

# Those Who Serve

## July 5

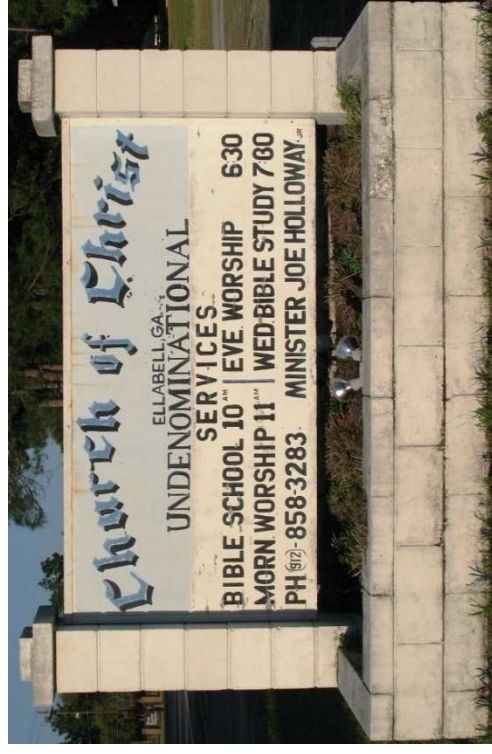
**Opening Prayer** John Story  
**Song Leader** John Story  
**Communion** Olan Bacon  
**Assist** Kwesi Garvin  
**Assist** Joe Holloway  
**Dismiss Services** Charles Hall



## July 12

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# Ellabell Church of Christ



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

July 5, 2009

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE (Tom Ekpot Jr)

Dear Brethren, greetings to you and your families. It is the grace of God that has kept us through all the storm of life. June is one of the best time we have in the middle part of Nigeria. It is a time we have rainfall in abundant measure. The grasses are green signifying planting season. The weather was not hot and not chilly. It was just clement. We are getting into more rainy season, where we will be having rain nearly everyday. We thank God for His grace. We appreciate you for all your prayers. Peace is improving in Jos, although sometimes people just create a situation that we have to run up and down. We know the peace achieved so far is because of God's grace.

We took advantage of all the blessing of God and good atmosphere to plant seeds in the hearts of man as God offered us opportunity. Much effort was put in trying to help the Church at Toro. This effort yielded fruits as two people were brought into the family of God. The Church at Toro, as I often mention to you, is a small congregation, located about 50 kilometers away from Jos.

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Majority of the membership were old women, but now, we are having some young people baptized into the Church. The young man who is undergoing training at the School of Biblical Studies is on holiday now. He is of great assistance to the Church now. I believe, when he is through with his studies, he will be of more help. The commitment of the aged women there, always challenges me. Even though it rains, these women do walk over 3km to the Church every Sunday. At Bokkos, the Church is also growing, though with a very slow rate. For the first time, some of the women were in Jos last week for three days to attain the women program organized by the Ring Road Church of Christ. They told me that they were so encouraged to see that they are not alone in the Church. Effort is being made to have someone stay with them and work with them on daily basis. We pray this effort yield positive result.

By the grace of God, this weekend, I will be in Bauchi State to speak in a two day marriage seminar organized by the Church at Bauchi town. I know it will be an interesting moment to address brethren on an important issue like this. Marriage problem is causing many congregations in Nigeria not to have scriptural leadership. Please, join us in praying to God to make this seminar a success. Bauchi State is a Muslim dominated State in the Northern Nigeria. Recently they had serious religious crisis that claimed the lives of many Christians. The Church is situated just in the middle of the city. They had their internal problem last year that almost scattered the congregation. But through prayers, they came out of the problem. They are on, trying to know the will of God and serve Him. Finally, let me appreciate you all for all the assistance you have rendered to us. The work would have gone to the level it has gone without God using you. May He continue to bless you all. My family salutes you.

✉ mail from Nigeria (rec'd June 30, 2009)

Hello brother Holloway,

Greetings to you and the entire brethren.

For over a week now, my junior sister got missing from the house. My dad says she left the house to go to the city. She said she was coming back that same day. But until now, she is missing. Her phone is switched off, and no one could trace her where about. It gives us more concern because of recent; the rate of kidnapping in my state has been on the increase. We don't know whether she is

alive or dead. This, of course has brought great concern to my aged parent and to every one in the family. Please, join us in praying that God will help us have this girl back in good state of health. I am sending my report now. I hope it gets through.  
Grace and Peace,  
Tom.

#### ***A Fountain Will Be Opened Joel Stephen Williams***

"On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity" (Zech. 13:1). I fondly remember a very pleasant afternoon in Delhi, India, when Francis David and I went visiting. We rode a bus across this huge metropolis and visited a family of Christians. The husband then accompanied us to visit another family a couple of miles away. Then the husband of that family accompanied the three of us to visit yet another family. Eventually there were five of us making the last visit. The last visit was in a huge housing project made up of apartment houses five or six stories high. Many, many people were staring at our group, chiefly at me, since I was the only light skinned person within sight. As we entered this section of buildings where thousands of people lived, a long line of women and children was formed at the water supply in a large open area. They were filling large jars and other containers with drinking water and carrying them home. The fountain was a life line to which throngs of people went every day. John Robertson tells of living in a northern city during a very cold winter when the pipes for whole streets would sometimes freeze. On his street everyone awoke one morning to find that their pipes had no water flowing from them. Soon the word came that a few streets away, a main pipe was flowing and was opened up for public use. Men, women and children put on warm clothing and carried whatever vessel they could to this street to fill it up with water. They gathered at the fountain. Just as people gather at a literal fountain to receive water, God's people through all ages have gone to God himself who is the fountain of grace, salvation, forgiveness, and spiritual blessings. God is the rock from which the water of life has always flowed. As Christians we gather at the fountain of Calvary where the blood of Jesus flowed forth in a life giving, sin cleansing flood. Christ is our oasis in a desert of sin.

#### **Announcements**

**Social**-this Wednesday evening after services.

**Meetings**-tonight after evening services

**Mohsen**'s-will be here July 22

**AGAPE**-Doug Meade will be here July 26

**Save** -Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles

**Bulletin Board**-Make sure you read the bulletin board as there are many things of interest now. The bulletin is getting too long

**Church Directory**-The church directory is now online. You can access it from our website. See Joe for the password.