

	February 19, 2017	February 26, 2017
Opening Prayer	Jim Wadsworth	Joe Burnsed
Song Leader	Frank Howard	Wade White
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Assist	Kenneth Jenks	Mike Reinitz
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Dismiss Services	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 –in Rehab Pooler – Coming home Tuesday
Wade & Robin White – at home bronchitis and pneumonia
Nick & Lisa Barratta – Nick's father passed away

Announcements

Calendar February - on the back table in the foyer
3rd Sunday @ 5- today – Soup and sandwiches
Truck from Mount Dora Coming TOMORROW
Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, peanut butter, & Stamps
Bookmark our Facebook page. And add 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
February 19, 2017
<http://www.city-data.com/forum/georgia/679584-georgia-city-has-best-riverfront.html>

Christians Will Not Retreat

By Mike Riley

When the Spanish explorer, Cortez landed at



Vera Cruz in 1519 to begin his conquest of Mexico with a small force of 700 men, he purposely set fire to his fleet of eleven ships. His men on the shore

watched their only means of retreat sinking to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico. With no means of retreat, there was only one direction in which to move, forward into the Mexican interior to meet whatever might come their way.

To be a disciple of the Lord, we also must purposely destroy all avenues of retreat. We must resolve that whatever price is required for being His follower, we will gladly pay.

As Christians, we have become citizens of the kingdom of God (Ephesians 2:19), and we will not retreat back to the world (Luke 9:62; cf. Genesis 19:23-26; Luke 17:28-32).

<http://gewatkins.net/christians-will-not-retreat/>

Building Up The Body **Written By: Dave Rogers**

We know the church is Christ's body; Colossians 1:18 tells us so. The word of God's grace is able to "build [us] up" as members of that body (Acts 20:32). That same word also tells us that we must contribute to that "building up" process as well (Jude 20)!

"Building up" is from a compound Greek word that means "to build upon, to promote growth in Christian [traits]." The bible provides the material, but WE must provide the labor! All Christians are members of the body (1 Corinthians 12:27), and each has a work to do in it (verses 15-18). We don't all do the same work, but each must do his/her "part" for the body to be healthy and strong! Therefore, we need to give attention to building up the body.

You will become stronger and healthier in spirit when you:

• **Take in a well-balanced diet of God's word in your personal study.** We all have favorite passages and Bible topics on which to meditate: These give us comfort and security in our spiritual lives, but we need the "balance" of all of God's word (Acts 20:27) to be truly "well-equipped" for His good works (2 Timothy 3:17).

• **Exercise your senses to distinguish between good and evil, Hebrews 5:14.** Becoming familiar and well-nourished in God's word is a truly challenging aim. The fact that even the apostles, after receiving inspiration, continued learning, shows how high this goal is. It is one thing to consume good, nutritious spiritual "food" (1 Timothy 4:6), and something else altogether to grow strong through the exercising of our senses! All the Bible knowledge we gain

cannot save us if we don't **USE** it: The "sword of the Spirit" is to "...discern the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12), but it does us very little good until we **apply** it in our lives! Jesus says we should live so that our lives broadcast the light of His word in this sin-darkened world, Matthew 5:16 (and Philippians 2:15). We must learn and practice what we have learned. Jesus condemned as hypocrites those who "said and did not," Matthew 23:3.

• **Sacrifice worldly attachments for the strength and fellowship of the saints, Romans 12:10-13.** Our world teems with choices; they often serve the devil by **distracting** us from eternal life with God. When we are unsatisfied with what we have, and mistake wanting for needing, we fall into the vicious snare of materialism. Jesus said "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). God doesn't measure us by how much we have, but by how much we do with what **He** has given us (Matthew 25:28).

Brethren, we simply **must** get away from worldly values, and **help each other get to heaven!** NO school activity, job, social organization, or civic activity offers as much in return; no house, car or clothing begins to compare; not even a friendship is as important as helping fellow Christians get to heaven.

Building up the body requires us to reevaluate, reorganize, re-prioritize our lives so that God's kingdom ALWAYS gets first place! Love for God, for the lost, and for our Savior's body must support and undergird all that we do in our lives: Love is the motive that brought Jesus into the world (John 3:16) and what held Him to the cross (John 15:13), and He is the Pattern we must follow (1 Peter 2:21-24).

Now, are you an asset or a detriment to the body here?

