

Proud to Serve in Worship

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

Announcements

Calendar for December – on the table in the foyer

Ladies' Holiday Luncheon—was yesterday – I hope someone took pictures

New Year's Eve – Make plans now to attend.

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 YouTube channel

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

Worship Zoom Meetings – add your email and you will get an email when we have services

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

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

<https://www.countryliving.com/life/travel/g3911/celebrate-christmas-in-savannah/>

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2020 (TOM EKPOT JR)

Dearly beloved in Christ, I salute you all in Jesus name. We give glory to God his mercy and love toward us that we are caused to be part of this month. I believe our thanksgiving holiday offered us opportunity to look back and see the goodness of God despite the prevailing situations we are experiencing. In Nigeria, each we experience shows God standing with us. Our passage through the month of November is a demonstration of God's unfailing love, in protecting us and keeping our life intact in Christ. We therefore have every reason each passing day to tell God, thank you!

Nigeria is going through one of the most difficult times in its economic and political history. The level of insecurity in Nigeria calls for concern from every meaningful persons. Last week Saturday (28th of November), over 80 poor farmers lost their lives on their farm. Over 40 were killed on their rice farm, and others abducted away by Islamic militants. This has caused

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full--pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. ¹¹ - Luke 6:38 (NLT)

many farmers to be afraid of going into their farms for harvest. During the farming season, some people who attempted farming were killed in their farms by the same Islamic insurgents. This has created food scarcity in Nigeria as it has never happened in our life time. The level of crime has increased to unprecedented proportion to the point that cases of mothers selling their babies has increased in Nigeria, kidnapping has risen beyond explanation. All these are evident of the fallen world, reminding us of the nearness of the final destruction of this age. Brethren, this is not to alarm us, rather this should help us see the danger the world is in, and cause us to think more about our eternal life with God. It is not only about the fact that we are saved, but it also involves our readiness to carry others along with us to heaven. For this reason, I give thanks to God for your continuous assistance to us to reach people with the gospel of salvation. Indeed, many people have heard the message, few are saved. However, I am not convinced that I have done enough. Hence the need to use all that God blesses me for the work becomes necessary. I pray God to help me develop new skill and strength in spreading the gospel to the lost souls.

At the school of Biblical Studies, Jos, we have been concerned with training preachers to reach where we may not be able to reach. The coming of the covid 19, negatively affected our programs, especially our weekly knocking of doors. We were able to hold classes when the lockdown was relaxed, to ensure we don't lose the session. But our weekly evangelism door knocking has been affected so badly. This has affected the number of people we have been able to reach with the gospel during this time of corona virus, as our effort has been mainly on those who can study by correspondence. We however, give glory to God because everything works together for good, to those called according to the purpose of God. In addition to the local evangelists, we were able to prepare three of our foreign students to return to their countries, to continue the work of soul

winning for God if Jesus tarries to return. The three students from Uganda, Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone represent East Africa, South Africa and West Africa respectively. Below are pictures of those returning to Uganda and Sierra Leone respectively.



LEFT - Apuuni (left) from Uganda and I (right).

RIGHT - Moses Shuro and Nenpin, a couple returning to Zimbabwe

Moses Shuro got married in Nigeria. So he is returning to Zimbabwe with a Nigerian wife. The one below is Peter standing with Sandra my wife. He is returning to Sierra Leone. Please, continue to pray for them in their countries as



they return to fly the flag of Christ. Our congregations in Foron area and Mazah road were the ones I worked with mainly during the month of November. Our evangelism in these areas still remains study by correspondence, because of social distancing. We are hopeful by January situation will improve for us to be

able to sit with our prospects. Last week Sunday, one of the prospects visited us at Foron Mission Church of Christ.

We are ensuring that the saved are safe, even as we long for bringing in those outside Christ to be saved. Our Friday class with Mazah is ongoing. Sandra has class with the women of the same congregation on Saturday. Our children classes at Mazah and Foron Mission congregations are impressive. We focus on the children as well because they remain the future of the church. I taught 8 Bible classes this month. Our correspondence evangelism program is in progress. Keep praying for these prospects. Please, continue to pray for Nigeria that we will have opportunity to witness Christ to the lost souls. We equally pray that United States will overcome its present covid 19 challenges. May the country have a successful political transition as the whole world looks up to the country for appropriate pattern in several matters. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year ahead. Grace and Peace,
Tom Ekpot (Jr).