

# ELABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

**July 31, 2016**

Joe Holloway Sr  
Evan Hall  
Joe Holloway Sr.  
Wade White  
Kenneth Jenks  
Jim Wadsworth

**August 7, 2016**

Mike Reinitz.  
Joe Holloway Sr.  
Joe Burnsed  
Kenneth Jenks  
Wade White  
Charles Hall



## Prayer List

**Bob Emsweller** – at home recovering; broken hip  
**Jerry Emsweller**-at home  
**Darlene Monreal** – Mike Powell's daughter. health problems  
**Gregory Dozier** – family problems  
**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  
**Dorothy B Smith**  
**Nick & Lisa Barratta** – ongoing health problems  
**Amanda** –Clarisse Wadsworth's granddaughter – Cancer Patient  
**Mike Powell**-home after surgery  
**Shirley Avant** –  
**Mickey Barratta**  
**Lauren Carter**  
**Lisa Barratta**  
**Sara Carter**-friend of the Holloways. Cancer patient  
**Jonathon Jones**-Donna Holloway's cousin; car accident-critical at Memorial  
**Heather Wooten** – Mike & Paula Reinitz's daughter – possible cervical cancer  
**Braydon** – Mike & Paula Reinitz's grandson – lung disease and possible deaf in one ear  
**Tabitha Niedlinger**  
**Paul Kuntz** – back troubles continue  
**Richard & Ruby Denny**-Paula Reinitz's parents-Heart trouble

## Announcements

**Calendar for August** – probably isn't done yet but check anyway

## Meetings-Next week after evening services

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

**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

July 31, 2016

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g40514-Activities-Savannah\\_Georgia.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g40514-Activities-Savannah_Georgia.html)

## What Keeps a Local Congregation Going?

*”Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.”*

There is a formula for congregational life in this passage. Congregations of the Lord's church have been known to suffer death because the time honored principles of inspiration were ignored. Let's look at the inspired formula a little closer.

**Local churches need rest.** Rest is also “a time of peace.” Every local church needs such peace. This was not peace resulting from diminishing the work and worship God assigned to her, but a time of peace from problems. The churches in Judea and Galilee had gone through both internal and external difficulties. By their faith and dedication to

keeping the Lord's church active and alive, no difficulties hindered their growth. That's a lesson for us. A dedicated group of Christians can outlast any problem that threatens their togetherness.

**These churches were edified.** That means they were strengthened and built up. Peter wrote, *"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"* (1 Pet. 2:5). Any congregation that lives and grows must be built up. This requires the effort of every member of the congregation. *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work"* (Eph. 4:16).

**The churches "walked in the fear of the Lord."** In order for a congregation to walk in the fear of the Lord, all the members must live by the same rule (Phil. 3:16). That rule is the will of the Lord. Those who fear the Lord never take liberties with his will. Walking by the same rule assures and maintains the blessed fellowship among those who seek to keep a local church active, well and going. Walking in the fear of the Lord is synonymous with walking in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all"* (2 Cor 13:14). Paul said the church is God's temple and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16-17).

There is no greater thing a group of Christians can do than to keep the local church active and going in the fear of the Lord.

A.T. Robertson said, "The multiplication of the disciples kept pace with the peace, the edification, the walking in the fear of the Lord, the comfort of the Holy Spirit." Never let any trifling thing disrupt the growth of God's church.

## The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ

The most unique individual who ever lived is Jesus of Nazareth. No other man ever lived the life he lived among mortals. He is the unique of all that is unique. The best word that marks his life is perfection. Every word, every thought, and every act of his was flawless. Only those who look at him as just an ordinary man would deny these premises

His uniqueness was not limited to his human perfection. He left the glorious eternal abode of God, taking the form of a servant, was found in fashion as a man (Phil. 2:6-8). As a man his every thought, word, and deed was flawless. On this earth he shared the experiences of humanity (Heb. 2:14). While tempted in all points like others, Jesus is unique in that he alone could truthfully say, "the prince of the world (Satan) comes and he has nothing in me" (John 14:30).

More than being a perfect human being, Jesus is also deity. Deity is ever deity, complete and undiminished. The world into which Jesus came was his own creation. It was through the Son the worlds were made (Heb. 1:2). He created and holds all things in the universe together (vs. 3). He was able to take nothing and create the intricate and immense universe (Heb. 11:3).

Some view Jesus as a man who was in some sense deity, but void of any divine powers. We are told Jesus grew physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually just as a normal human being. He had to learn facts like others and sometimes indicated ignorance. I wonder, if someone had asked of Jesus, "How many planets are there in the universe?" would he have had the ability to give an accurate answer? When he told his disciples of the many mansions in his father's house, was he speaking from personal knowledge, what he had learned, or was it revealed to him through the Holy Spirit?

The Savior once prayed that the glory he had prior to his advent to earth would be restored (John 17:5).. Does this not tell us he knew from personal experience? It is said of him "The one who comes from heaven is above all, he testifies what he has seen and heard" (John 3:31-32). There was nothing ordinary about Jesus other than his physical appearance. He the unique of all that is unique.

Dear reader, do you believe he is what the Bible says he is? Your entire hope of salvation from past sins, translation into his kingdom, and your ultimate salvation depends on it. "If you do not believe that I am, you will indeed die in your sins" (John 8:24, NIV). Believe him and obey him and be saved.