

Proud to Serve in Worship

	September 20, 2020	September 27, 2020
Opening Prayer	Joe Holloway Sr.	Wade White
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Barry Blackburn	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Kenneth Jenks	Mike Reinitz
Assist	Wade White	Kenneth Jenks
Dismiss Services	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway Sr

Announcements

Calendar for September-on table in foyer

Super Sunday – Next Week!

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/UC50dohPWTN1Dha_gv5NqR_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>

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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

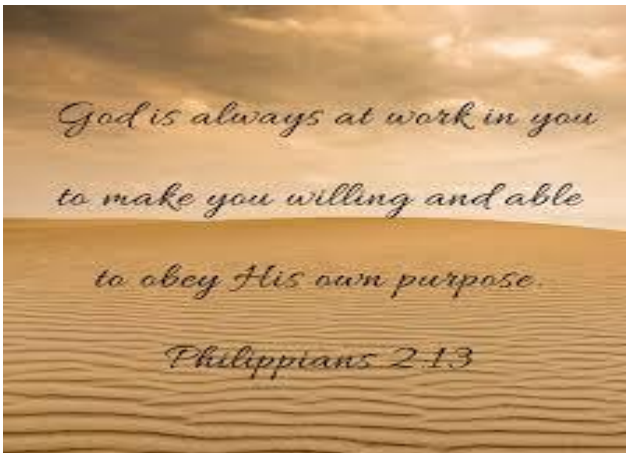
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It Is A Big Deal ... Or Is It? Corey Sawyers

It was somewhat of the perfect storm. Four months ago was Cinco de Mayo, the annual celebration of the 1862 Mexican Army's defeat of the French at the Battle of Puebla. Furthermore, it just so happened to fall upon a Taco



Tuesday! We made homemade salsa. We made homemade taco shells with my Momma's recipe. It was all so good until Gannon asked



me a question. "Why do we celebrate Cinco de Mayo?"

The truth is, the "Fifth of May" is not Mexican Independence Day as many presume; the equivalent of America's Fourth of July (that would be September 16th). Most do not consider it even a major holiday in Mexico. It is not a federal holiday, so banks and businesses are open. Even at that, our family is of Irish and English descent from Tennessee. Like most Americans, our family has made the holiday bigger than it is in the country from which it came.

In the church, we can sometimes be guilty of this as well. We take traditions from other cultures, other religions, other times, and make them doctrine. We sometimes take Bible verses out of context to "proof text" what we want scripture to say (the danger of topical teaching and preaching). We emphasize what others might think, or "the way we always have done it" to the detriment of truth.

We must be careful to let the word of the Almighty, in its intended context, be our guide in all matters. Perhaps the "20-20 Vision" He intends us to get out of this most unpredictable 2020 is "Why do we do this or that?" Do we value the building over the fellowship? Do we place emphasis on "corporate" side of worship rather than the spiritual side? Do we spend

more time, money, and effort on fixing up the building or building up the Body? Have we spent so much time being busy we forgot to be disciplining our own family?

May we instead remember the words of

Jesus as He quoted Isaiah, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far

from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!" ([Mark 7:6-9](#)).

tradition
PRADITION: 1. a time honored practice
2. the passing down of elements of a culture from generation to generation
3. an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior

