

# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Opening Prayer**  
**Song Leader**  
**Communion**  
**Assist**  
**Assist**  
**Dismiss Services**

**April 9, 2017**

Charles Hall  
 Wade White  
 Joe Burnsed  
 Wade White  
 Kenneth Jenks  
 Joe Holloway Sr.

**April 16, 2017**

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



**Prayer List**

Linda Powell  
 Darlene Monreal – Mike Powell's daughter. health problems  
 Gregory Dozier – family problems  
 Sandy Parker – at home with her parents.  
 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  
 Lauren Carter  
 Tabitha Niedlinger  
 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  
 Cindy Monroid – Mike & Paula's neighbor – stroke patient at 26 years old  
 Holly Smith – Cancer patient – 36 years old  
 Ashton Dietz – 13 year old – 4 wheeler accident  
 Mary Bacon – at home  
 Chris Hartlaub – Cellulitis  
 Sue Holloway –living at Joe's house - improving  
 Wade & Robin White – at home bronchitis and pneumonia  
 Nick & Lisa Barratta – Nick's father passed away  
 Murphys – in need of prayers

**Announcements**

**Calendar for April-** on the back table in the foyer  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 5 – will be this Wednesday – anything with eggs**

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

**Bookmark our Facebook page.** And add [EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com](mailto: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/>

**Food Pantry – is almost depleted.**



**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

**Speaking Where The Bible**

**Speaks; Silent**

**Where The Bible Is Silent**

**April 9, 2017**

<http://www.savannahtheatre.com/forrest-gump-bus-stop-hatch/>

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017 – TOM EKPO JR

Greetings to every one of you, who loves God and waits for the return of Jesus, Grace and peace to you all. I thank God for all of you who are standing with us in one way or the other to help rescue the perishing and preach the Gospel of Christ to the lost in Africa. May God almighty reward you richly. The month of March 2017 has gone so swiftly. It surely reminds me that my days on earth are also passing swiftly. Hence, I must do what I should do now to spread the goodnews of salvation to the lost, and keep the safe saved.

I mentioned in my last report of my tracts on “Making Melody in Your Heart” and “Do not Remove Ancient Landmarks.” The latter was printed during the month. I am glad that the tracts are getting interest from readers. I am planning on reprinting more copies and expand the circulation. It sure will reach those who do not have time for private discussion on some of the vital issues concerning Christian beliefs and practices.

As I mentioned last month of my intended journey to Cameroon, I left Jos on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, with the hope of reaching Cameroon same

day, but it was not possible. I had several challenges with our vehicle. I only could get down to Cross River State after 13 hours of leaving Jos. The following day, I set out to Cameroon, after crossing the border, entering the Western region of Cameroon, I discovered that there was no movement in the Western Region. I stayed in one place from 8am to 4pm to avoid problem. It was a sit down protest day for people in this region. They are demanding secession from the French side. This demand has thus crippled several things. Internet services are cut off,

hence, Abasiama would have to travel to the Northern Cameroon if he must access internet. Well, I finally got to Bamenda about 9:30pm. It was a hectic day. The Gospel Lectureship Church at Bamenda started the next day, on the 9<sup>th</sup>. People came from different regions to attend the program.



Yet the attendance was not encouraging to me, may be because I was had my own expectations. Having traveled that distance, crossing several rivers, I thought of speaking to a large audience. A deacon, Guy Stanley, from Sand Spring Church of Christ, Nashville, a member of the



congregation supporting the Cameroon Institute of Biblical Studies, came in also for the program. Most of the people expected from the Southern Nigeria to speak in the program did not come because of the challenge of finance. Our presence was highly appreciated. I spoke on

Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, I preached on Radio, a lesson which was repeated on Sunday morning.



Unfortunately, I could not travel to South-West (Limbe) where Abasiama is because of some challenges. I under estimated the distance from Bamenda to Limbe. It was going to take minimum of 8 hours if I must go there. Secondly, the only means of journey from Limbe to

Nigeria is speed boat and Ship. I don't travel by speed boat because it will only land in the Akwa Ibom State, and the ship does not move every day, only on Mondays and Thursdays. It pains my heart because the church at Limbe was waiting to see me, Abasiama was waiting to see. Lastly, if I had to travel through Limbe, then I would not get out of Cameroon not until the following Thursday since Monday and Tuesday were also sit in strike days for the Western Cameroon. Well, God knows better why the journey was disrupted. I have to accept His final decision. However, on the whole it was a successful journey.

Back here in Nigeria, I am glad to mention the graduation of first set



of Diploma students in our extension program (Delta Study Center). The graduation exercise took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March in Agbor Delta State. It was interesting to see aged people spend their time and energy to go through the rigors of training, which lasted for about 4 years. A total of 29 people were graduated. They were many others who could not join this group. They are hoping to finish the requirement for graduation soon. Out of the list of the graduated candidates were 2 elders and several evangelists and teachers. Among this group were 2 men who are over 74 years of age. I salute their courage.

Permit me to use this opportunity to express thanks to you all for your prayers for one of our widows in Toro,



whose house was destroyed by fire. Everything she ever had in her small hut was destroyed. Under the difficult economic situation we are facing in Nigeria, you can imagine what it means for a widow to begin to buy things again. I am grateful because the saints in Toro acted even beyond

my expectation. By the grace of God we have been to give her few things to keep managing with life. It is always encouraging to know that some people somewhere are praying for us. May God bless you all richly. May God keep watch over you all and your families. Keep praying for us.