

Those Who Serve

| | December 18 | December 25 |
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| Opening Prayer | Joe Burnsed | Joe Holloway |
| Song Leader | Kwesi Garvin | Joe Burnsed |
| Communion | Joe Holloway | John Story |
| Assist | Mike Powell | Olan Bacon |
| Assist | John Story | Joe Burnsed |
| Dismiss Services | Kwesi Garvin | Charles Hall |



Prayer List

Carol Hall -- undergoing radiation this week

Bob Emsweller – at home and feeling



better

Eric Stripling -- finished chemotherapy and radiation in AR

Pat Kramer – Sue Holloway's sister –Doing Great!-Thanks for your prayers

Tom Cubbedge – Cancer patient

Darlene Monreal – Mike Powell's daughter. Has health problems

Gregory Dozier – family problems

Lorianne Broussard – Sister in law of Nick & Lisa Barratta; son Jacob Olivier has been missing for over a month

Mollye Stewart – daughter-in-law of Lewis and Charlene Stewart of Statesboro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Leftover Social –next Sunday night December 25

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, sheets, pillow cases, peanut butter, Band-Aids, toilet paper

Calendar for December – on back pew

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.

Meetings–next Sunday evening after services

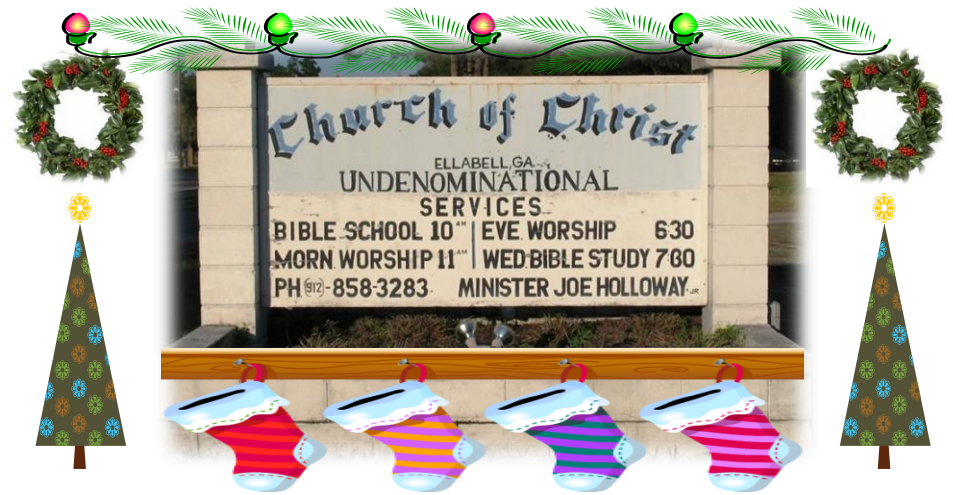
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**SPEAKING WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS; SILENT
WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT**

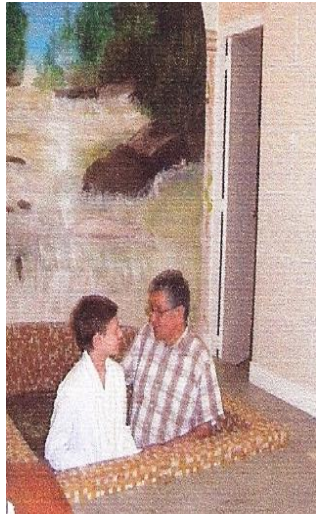
December 18, 2011

Wisemen still
Seek
Him



**At all times
of the Year**

Card Received from Paris



For your help in so many ways especially your prayers. We are blessed to have had ten people obey the Lord in 2011. Emmanuel our 3rd grandson was immersed this past Sunday by Grandpa Mohsen. We are wishing all of you a blessed New Year 2012!

Seasons Greetings & Thank you

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I Went To Worship, Didn't I?!

Does everybody who “goes to church” really worship? A man in church fell asleep while the preacher delivered his message on the horrors of hell. Near the close of the message the preacher shouted, “Those who want to go to hell, stand up.” The half-sleeping man heard the words “stand up” and jumped to his feet. He looked around for a moment and then with a puzzled look on his face said,

“Preacher, I don’t know what we’re voting on, but it looks like you and I are the only ones for it.” This guy reminds us that not everybody sitting on the pews in a worship service is really worshipping.

Acts 24:11 contains an interesting statement by the apostle Paul as it relates to “going to worship.” Among his other statements as he defends himself against Jewish opponents before the Roman governor Felix, Acts 24:11 reads, “I went up to Jerusalem to worship.” As it turns out, his worship was interrupted when hate-filled Jews dragged him out of the temple precincts and went about to kill him (read Acts 21:30ff for more details). Paul was not the last person in worship to find himself hindered by others who apparently are not there to worship. If actions are any indication, not everybody who attends a worship service really worships. Jay Lockhart, preacher for the church in Tyler, Texas, observes- “*There is a lot of lightness about worship which is seen in absenteeism, ‘hall monitoring,’ lateness, talking, leaving early, catching a few winks, getting it over with, etc.- no sense of reverence and awe.*” We might add some come to inspect and observe instead of participate, some come to socialize, and some come to criticize.

Jesus reminds us just showing up and sitting on a pew is not enough- “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). Contrary to the way some believe and behave, this is a demanding task. True worship requires the use of our minds as well as our hearts and souls. The Hebrew writer says our responsibility is to “consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...but exhorting one another...as you see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:24-25). Failure to worship properly threatens to make our worship vain, empty, and void (see Matthew 15:7-9). The question is not what did the song leader, teacher, preacher, elders, or others do. When I leave church assemblies, the question is, “I went to worship, didn’t I?”

Dan Gulley, Evangelist

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WHERE WILL YOU BE NEXT SUNDAY? DON'T LET THE CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS ROB THE CHRIST OF GLORY