

## Those Who Serve

### Nov 28

**Opening Prayer** Joe Burnsed  
**Song Leader** Joe Burnsed  
**Communion** Charles Hall  
**Assist** Joe Holloway  
**Assist** Olan Bacon  
**Dismiss Services** John Story

### Dec 5

Kwesi Garvin  
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Joe Holloway  
Mike Powell  
Joe Burnsed  
Olan Bacon



# Ellabell Church of Christ



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

November 28, 2010

### MY PART

God didn't put me on this earth  
To have an easy time.  
He put me here to fight a fight  
To hold a battle line.  
He put me here to help the weak  
And myself to grow strong.  
He put me here to lend a hand  
And to help the world along.  
He put me here to say a word of  
Encouragement and cheer,  
For someone else to hear  
He didn't put me here to whine  
Stick out my lips and pout.  
He put me here to do His work  
And Satan's evil rout  
He only asks I do my best  
To carry out His plans  
Forget rewards and stary crowns,  
And leave all in His hands!

**-submitted by Rose Mohsen**

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## "No, Ma'am, I Won't Ever!"

The following borrowed story is designed to make us "think" about how we as Christians should accept people different than ourselves into our assemblies. Brethren, let us never be guilty of the sin of partiality as illustrated in this story.

I saw him in the church building for the first time last Wednesday evening. He was in his mid 70s with silver hair and a neat brown suit. Many times in the past I had invited him to come. Several friends had talked to him about the Lord and had tried to share the Good News of Christ with him. He was a well-respected, honest man with so many characteristics a Christian should have, but he had never put on Christ in baptism. A few years ago, I asked him, after finishing a pleasant day of visiting and talking, "Have you ever been to a church service in your life?" He hesitated, then with a bitter smile he told me of a childhood experience some sixty years ago.

He was one of many children in a large impoverished family. His parents had struggled to provide food, with little left for housing and clothing. When he was about ten, some neighbors invited him to worship with them. The Bible class had been very exciting. He had never heard such songs and stories before. He had never heard anyone read from the Bible before. After class was over, the teacher took him aside and said, "Son, please don't come again dressed as you are now. We want to look our best when we come worship the Lord." He stood in his ragged, unpatched overalls, looked at his bare, dirty feet and said, "No ma'am, I won't ever!" And he never did.

There must have been other factors to have hardened him so, but this one experience formed a significant part of the bitterness in his heart. I'm sure the Bible teacher meant well, but what if she had studied and accepted the teachings found in the second chapter of James? What if she had put her arms around that dirty, ragged little boy and said, "Son, I'm so glad you are here, and I hope you will come every chance you get to hear more about Jesus!" What a difference that statement would have made in this little boy's life!

I pray that I might ever be open to the tenderness of a child's heart, and that I might never fail to see beyond the appearance and behavior of a child to the eternal possibilities within. Yes, I saw him in the church house for the first time last Wednesday evening. As I looked at that immaculately dressed old gentleman lying in his

casket, I thought of the little boy of long ago. I could almost hear him saying, "No ma'am, I won't ever!" .... and I wept.

James tells us, "My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, 'You sit here in a good place,' and say to the poor man, 'You stand there,' or, 'Sit here at my footstool', have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?" ([James 2:1-5](#) – NKJV)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Save** –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines

**Raintree Village** – Truck coming Dec 6. Needs on back pew

**Calendar for November** – on back pew

**Calendar for December**-might actually be on the back pew too  
**Meetings**-tonight after evening services

### **Email from Paris**

Thanks Joe and wish all a happy Thanksgiving for us. We are indeed thankful for all of you.  
Love

Rose and Roland

### **Email from Nigeria**

My dear brother Holloway,  
Greetings to you. Great to hear from you, and know that you are never tired trying to raise fund for this work. We are doing just fine.

Please keep my dad in prayers as he is down again with the same sickness that tormented last year for some months. Say my greetings to everyone in Christ.  
Grace and Peace,  
Tom

