

	<b>February 5, 2017</b>	<b>February 12, 2017</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Joe Holloway	Mike Reinitz
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Burnsed	Evan Hall
<b>Communion</b>	Charles Hall	Jim Wadsworth
<b>Assist</b>	Mike Reinitz	Wade White
<b>Assist</b>	Kenneth Jenks	Mike Reinitz
<b>Dismiss Services</b>	Evan Hall	Joe Holloway



**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** –in Rehab Pooler as of tomorrow  
**Kim Burnsed** – at home pneumonia  
**Wade & Robin White** – at home bronchitis and pneumonia  
**Mike & Paula Reinitz** – Strep Throat

**Announcements**

**Calendar February** - on the back table in the foyer....maybe

**Meetings=tonight after evening services**

**Social – This Wednesday after Bible Study**

**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.

# ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent**  
**February 5, 2017**  
<https://www.trolleytours.com/savannah/events/january>

**Service Times:**  
**Sunday**  
**Bible Study** 10:00 am  
**Worship** 11:00 am  
**Wednesday**  
**Bible Study** 7:00 pm  
**Philippians 4:13**  
**I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me**



## A Sunday With No Absentees

There’s a story about a church in East Texas that supposedly had some producing oil wells on the church property. The wells were a lucrative source of income for that

congregation. On the Sunday the income from the wells was distributed among the members of the congregation there was always 100 percent attendance. The rule was that if a member was not present that day, he lost his part of the revenue.

Don’t you guess that even aunt Sally, whose “folks made her go to church when she was a child, and now doesn’t have to go,” was there on time? Don’t you imagine that uncle Fred who has had arthritis so bad that he couldn’t make it to worship for years,

suddenly got much better?

How about those folks who just had to go some place to visit a friend or relative? Would they have put that off if it happened to interfere with their presence at the service when money was doled out?

Is the story fact or fiction? It doesn't matter. If it is true, it shows where people have their vested interests. If it is not, it surely teaches us a big lesson.



Christians who, through pure carelessness or indifference, miss the worship with the saints, lose something of far greater value than money. They begin a course of carelessness that endangers their souls. A local church also loses. “What will a man give in exchange for his

soul?”

We won't be giving out dividends in cash for attendance but we will provide the opportunity for sincere worshipers to show their love and adoration of God. Hope to see you at all services. *Adapted and copied.*

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## What Keeps a Local Congregation Going?

*“Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.”*

There is a formula for congregational life in this passage. Congregations of the Lord's church have been known to suffer death because the time honored principles of inspiration were ignored. Let's look at the inspired formula a little closer.

**Local churches need rest.** Rest is also “a time of peace.” Every local church needs such peace. This was not peace resulting from diminishing the work and worship God assigned to her, but a

time of peace from problems. The churches in Judea and Galilee had gone through both internal and external difficulties. By their faith and dedication to keeping the Lord's church active and alive, no difficulties hindered their growth. That's a lesson for us. A dedicated group of Christians can out last any problem that threatens their togetherness.

**These churches were edified.** That means they were strengthened. and built up. Peter wrote, “*You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ*” (1 Pet. 2:5). Any congregation that lives and grows must be built up. This requires the effort of every member of the congregation. “*From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work*” (Eph. 4:16).

**The churches “walked in the fear of the Lord.”** In order for a congregation to walk in the fear of the Lord, all the members must live by the same rule (Phil. 3:16). That rule is the will of the Lord. Those who fear the Lord never take liberties with his will. Walking by the same rule assures and maintains the blessed fellowship among those who seek to keep a local church active, well and going. Walking in the fear of the Lord is synonymous with walking in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. “*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all*” (2 Cor 13:14). Paul said the church is God's temple and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16-17).

There is no greater thing a group of Christians can do than to keep the local church active and going in the fear of the Lord.

A.T. Robertson said, “The multiplication of the disciples kept pace with the peace, the edification, the walking in the fear of the Lord, the comfort of the Holy Spirit.” Never let any trifling thing disrupt the growth of God's church. – Dudley Spears

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