

ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Communion
Assist
Assist
Dismiss Services

May 15, 2016

Evan Hall
 Joe Burnsed
 Charles Hall
 Mike Reinitz
 Evan Hall
 Joe Holloway

May 22, 2016

Joe Holloway Sr
 Evan Hall
 Jeff Torney
 Jim Wadsworth
 Mike Reinitz
 Mike Reinitz



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
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
Mickey Barratta
Lauren Carter
Joe Holloway Sr. – at home
Lisa Barratta
Mike Pranschke-husband of PaulaReinitz's coworker- possible kidney transplant
Kim Burnsed's Father
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
Kelly Kuntz
Sue Holloway – home after surgery
Richard & Ruby Denny-Paula Reinitz's parents-Heart trouble

Announcements

Calendar for March - on back table

Cookout – yesterday !!!

Ladies' Bible Class – May 28 at 10 am

Super Sunday!!!!- next Sunday

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

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

May 15, 2016

VISION

J.W. MCGARVEY, COMMENTING IN HIS FAMOUS *COMMENTARY ON ACTS* on Paul's vi-sion of the invitation to go into Macedonia (*Acts 16*), made some important observations about the leading of the Holy Spirit:

Preachers of the present day have no authoritative visions by night to guide them, and the supposition indulged by some, that they are at times prompted by the Spirit, as Paul was, is nothing more than the conceit of an enthusiast, while it is nothing less than a claim to inspiration. But Paul was often guided merely by the in-dications of Providence, and so may it be with us. If we are attentive to these indica-tions, we shall be under the guidance of that same All-seeing Eye which chose the steps of Paul. If the way of our choosing is entirely blocked up, at times, or some stern necessity turns us aside from a settled purpose, we may regard it as but the firmer pressure of that hand which leads us, for the most part, unseen and unfelt.

Vision is often defined as "creative thinking." The dictionary definition of vision applicable here is "a vivid picture created by the imagination; creativity." Johnathan Swift once wrote that "Vision is

the art of seeing things invisible." A "Vision Statement" of a large Nashville church contains this definition:

"Vision is a picture held in your mind's eye of the way things should be in the days ahead. It is a clear mental image of a preferable future. ... "Since vision deals with what is preferable, then vision entails change. Vision is not about status quo, not about maintenance. It is about reaching and growing."

Vision, then, or creative thinking, is the mental activity of those who desire to accomplish the Lord's will in the most effective way possible. Their desire leads them to actively seek those effective ways, which in turn often provides them with insight into how the task may be accomplished. Paul's desire to work "unbroken ground" was so strong he wanted to go to Spain with the gospel, and actually voiced plans to do so. (*Romans 15:24, 28*)

As brother McGarvey suggested, there are no miraculous revelations from God to-day. But the kind of "vision" considered here is a gift from God. It is given to those who desire to be used by God, and are willing to dedicate themselves to faithfully utilizing their opportunities. It is given to those who are willing to learn from their meditation on God's Word and its application to their circumstances and opportunities. The faithful use of the abilities God has given us will allow us to realize many of the dreams we have for the growth of the Kingdom...and maybe even exceed them.

Soon after the completion of Disney World someone said, "Isn't it a shame Walt Disney didn't live to see this?" Mike Vance, creative director for Disney Studios, replied, "He did see it. That's why it's here."

Did Paul dream of going beyond even Spain? We don't know, but his dreams may have inspired those who realized those future goals. Do you have a vision for about the work of God that needs to be done – that he may want you to be involved in?

Larry Sheehy
Statesboro, Georgia

"What About Them Seven Ducks?"

By Bill Jackson

I couldn't resist this duck story, which happens to be true:



One told of this brother in the church, a carpenter, who was an unlearned man, without any formal education. His employer took the job of building a denominational meeting-house, and the denominational preacher, knowing of the man's lack of formal education, delighted in making himself seen around the building, and in particular picking at the man, knowing him to be one of those "church of Christers."

One day, the denominational preacher was speaking of his man-made doctrine of salvation by "faith only." As he was making his point, the brother-in-Christ spoke up, "But how about them seven ducks?" Everyone thought he had missed the entire point under discussion, and the denominational preacher didn't know what he meant at all. He went on to explain how that Naaman, to obtain cleansing, was told to go "duck" in the Jordan River seven times! "Them seven ducks" meant that obedience to God's will was required, and therefore faith "only" was a false doctrine!

This good brother never claimed to be a preacher or teacher, and never would he claim that he was a "smart" man. But he stopped the mouth of a false teacher, showing him how SEVEN DUCKS entered the picture! He was unlearned, but he had the courage and wisdom to say, "But how about them seven ducks?"

Via Alton Hayes, Munford, AL

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