

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
September 6, 2015

<http://sagabio.com/26/what-is-the-weather-like-in-savannah-georgia-in-december>

	September 6, 2015	September 13, 2015
Opening Prayer	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway Sr
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
Communion	Jeff Torney	Jim Wadworth
Assist	Wade White	Mike Reinitz
Assist	Jim Wadsworth	Alex Torney
Dismiss Services	Joe Holloway Sr	Jeff Torney

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 - 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
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 Paula Reinitz's coworker - possible kidney transplant

Announcements

Calendar for September – on back table -

MEETINGS - tonight after evening services

SOCIAL – this Wednesday, the 9th

Save – Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, peanut butter

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/>

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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2015 (TOM EKPOT JR)

My very dear brethren, I salute you all in Jesus name. I trust God that His grace was sufficient unto us during the month of August. I appreciate you all for your continuous prayers. We have come this far because God is with us and you are standing by us in this struggle. It is always good to remember that we are not alone.

During the month of August, I taught 9 Bible classes in Mazah and Bauchi Ring Road Congregations. At Mazah, we are now treating the topic "Let this cup pass away from me." A statement made by Jesus towards his time of distress. We are looking at things that are staggering at us, yet we do not want to go through them. I set up some personal studies at Mazah area and Ring Road. I am trusting God that those independent studies we set up will be fruitful in due course. It was difficult making it to Foron because of the challenges of insecurity. The area was consistently attacked by Islamic herdsmen. Several people have been killed. Operating a kind of guerilla warfare, they ceased the road leading to Foron village. Brethren, this story is better read like this, but experiencing the situation is

traumatic. Several people cannot sleep in their homes because of fear of attack. Presently, they have gone into people farms cutting down the crops that were almost due for production. Several families will face severe famine this coming year because of things like these. Up in the far North, people cannot go to farms because of fear of attack. Here in Plateau, those who summed up courage to plant have lost their farms. I covet your prayers for these people.



Youth Lectureship

During the month of August, I spoke in a Youth lectureship that lasted for 4 days in Jos. Over 400 kids across the country gathered for the program. It was

a good time to deal with young people and the use of social media, which was the theme of the lectureship.

At the school of Biblical Studies, Jos, we resumed for the 2015/16 academic session on the 11th August 2015. This year, we had 33 new students. Interestingly, we had 3 students from Borno State that has suffered much from the activities of the Islamic insurgent. We had one student from Adamawa State as well. These are states that have lost several congregations as a result of Islamic Militants. We also have an orphan girl from Mazah congregation coming to the school. Seeing her commitment in the Church, we at Mazah decided that we will train her. She has started a program leading to the award of BA Degree in Christian Religious Studies. We could not admit as many as we wanted because of the limited space we have at the School. Please, commit us in prayers that God will grant us another peaceful session. Things are difficult in the Northern Nigeria. Some years ago we did not know that situation will deteriorate to this level where it is common to be threatened. We assumed that peace and safety were natural

and normal. We hardly mentioned such things in prayers, but now there is no prayer even by children without mentioning peace and safety. We trust God that our students' lives are secured and we and our families are in His hands. But I tell you, we are determined to continue this work. Not in our life time will Islam make our worshipping places their mosques. For that reason we do evangelism to bring more souls and conduct regular Bible classes to encourage Christians against backsliding

I Don't Get It

You have just read Tom's report. There are many amazing points he makes. What amazes me is that a four day Youth rally attracts over 400 people from all over a country which is besieged with terrorism. It is not an unusual thing for people to die for going to Church in Northern Nigeria. We in the USA, where peace and safety is the norm, look at these events and understandably thank God that we have peace and safety and the ability to worship in freedom.

But we need to be asking ourselves how we use that great gift of peace and safety when we worship. Brethren, it bothers me greatly to read of Christians who see their Christianity as precious enough to risk their lives to attend and then see preachers begging members of their own congregation to attend. Tom made a great point that at one time in Nigeria no one thought they would be in danger. Are we at that point? Do we take for granted the safety we fell in worshipping God? In short, are we at the same point as the Nigeria of the past of which Tom speaks?

Why do people risk their lives to attend Church services? And, why don't we attend Worship services when our safety is just about guaranteed? I am afraid I just don't get it.

-Joe Holloway
Ellabell, GA