

Proud to Serve in Worship

	December 20, 2020	December 27, 2020
Opening Prayer	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Assist	Wade White	Kenneth Jenks
Dismiss Services	Barry Blackburn	Charles Hall

Announcements

Calendar for December – on the table in the foyer

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

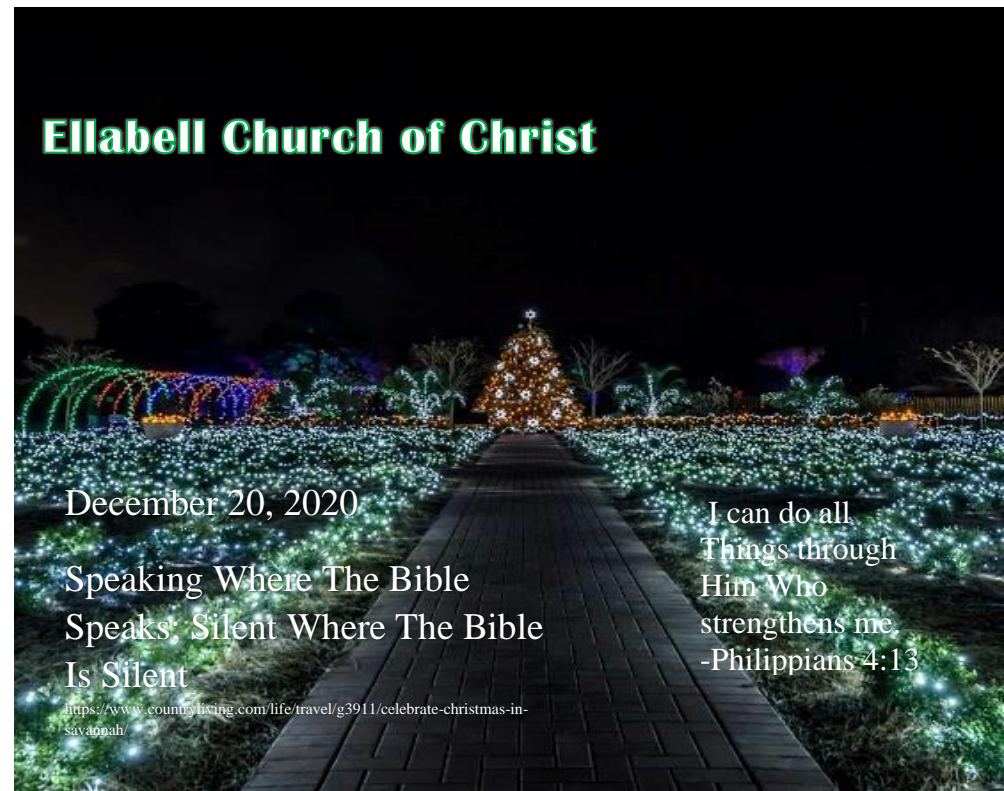
Prayer List – There is a form on the back table to add names to the prayer list.

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 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

<https://www.ellabellchurchhome.org/worshipservicesonline.htm> and



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

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

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

That's Christmas To Me —



For as long as I can remember, the Christmas season has been one of my favorites throughout the year. There is generally so much joy and love associated with this season for my family and I. When I was younger, a large part of that had to do with getting presents from family and of course, Santa. But as I grew older, the focus started to shift from the getting to the giving. Oh don't get me wrong, I still like being thought of and being given a gift



just like the next person. But I began to take pride in trying to find the perfect gift and card for any given family member or friend. This overflowed into Birthday's as well. As I've gotten even older (33 is way up there), I've begun to experience joy and love in the Christmas season for a different reason. And that is the fact that regardless of what you believe about the actually Christmas season and the birth of Christ, Christmas time provides an opportunity where more people are focused on God and His narrative than any other time of year, by far! One of the most popular Google searches between Thanksgiving and New Years, revolves around the birth of our Messiah and Savior, Jesus.

As many of you know by now, I am an A Capella music geek, there I said it. A lot of that comes from growing up listening to that type of music and even seeing the group Acappella perform a number of times. But the other part of that stems from my being in an A Cappella group through High School, and of course growing up in an A Capella singing church of Christ. Every year, the Christmas season provides me with an excuse to listen to A Capella Christmas music for a solid 3-4 weeks. One of my favorite groups to listen to during this time is Pentatonix. And I have an obvious favorite when it comes to their list of songs, *"That's Christmas To Me."* As the song comes to a close, it says *"Oh, the joy that fills our hearts and makes us see. Oh, why? 'Cause that's Christmas to me. I've got this Christmas song in my heart. I've got the candles glowing in the dark. And then for years to come we'll always know one thing. That's the love that Christmas can bring."* Christmas can and should bring love into the life of a Christian. Why? Because it is indicative of the fact that our God sent the Savior to

Earth, just like He said He would. That when our Savior came, He came as a baby and grew into adulthood, before being killed on the cross, just like He said He would. And that just when Satan thought he had won, our Savior conquered death, rose from the dead, and returned to Heaven to be with our God, just like He said He would.

May this Christmas season remind you of all that you have to be joyful of and may it remind you of the immeasurable love that your God has for you.

"Remember who you are and whose you are."

~ Michael Rector

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Merry Christmas
from Ellabell