

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

**January 1, 2017**

Charles Hall  
Joe Burned  
Evan Hall  
Kenneth Jenks  
Mike Reinitz  
Joe Holloway

**January 8, 2017**

Joe Holloway Sr  
Evan Hall  
Frank Howard  
Mike Reinitz  
Kenneth Jenks  
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 –Memorial

**Announcements**

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

**Business Meetings** – next week

**SOCIAL** – not this Wednesday but Wednesday next week

**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

**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**

Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent  
**January 8, 2017**

<http://www.notintentionarriving.com/2015/01/a-southern-new-year-cavannah.html>

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2016



This past year has certainly been quite interesting and eventful. Despite all the economic regression, recession and whatever they call it in Nigeria and the terrible tragedies from the Islamic militancy affecting people even in the rural areas, we participated in many activities that glory to God and contributed in the expansion of the Kingdom of God. December was no disappointment in activities as we wound down the clock to 2017. This report shares some of those highlights from this past month. I hope the upcoming year will be more impressive even though Nigerian Government is projecting a terrible economic atmosphere and many challenges it will be bringing.

Most schools had break for Christmas and the New Year, so my two boys (Goodnews - left and Godswill - right) were at home for about three weeks. They are growing well. Sandra and I are trying to see how they can go to other smaller congregations in Jos to assist every Sunday, especially when they have break like this. I thank God because they are excited about that and have keyed into the plan properly. I will be glad if I can make them preachers of the Gospel.

As I mentioned in my November report, I made a trip to the Niger Delta. I spent nearly 3 weeks. I spent few days at Akwa Ibom State, then 2 weeks in Delta State. I was able to worship with a congregation at Uyo that I regularly worship with some 23 years ago, during my undergraduate days at the University. While the congregation has grown physically, I was weeping inwardly because the wind of change has blown these lovely people. To many of these people, truth has vanished, and they are determined to do things as they are pleased. The New Testament standard has been ignored. Their Christianity is based on feeling, which James Orr describes as “unstable of all things.” I felt like relocating back to Akwa Ibom to help these people. I have been praying for these people ever since I met them in that mess. A young preacher they have is preaching heresy and the people love it so. One thing I am grateful to God is that thousands of other congregations in Uyo city are still sticking to the Scripture, they recognized the error this particular congregation is in and have done their little best to help them even though they are stubborn.



From Akwa Ibom, I went to Asaba in Delta State where some devoted Christians who had gathered there for training. I am always impressed when I meet people who have devoted themselves for the service of God. Each day we spent 9 hours teaching these noble people. This group is the first batch in Asaba (Look at the cross section of some of the students). We had completed the other group at Agbor, still in Delta State. Their graduation is scheduled for March this year. This new group is made up of some preachers and teachers in some local congregations in the Asaba metropolis and its environ. We have 11 people in 3 year diploma program and 7 people in the 2 years certificate program.

Back in Plateau, I was able to meet with Mazah Road congregation only one Friday, I met with Foron Mission on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>, where we had the last Fellowship for the year. Sandra has involved the Mazah women in handling the women class. That is another way of modeling them so that they can take care of themselves even if she is not there. I appreciate her.

Permit us to use this opportunity to appreciate you all for standing by us in ensuring the pure Gospel is preached. We would not have been able to go any further if God did not use well to support us. May our Good LORD continue to bless you and keep making you a channel of blessing to people. Our economy is very bad, and it is the best time for us to help people turn their focus from material frustration to God deliverance. I hope to give more time to rural evangelism this year. I have already finish writing three tracts that will meet the need of people in Nigeria. I am sourcing for funds to print them as soon as possible. Join me in prayers. I wish you all a wonderful 2017 experience (John 16:33) and providentially work everything out for their good and benefit (Romans 8:28).

If God could do this for Joseph and his family (Genesis 50:19-21), don't you believe that He can effectively handle the trouble of His beloved people today? Brethren, let us as the Lord's people receive and believe Peter's instructions to “cast all of your care upon Him, for he careth for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

-Tom Ekpot Jr - Nigeria