

*Proud to Serve in Worship*

	<b>March 15, 2021</b>	<b>March 22, 2021</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
<b>Communion</b>	Charles Hall	Barry Blackburn
<b>Assist</b>	Wade White	Keneth Jenks
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Barry Blackburn	Joe Holloway Sr

#### Announcements

##### Calendar for March – 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 Paulasksthatyousimplyemailhimanythingyouwant to appear on the Facebook page; pictures, announcements, etc.

**CallList**–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

**PrayerList**–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>

## Ellabell Church of Christ

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

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Speaking Where The Bible  
Speaks; Silent Where The  
Bible Is Silent

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### “AND THE STARS”

Although light came into existence on the first day (Gen. 1:3-5), it was not until the fourth

day that God made the sun, moon, and stars (vss. 14-15).

Moses summarizes the event, saying, “God made the



two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars” (Genesis 1:16, ESV). The last phrase is strikingly simple and worthy of closer attention.

God’s creative design for the celestial lights, as revealed in the context, includes “signs... seasons... days and years” (vs. 14). But one is left



with the impression that the greater emphasis centers around the “two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night...” (vs. 16). Perhaps, they are given greater focus because they are more directly connected to human affairs.

Simply put, stars are “celestial bodies visible at night from Earth as stationary, usually twinkling points of light” (American Heritage Dictionary). Aside from the Sun, our nearest star is nearly 25 trillion miles away. If we could travel at the speed of light, it would take over four years to reach the nearest star.

How long did Adam have to wait to see the stars? All indications point to the fact that the stars were already visible in the night skies over the Garden of Eden even before Adam made his appearance. This speaks powerfully for the apparent age of the universe at the time of creation. Adam was created fully grown as was



Eve. So also, in the world around them, trees were producing fruit and plants yielding seed after their kind (vss. 11-13). Air, land, and sea—creatures of all kinds were thriving on our planet

by the sixth day of creation (vss. 20-25). If the earth was fully grown, why not the universe? This explains why we can see the light of stars billions of miles away. Thus, in a moment of time and in a single spoken word, God created the stars and all the light transmitted from each star so that we might be immediately benefitted by its creation.

Far from being an afterthought, “and the stars” pushes our thoughts in a heavenly direction. With David, we humbly inquire, “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of Him And the son of man that You care for him?” (Ps. 8:4). We are truly blessed.

–Glen Elliott–

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**We changed our clocks ahead one hour last night. It occurs to me that if you were depending on me to remind you, I should have done it last week. Anyway welcome to one hour later.**