

Proud to Serve in Worship

Opening Prayer	February 7, 2021	February 14, 2021
Song Leader	Wade White	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Barry Blackburn	Charles Hall
Dismiss Services	Mike Reinitz	Kenneth Jenks
	Joe Holloway Sr.	Wade White

Announcements

Calendar for January – on the table in the foyer

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Meeting today

Save Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter

Bookmark our Facebook page. And add EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com

to your contact list. Brother Paulasksthatyousimplyemailhimanythingyouwant 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 and you will get an email when we have services

Ellabell Church of Christ

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

February 7, 2021

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

<https://sdna.wildapricot.org/news/8752196>

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2021 (TOM EKPOT JR)

Dear brethren,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We give God the praise for seeing us through the month of January. We appreciate you individually and collectively for taking time to pray for us here and supporting us even in a difficult time like this. May your labor of love be fully rewarded by God. The month of January just like any other month of the year, had its attended challenges with blessings associated with it. We thank God for allowing us to be part of the good experiences that challenged our faith to be stronger. The continuous spread of COVID-19 has disrupted so many good things. Many people have gone ahead of us, we remaining, still have unfinished works to be done. It is therefore necessary we use our time and resources wisely to the glory of our Maker.

I pray the spread of the virus will begin to recede. The surge now experienced was expected because of people's travels and interaction across the globe during the end of last year. Here in Nigeria, especially in Jos, the number of cases has been fluctuating. Many people have died, and several more are sick. We have more death during this second wave than the first one of last year. We give God the praise for everything, because His thought towards us is that of good, to give us a desired end. Though the time is hard, yet heaven will worth it all if we remain

"Above all, keep loving
one another earnestly,
since love covers a
multitude of sins."

1 PETER 4:8

Womans Day

steadfast to the end. Someday, we will fellowship without fear of corona virus.

From the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, we have resumed for the second semester of 2020/21 session. Since the student population is not much, it is easy to observe social distancing, while still observing other covid 19 rules. We ensure temperature check on every student daily, and check everybody coming from outside into the campus. It is not funny when we sing in the chapel with nose mask. Some who want to sing well, cannot do that with nose mask. That is the challenge of the present time that we just have to cope with. Please, keep us in your prayers as we also pray for you regularly so that we may have a hitch free semester.

The congregations in Mazah Road, Foron Mission, and New Foron village are still growing numerically and in faith. The Christmas holiday offered us opportunity to have the young ones throughout with us, especially those in the high schools and universities. Now, schools have resumed, they have gone back. We pray that Christ will remain in them where ever they are.

At Foron Mission church of Christ, we have the tradition of children saying their memory verses to the hearing of the whole church at the end of each quarter, telling their parents what they



had learned during the quarter. The picture shows kids presenting their memory verses and the things they learned during the

last quarter of 2020. Their number fluctuates, as sometimes, they are up to 20 kids in number. As I mentioned sometimes back, even the neighbors who are not members of the church now send in their children to attend our children Bible class on Sunday. We cease that opportunity to teach them what will direct their focus to Jesus. Presently, the church is meeting in a hired property. We

are making arrangement to buy a space, where the meeting hall and children classes will be erected.

These other congregations have their meeting places even though their spaces being too small did not allow them the building of children classes separate from the worship hall.

At the Mazah congregation, our Friday Bible classes is now on Christian Responsibilities to their relations. This is necessary because of the increase in the number of widows the congregation now has. That does not relieve the church of its duty to their members, especially the widows and the orphans.

The case of insecurity in Nigeria is a thing that should alarm the mind. But this has taught me once again that each day is a gift from God. We don't expect much in the future since for sure we cannot say if tomorrow will come. This helps us to do what we do each day with heaven in view. The sad aspect of this is the fact that we cannot reach out to some places as we used to do. Jesus said in John 9.4, that we have to do the work of the master while it is day, because night comes that no one can work. I realize that "this night" could be any time we can no longer function effectively. On the whole, God is still the one charge. Your prayers have brought thus far, and still your prayers will see us to where wants us to be and to do what he allows us to. While we welcome the month of February, let us stay on guard, make the most of the time we have. May God continue to bless each and every one of you who in one way or the other has been part of the success work in Africa.

**Grace and Peace,
Tom**

Our church family is a circle of strength and love. With every new connection, the circle grows. Every joy shared adds love. Every crisis faced together makes the circle stronger.