

Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Communion
Assist
Assist
Dismiss Services

September 11, 2016

Joe Holloway Sr.
Joe Burnsed
Charles Hall
Wade White
Mike Reinitz
Evan Hall

September 18, 2016

Mike Reinitz
Evan Hall
Frank Howard
Kenneth Jenks
Wade White
Charles Hall



Prayer List

Bob Emsweller's Family

Jerry Emsweller - at home

Darlene Monreal - Mike Powell's daughter. health problems

Gregory Dozier - family problems

Sandy Parker - at home with her parents.

Edith Cox - at home - former member of Ellabell

Elma Jean Roberson - at home recuperating

Donna Holloway - in need of prayers.

Scott Dyer - in need of prayer

Nick & Lisa Barratta - ongoing health problems

Amanda - Clarisse Wadsworth's granddaughter - Cancer Patient

Mike Powell - home after surgery

Lauren Carter

Sara Carter - friend of the Holloways. Cancer patient

Tabitha Niedlinger

Paul Kuntz - back troubles continue

Richard & Ruby Denny - Paula Reinitz's parents - Heart trouble

Patsy Scarborough - Donna Holloway's Mom - Cancer patient

Mae Kuntz - Paul's Mother

Announcements

Calendar for September - ready and printed

3rd Sunday @ 5 - next Sunday. "Cookout" but a little late for Labor Day

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

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 11, 2016

<http://www.flowershopping.com/occasions/funeral-flowers-arrangements/>



William Robert "Bob" Emsweller
September 1, 1919 - September 8, 2016

*Bring Items for the Pantry. It is
about empty*

It is with profound sadness that I announce through this medium that our Brother Bob Emsweller has left this life to join Our Lord. His passing will be of immeasurable loss to Our Brotherhood. He leaves behind a family who loves him, many Congregations of the Lord's Body who owe their very existence to Bob's perseverance and vision, and a very heartbroken Ellabell Church of Christ. I am the preacher for the last congregation Brother Bob lead into existence, The Ellabell Church of Christ.

In 1980, member of the Bull Street Church of Christ in Savannah inquired of the elders if it was possible to establish the Church in Ellabell. One of the elders, Brother Bob, agreed to meet with them and lead in the study of the Bible. On that first meeting on a Wednesday evening, as he put it to me, "we agreed to establish the Church." The Congregation met in a private residence until a building could be secured. A closed grocery store building was located and purchased and renovations began. Many congregations donated items of worship to the young Congregation. Members traveled to Tennessee to bring pews to the young Church (those pews are still in use). Song books and Bibles were sent. A pulpit was constructed.

Brother Bob continued to serve as the evangelist for the little Congregation. Many trips were made during the week to speak with residents of the Ellabell Community about attending services by Brother Bob. He also orchestrated campaigns by larger congregations to knock on doors and invite others.

Slowly the little Church grew. Classrooms were added to the former grocery store. An addition was added for a baptistery and restrooms. Another addition was added that included a social hall and Church office. A mobile home was purchased and donated land cleared for a permanent minister.

It is in that mobile home I am writing now. I received a call from Brother Bob in 1992 asking if I would consider moving to the Ellabell Church of Christ as its minister. I will admit that I had a few reservations. He would be staying with the Congregation. I had never seen that work out well. My first Sunday in Ellabell, the toilets overflowed. The late and much beloved Olan Bacon, and Brother Bob, Charles Hall, and I swept the water out. As my parents were already in this area, I decided to make the move to this new work.

I mentioned I had reservations. They were unfounded. Brother Bob became my mentor and the two of us worshipped, worked, and preached together for many years. I have never seen such a situation work

out well until then. Bob and I had few disagreements and none were ever disagreeable. One of the few sad points in my tenure at Ellabell was the night he tearfully read a letter which said he and Rosemary would be worshipping in Savannah due to health reasons. I tried every way I could think to talk him out of leaving. They left and I was very sad. We had worked together for so many years and I was a little afraid to do the job alone. When Brother Bob left Ellabell, he helped many Congregations in the Savannah area.

Since 1980 that small Congregation has followed Christ and prospered and has moved from that small band meeting in a private residence. The Ellabell Church of Christ ceased over 20 years ago to accept support for its existence. It now supports others. She has become the contact point for mission work in Nigeria, Cameroon, and Paris. That small band has grown into a strong, vital, and zealous group of people. The members of the Ellabell Church look for opportunities to teach, preach, evangelize, and help others. They are excited to be a part of what I like to call the "magic of Ellabell." I feel an excitement and willingness here I have not seen often. I am so proud of Her. She has earned Her right to be called "The Old Ship of Zion."

It all began in Ellabell through the vision, hope, and Trust in the Lord lead by its first evangelist, William Robert "Bob" Emsweller. Brother Bob was a preacher, elder, father, grandfather, great grandfather, the last survivor in our area of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, counselor, mentor, and, I am proud to say, my friend. Four earthly men have taught me what it means to be a man of God. Wednesday three of them were still alive. Now only two remain. Personally I feel very empty inside. When we had a success, I could wait to call or drive to tell Brother Bob. When things looked bad, he was the one I turned to. When I was married, I couldn't wait to introduce Donna to Brother Bob. She came to love him as much as I did.



Goodbye my friend. I look forward to the day we meet again. Please tell me I did ok without you because now I am very afraid. I know that my...our loss is Heaven's gain. Ellabell loves you. I love you.

-Joe Holloway
Ellabell Church of Christ