

Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Communion
Assist
Assist
Dismiss Services

Nov 12, 2017

Evan Hall
Evan Hall
Jim Wadsworth
Mike Reinitz
Kenneth Jenks
Joe Burnsed

Nov 19, 2017

Joe Holloway Sr
Joe Burnsed
Charles Hall
Wade White
Mike Reinitz
Evan Hall



Prayer List

Linda Powell
Darlene Monreal – Mike Powell's daughter. health problems
Gregory Dozier – family problems
Sandy Parker – at home with her mother
Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell
Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating
Donna Holloway- in need of prayers.

Scott Dyer – in need of prayer
Nick & Lisa Barratta – ongoing health problems
Amanda –Clarisse Wadsworth's granddaughter – Cancer Patient
Mike Powell-home after surgery
Paul Kuntz – back troubles continue
Richard & Ruby Denny-Paula Reinitz's parents-Heart trouble
Patsy Scarborough – Donna Holloway's Mom – Cancer patient
Mae Kuntz – Paul's Mother
Holly Smith – Cancer patient – 36 years old
Mary Bacon – at home
Joe & Sue Holloway –living at Joe's house - improving
Murphys – in need of prayers
Vicki Longino – hospitalized
Mark,Alda,Don,Leona,Eileen, Bonnie Liz – family members of Rose

Announcements

Calendar for November is on the back table

Meetings-tonight after evening services

Thanksgiving Appeal on behalf of AGAPE – Sunday, November 19

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

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 pew 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 pew 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.

<http://ellabellchurchhome.org/>

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks;
Silent

Where The Bible Is Silent

November 12, 2017

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Service Times:

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm
Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through
Him Who strengthens me

The Appeal of Astonished Gratitude



“When we learn to read the story of Jesus and see it as the story of the love of God, doing for us what we could not do for ourselves—that

insight produces, again and again, the sense of **astonished gratitude** which is very near the heart of authentic Christian experience.” N.T. Wright, *Mark for Everyone*.

Astonished gratitude! A fitting thought as we approach Thanksgiving.

This is the time of year we promote Georgia Agape's Thanksgiving Appeal, our most significant fundraiser each year.

Your partnership allows both the children and the families we serve an opportunity to have a genuine Christian-family experience. Many of our children have never lived this experience before. They have unfortunately been removed from their living environment for their own protection and placed in a home, usually

with complete strangers. Only during the early dawn of this experience with a new, loving Christian family can they begin to see where there may be hope for a brighter tomorrow.

By graciously giving during our Thanksgiving Appeal you literally make a difference in the reality of a better day, each day, for each child. Will you help us to overcome powerful obstacles and welcome good in the lives of the children and families we serve?

We are hard at work ultimately to provide a connection for each child to what is Holy—an experience rich in grace and mercy centered on Christ, full of “astonished gratitude” for renewed life.

Come walk with us on this Holy journey where lives are changed and children are learning to walk with the Master.

There Was Once a Little Boy

Once there was a little boy who lived in a rural community with his mother, father, and younger brother. This family was not affiliated with any church, and rarely attended religious services of any kind. In the summer, some neighbor children would invite this little boy and his younger brother to go with them to VBS at the church of Christ in the city. "Going to church" was a new and exciting experience for this little third-grade boy, and he would stand at the end of his driveway waiting for the neighbors to come by and pick him up. When the neighbor's station wagon stopped at his house, there would already be several other children in the car who had also been invited to the Bible school.

When this little boy first heard the story of Jesus from a sweet, God-fearing woman, and when he first learned of and sang about the preciousness of the B-I-B-L-E, it was a life-molding occurrence. As the week of Bible classes came to a close, this little boy and his brother would plead with their parents to take them to "church" the following Sunday. Sometimes their parents would take them, sometimes not. But the neighbors kept calling each summer for the next few years. And the station wagon would always be filled with eager children. For the little third-grade boy, this week of VBS would be his "church" for the year.

The pleading, however, finally paid off. The little boy's mother began attending the services of the church in their rural community each Sunday, and the little boy was able to go to Bible classes. Before very long, the mother obeyed the gospel and became a Christian.

Where are the neighbor children now who invited the little boy and his brother to VBS? They are both faithful members of the church, married, and have little children of their own. Where are the parents who picked up countless numbers of neighborhood children and diligently brought them to Bible School? The father now serves as a faithful Elder in that church. What became of the godly woman who first taught that little boy about Jesus? Though aged, she is still just as sweet and godly, and has exercised the same good influence over numbers of other little children. The little third-grade boy's mother is still faithful to the Lord, attending the same congregation where she became a Christian. The little boy's brother is a faithful member of the church, serving as a deacon. And the little boy himself? Well, he became a Christian at age 14, and now preaches for the Fry Road Church, where he is trying his best to find other little boys and girls, men and women, who will listen to, the story of Jesus!

And that little boy was the man who wrote this piece — Mark White

This coming Sunday, November 19th, will be the “Thanksgiving Appeal” special collection day for Georgia Agape. Every family is encouraged to come prepared to participate in the special collection to support the work of this ministry to provide homes for children and to strengthen families. Agape depends upon us for a great response. Please come prepared to give generously in the Thanksgiving Appeal and help Agape reach its goal of raising \$320,000 this year! If you will not be present this coming Sunday, you are encouraged to still participate by giving your contribution to Joe or by mailing it directly to Agape.