

Those Who Serve

Feb 6

Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Communion
Assist
Assist
Dismiss Services

Feb 13
Olan Bacon
Kwesi Garvin
Kwesi Garvin
Joe Burnsed
Mike Powell
Joe Holloway

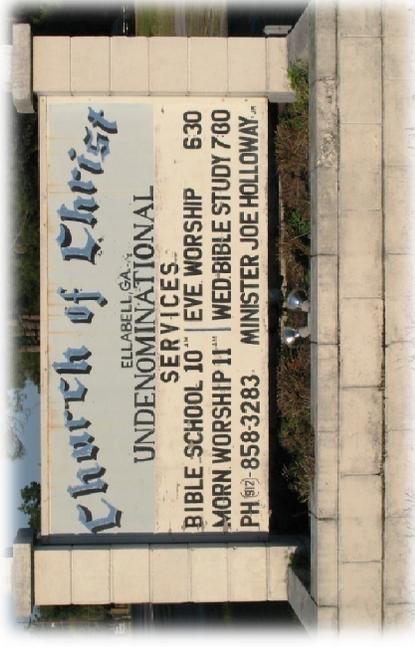
John Story
Joe Burnsed
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Olan Bacon
Joe Holloway
Charles Hall



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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent

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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2011 (TOM EKPO - JR)

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, greetings to you all in Jesus' name. We continue to thank you for your prayers and sacrificial support you are giving to the ministry of the Gospel in Africa. May God continue to bless you all richly. Some Christians sent some tracks for work. Our plans to go for evangelism with the youth of Ring Road congregation was aborted severally by the incessant Muslim generated crises in Jos. God on our side, a week ago, we went for door knocking. Over twenty youth came out for the work. The youth along with some of my students and I stormed the village where the church is located. We hope God will bring it fruit at the right time. We are hoping to revisit those prospects later when tension calms down. A brother equally sent a box of hymn books. Brethren, there are great sacrifices. Thank you all. We still appeal for more hymn books.

The grace of God, which is difficult to quantify has been available to us this month. The religious crisis that started last December has continued throughout this month. It has made movement difficult and we virtually live in fear. Last Friday (28th January), the Muslim youth stab two University students, and one was shot dead by another Muslim in military uniform. This aroused the anger of the students who took to the street on Saturday to protest the killing of their mate. Fresh violence began in Jos. Since January began there is no week people are not killed in Jos or it environ. Brethren, it is only God who has sustained us thus far. My work in some places has been greatly hampered, as we cannot reach some places we do go. Several people have fled Jos, but it is difficult to come to that decision now because of several reasons. Join in prayers that this mess will end. Our children cannot move about, and even going to school is a challenge, as this killing continues. But we know there is nothing that has beginning without an end. Therefore, God should please hear our cry and bring this trouble to an end. Last year we could not hold our lectureship because of fear of attack. We are hoping that God will enable us host it this year even in the midst of all these threat. Once again, thank you so much for being patience with us. Thank you for helping us and praying for us.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines

Calendar for February – on back pew

Social- this Wednesday, the 9th

Note Received-from Holloway family, on bulletin board.

Note Received-from Mount Dora Christian Home and Bible School, on bulletin board

Work Day-February 26 tentatively

We Do Not Know...

It was F.B. Meyer, I believe, who once said that when we see a brother or sister in sin, there are two things we do not know: First, we do not know how hard he or she tried not to sin. And second, we do not know the power of the forces that assailed him or her. We also do not know what we would have done in the same circumstances.

Stephen Brown, *Christianity Today*, April 5, 1993, p. 17.

The point is not to ignore or tolerate the sin of a brother. Paul admonished the Corinthians for their acceptance of immorality into the church, (cf. 1 Corinthians 5), and instructed them to “deliver such a one to Satan.”

However, that same individual, upon his repentance, received Paul’s pity. “Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him” (2 Corinthians 2:8).

Our approach to the sinner should be one of humility and compassion, even as we seek to discipline him in his sin. “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted” (Galatians 6:1).