

Proud to Serve in Worship

	September 6, 2020	September 13, 2020
Opening Prayer	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway Sr
Assist	Kenneth Jenks	Wade White
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Dismiss Services	Barry Blackburn	Joe Burnsed

Announcements

Calendar for September-on table in foyer

Save Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter

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 table 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 table 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. Subscribe to our You Tube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5OdoHWTNUba_av5NqR_Vfg

Worship Zoom Meetings—add your email at you will get an email when we have services

<https://www.ellabellchurchhome.org/worship-services-online.htm#>

"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance."

— REVELATION 2:2 —

Ellabell Church of Christ

Ellabell has lost a member of our family and of our extended family. Please remember these families in prayer and also our Ellabell Family.

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2020

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



Donna Murphy

Paul Denny

I can do all
Things through
Him Who
strengthens me.
-Philippians 4:13

Assisted Living

I received a notice from a friend awhile back that informed me of some mutual acquaintances who are now living in an assisted care facility. These people lived a very active life, but age has caught up with



them.

My mother refused to move from her apartment to an assisted living facility because she felt she was giving up what little independence she had. There is something about our culture's glorification of rugged independence that causes people to think they have no need to depend on anyone. The truth is that no one makes it through life on their own.

We are all participants in "assisted living" from the womb to the tomb. There are numerous people who are involved (parents, friends, teachers, employers, neighbors, etc.) in giving assistance along the way. We receive assistance from each other in various forms: encouragement, financial, emotional, physical, etc.



We also receive assistance from the One who assists the best. We have all tried independent living and found it to be dangerous, if not deadly. That is why hikers and swimmers and skiers don't go it alone (or shouldn't).

Sometimes we read of a patient who is in a care facility claiming that he/she has not received the attention they needed. God is not like that. He is faithful and lives up to his promises. Whatever our need may be, (wisdom, courage, strength, etc.) He is there to give it to us. Thank God for His foresight in giving us this needed assisted living environment. -- Dennis Russell (Santa Maria, CA)

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Real Righteousness

Joe Slater

In His matchless "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus made a shocking statement that really serves as the theme of the whole sermon: "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter

the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

What was He talking about? What was it about the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees that was deficient? How are we to exceed their righteousness?

I've heard people say that since the Pharisees gave a tithe (10%), we must give at least 11% to exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees. Let me say it kindly but firmly: **They Have Missed The Point!** In fact, that sort of thinking demonstrates that they have fallen into the same trap that ensnared the Pharisees: thinking that a right relationship with God depends merely on rote obedience to commands.

The sixth commandment forbade murder. The Pharisees thought that as long as you don't murder anyone, you're covered. But Jesus taught that the unjustified anger and hatred leading up to murder offends God, not just the physical act of murder (Matthew 5:21-26).

The seventh command forbade adultery. Don't have sexual relations with another's spouse and you're good, so the Pharisees would say. But Jesus taught that the lust leading up to the physical act was sin. The heart is important, not just the physical act (Matthew 5:27-30).

The rest of the sermon on the mount continues to emphasize the heart, not just rote commandmentkeeping. God's commandments are important! But God has ever and always wanted obedience from the heart, not mere mechanical compliance.