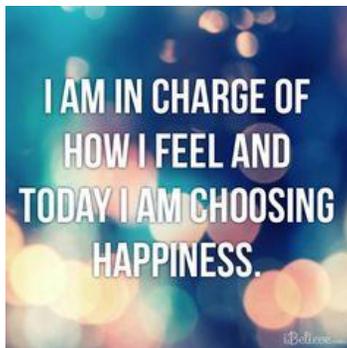


**Be of Good Cheer, Thy Sins Be Forgiven Thee**  
**By: Clay Bond**

What each of us wants, more than anything, is to be happy. However, the key to being happy is knowing where happiness can be found. In Psalms 4:7 David said, "Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased." Yes, God provides happiness! He puts gladness in our hearts when we completely trust in Him and allow Him to direct our steps (Proverbs 3:5). Solomon said, "Whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he" (Proverbs 16:20).

Psalm 4:7 teaches us that true happiness extends from the heart and is not based on outward circumstances. The type of "happiness" that is based on outward circumstances has no substance. It comes and goes as our situation shifts from pleasant to troublesome to pleasant again. The type of happiness that is founded upon God's presence (Psalm 16:8-9), upon worshipping

Him regularly (Psalm 122:1) and upon contentment (1 Timothy 6:6-8) makes our hearts rejoice always (Philippians 4:4). This real, genuine happiness surpasses time and circumstance; it is abiding joy from deep within our hearts.



Also in Psalm 4:7 is the statement "more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased." This statement tells us that the happiness God provides is far greater than that which the world might offer, even in times of great prosperity. There are three passages in the New Testament where Jesus says "be of good cheer" (Matthew 9:2, Mark 6:50, John 16:33). These words give us great insight into the happiness God provides.

In Matthew 9:2 Jesus spoke these words to a man He had healed and added "thy sins be forgiven thee." The happiness God offers is found in forgiveness. Good news always makes us happy and some of the best news we could ever hear is that there is forgiveness with God, (Psalm 130:4). You see, while there is temporary pleasure in sin (Hebrews 11:25) there is no real happiness (Psalm 38:4) because sin is always followed by unpleasant consequences (Proverbs 8:36; Isaiah 57:21 and Romans 6:23). Many seek therapy or counseling to alleviate the burden of sin. They are confused and ask "why can't I be happy?" The sad reality is we do not need to look any further than our own sinful lives for the source of our unhappiness.

Jeremiah 3:25 addresses the reality that sin is the great destroyer of happiness (for additional evidence of this read Psalms 32 & 51). The prophet says "We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned . . ." Sin robs us of happiness and leaves us with confusion, shame and guilt! If you find yourself unhappy listen to what one of God's Old Testament prophets said long ago "consider your ways" (Haggai 1:5).

God has laid out His terms of pardon in His word and they are not hard to understand. Hear now how Jesus Christ was born of

virgin to redeem you from sin through His death and resurrection (Matthew 1:21-23; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Galatians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:18-19), unite this message with faith and confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Romans 10:17, Mark 16:15-16 & Romans 10:9-10), repent of your life of sin, be immersed into Christ for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38) and continue to walk with Christ (Revelation 2:10). When you are baptized into Christ you contact His cleansing blood which washes your sins away and makes you His "new creature" (Romans 6:3-4, Revelation 1:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17).

If you are living in sin and your life is characterized by shame and guilt rather than peace and happiness, know this: God wants to fill your heart with gladness. God wants you to repent, to obey Him and to receive cleansing. He wants you to act before it is everlastingly too late (2 Peter 3:9). God wants you to be happy.

