

*Proud to Serve in Worship*

	<b>January 3, 2021</b>	<b>January 10, 2021</b>
Opening Prayer	Mike Reinitz	Wade White
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Assist	Wade White	Kennth Jenks
Dismiss Services	Joe Holloway Sr	Barry Blackburn

#### Announcements

**Calendar for January – on the table in the foyer**

Save Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter

**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 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](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

**"If then any be in  
Christ a new creature,  
the old things are  
passed away, behold  
all things are made  
new."**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

## Ellabell Church of Christ

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

# 2021

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Speaking Where The Bible

Speaks; Silent Where The Bible

Is Silent

<https://www.illustrations.com/news/happy-new-year-2021-images-with-quotes-gif-graphics-photos>

## Welcome New Year 2021

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* – [Joshua 1:9](#)

As I write this, there are a few days remaining in 2020. It's been a tough year for most of us. We've experienced loss, frustrations, uncertainty and have a deeper appreciation for freedoms and opportunities that we have previously taken for granted. 2020 has been a year that many of us are eager to see come to an end. We are looking forward to what 2021 holds.

Yet, we don't know what 2021 will bring. We hope and pray that we won't experience much of what we have experienced in 2020, but there is no guarantee of that. We pray that life will return to a greater semblance

of “normal” but that is not assured. As I write this, we aren’t sure what 2021 has in store for any of us. There is so much we don’t know about 2021.



There is one thing that we do know. One truth that we can hold onto as we enter the new year. God is with us. We are not alone. His Spirit is within us and is empowering us to face whatever 2021 holds for us. God has always been with His people as they face the unknown.

He was with the Israelites as they entered the “promised land”. He encouraged Joshua to be “strong and courageous” as he led God’s people into unknown territory. He was with His people as they experienced captivity in Babylon. He sustained them in the midst of the most difficult conditions. He was with Mary and Joseph as they accepted the call to parent the Messiah. He gave them courage to face the drastic changes this birth would bring. He was with the first century church as they began to share the gospel in territories and cities that were often hostile to the message of the Gospel. He has been with His children as they have faced persecution and trials over the centuries. He has been with His church as they have opposed injustices, racism, bigotry and immorality all over the world. God has been and always will be with His children no matter what they are facing.

2021 is here. WE don’t know what it holds. It may be a year of recovery and joy. It may be a year of hopes fulfilled and the reunification of friends and family. Life may get back to “normal” Or it may be another year of struggle and challenge. We may face continued political and civil unrest. We may face lingering effects of the



pandemic. We may continue to suffer losses and disappointments. It may be another tough year.

No matter what this year holds, rest assured, child of God, that our Father is with us. He is calling us to be “strong and courageous” as we enter into this new land together. 2021 awaits all of us. We don’t know what it holds but we know God is with us and He will never leave us. With God by our side, we can face whatever 2021 holds.

We wish you a very happy and blessed New Year!

-Michael Rector

<https://www.fairlanechurch.org/lances-lines-2021-january-3-2021/>

