Proud to Serve in Worship

May 17, 2020 May 24, 2020 **Opening Prayer** Joe Holloway **Barry Blackburn** Song Leader Joe Burnsed Joe Burnsed Communion Charles Hall Joe Holloway Sr Assist Tim Rone Kenneth Jenks Assist Wade White Mike Reinitz **Dismiss Services** Joe Burnsed Charles Hall

Announcements

Calendar for May-on table in fover

Save Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter

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CallList—There are forms on the backtable 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

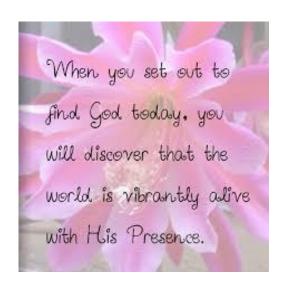
Prayer List—There is a form on the backtable to add names to the prayer list.

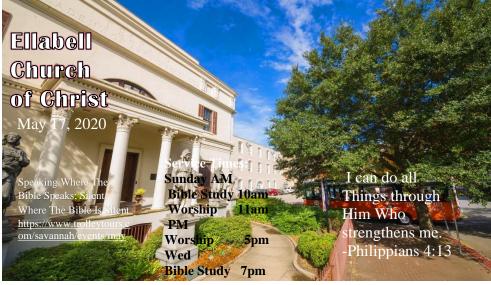
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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020 (TOM EKPOT JR).

Dear beloved brethren, greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I give God the glory for sparing our lives to this moment. It is by His grace that we are alive. The present situation around the world has caused everything to come to a standstill. I know the situation is hard with you all too. I pray God will bring a solution to this menace.

To be candid, I have never seen a situation like this, where the most cherished places are now abhorred. Many congregations are not meeting again. Bible classes are not held as usual again. In Nigeria, it is difficult to have online worship. Some large congregations are doing that, but it is difficult for us the small congregations. We still meet on Fridays for our Bible study at Mazah Roach Church of Christ, but have increased seats to ensure the social distance rule is observed. We meet for

worship every Sunday at Foron Mission but without the children to have less people in the small hall. The children come in by 8am and have their classes and disperse.

In Plateau State, we have four cases for now. We are afraid the cases may increase because the neighboring states have more cases. Even though there is interstate lockdown, many people still sneak and cross into different states. We have been having state lock down from Sunday night to Friday morning. We are allowed to move out on Friday – Sunday. It is difficult to have our usual evangelism programs because everyone is suspicious of one another. Even the studies by correspondence have reduced, since moving out is limited to only three days in a week. We are working on evangelism by face book. The challenge here is that only prospects connected to face book will view us. It is a bad time to the work of winning souls. It is demoralizing to me to see people dying without the gospel, yet we cannot reach some with the message of salvation. This is the first time in my life my evangelism activities are down yet I can't do anything.

Let me mentions here that I still have our foreign students of the School of Biblical Studies around with us. Since they could not return home on short notice, the airports are now closed. I meet with them regularly to comfort them. Some of them have their families back home. Some should have

completed their studies this last April and returned home this May. Their stay now is prolonged to time no one can tell. Please, do include them in your prayers. They came from Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. This picture is shown below.



Thank you for your prayers and support to you even in a difficult time like this. May God continue to bless you all.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

be strong and courageous

DO NOT BE AFRAID;
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED

for the Lord your God

WILL BE WITH YOU
WHEREVERY YOU GO.