

Those Who Serve

	December 25	January 1, 2012
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway	John Story
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
Communion	John Story	Olan Bacon
Assist	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Dismiss Services	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway



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-tonight

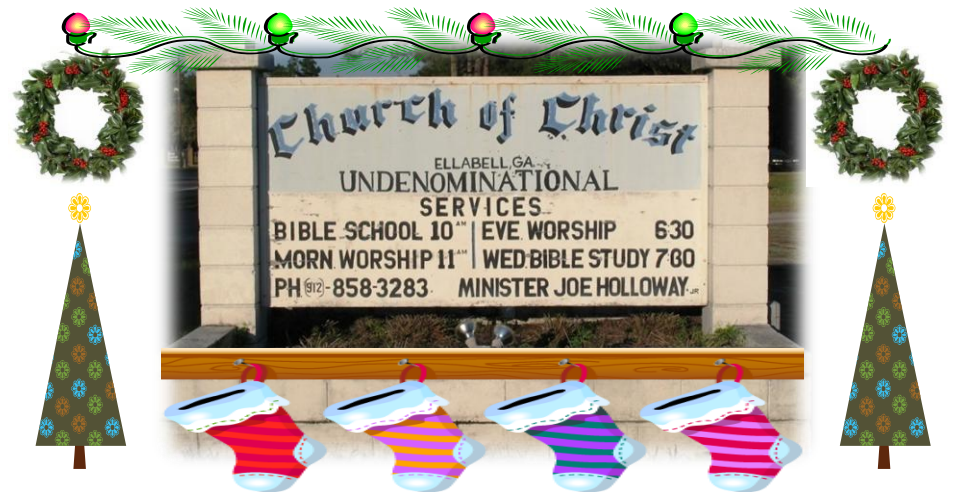
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SPEAKING WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS; SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT

December 25, 2011

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2011
(TOM EKPOT JR.)

My beloved in the Lord, I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I bring you greetings from my family and fellow Christians in Nigeria. I will not cease thanking you all for your daily prayers for us. Your sacrifices for the furtherance of the Gospel in Africa is one thing that you may not fully understand the extent and the dimension you have touched people's life, may be until when God will give you in heaven the list of those you all have helped. I thank you so much for praying for me during the time I was down with cold. It was so severe that I lost my hearing for three weeks. You can imagine what happens when a preacher is not earring. Automatically, my voice was affected. Brethren, even though the problem has not completely gone, I can testify to the goodness of God, because I can now talk without problem, I can hear very well. The cold is gradually going away. I tell you what, it is

only the living who fall sick. I thank God for the life He has given me.

The month of November was pretty short, because it left several things in our hands undone. We thank God because He offers us opportunity to serve Him. During this month, Sandra and I were married for 15 years, precisely on the 9th, and my youngest son was 11 years. His birthday was a unique one because it was on the 11 day of the 11 month in the year 2011, as he marks his 11 birth day. November was actually a hectic month, especially at the school. We were having our first semester exams. The school will be going on vacation come December 2. And I will be leaving for an extension program for two weeks in the Niger Delta. For the next two weeks, I will be teaching Church Restoration to some local preachers, who have not been able to come to school, due to their work and families.

The congregations at Foron in the past month have suffered great set back just like Jos city. These people have witnessed incessant attacks by some Muslim youth, who will take the people unaware, killing and burning homes. About a week ago, some part of this area was attacked. This has brought great fear to the people of Foron. Even though the security operatives came, yet not less than 27 people were murdered in their homes, and their houses burnt down. Brethren, I look at all these problems as a result of the fallen state of man. It is an index of how far man has fallen away from God. As Christmas is approaching people in Jos become apprehensive, because it was about this time last year that Jos experienced it first bomb blast. And there are threats that they will attack again.

Nevertheless, the Gospel is moving forward. Sandra is just excited because two of the teenage girls she has been teaching gave in for Christ. The congregations in Mazah, Toro, and Foron are marching forward. I mentioned last time that the young man helping the Toro congregation

wants to move to his village. Well, he is still in the bid of making his final decision. However, the congregation has put structures in place so that his leaving won't cause much setbacks. Our Friday Bible study is at Mazah attracting many people now, likewise our weekend evangelism. Unfortunately, my students who have been coming with me for weekend evangelism are going on Christmas vacation. We are trying to make arrangement for someone among them to stand for me. This will help them in a way to develop themselves. Once again, let me appreciate you all for standing up for Jesus. I wish you all a wonderful December season.



Today is Christmas Day

No, this is not an exposition of the way we should treat this holiday. I have seen so many of these opinions lately. I won't attempt to add to the volumes of literature already in existence. This year the holiday falls on a Sunday. I suppose your attitude towards this fact depends on where you are reading this. What did you decide to do about the fact that Christmas falls on Sunday?

It is Christmas Day today but it is also the Lord's Day. Let's remember that the Babe of Bethlehem is precious to our salvation. The Babe of Bethlehem grew into the Man from Galilee, the Master of the Sea, the Lamb that was slain, the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords. It is this Individual Who we deal with always. It is this Master we come to worship today. It is the proper understanding of this Son of God which will cause us to fall at His feet and worship His Blessed Name and His everlasting Word.