

# Those Who Serve

## May 31

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

## June 7

Joe Burnsed  
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 Kwesi Garvin  
 Joe Holloway  
 Olan Bacon  
 Joe Holloway



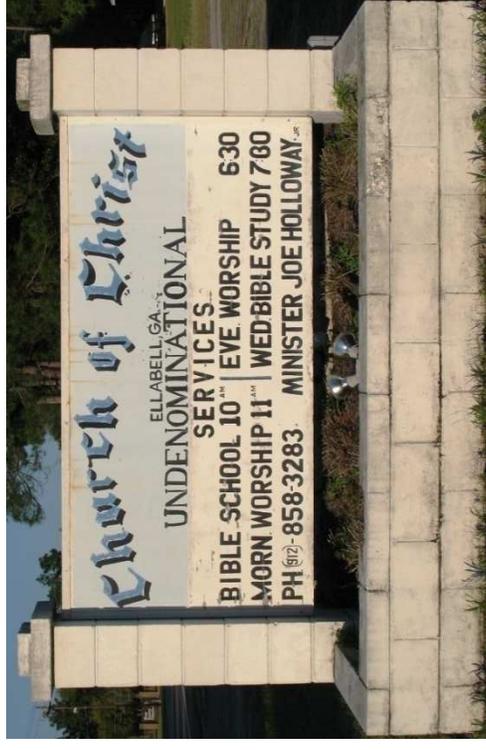
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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where

The Bible Is Silent

May 31, 2009

## The walk

Joseph J. Mazzella

Did you ever have one of those dreams that seemed to go on forever? I had one like that last night. I was walking down an old, side road that I used to walk along as a teenager. I wasn't quite sure where I was headed, but I felt very determined to get there. Like in many dreams time seemed fluid and people seemed ageless. As I walked along I kept meeting people from both my past and my present. I saw both my Mom and my Grandma who have passed away and was able to give them both one more hug. I ran into many childhood friends and we talked, joked, and laughed just like we were kids again.



Still, I kept walking hoping to reach wherever I was headed. Around every curve, though, there was something new. I saw strangers in need and stopped to help them. I found ancient books and gemstones along the side of the road and shared them with others. I met a smiling, old man who happily shared his life's wisdom with me and then I lovingly passed it on to

young children further down the road. With every few steps it seemed there was a fresh adventure in learning and love. I never did get where I was going and woke up feeling like I had lived a lifetime in a single night. It bothered me for a bit that I never did reach where I was headed but then I realized that this dream was a lot like our years here. Maybe we are not supposed to reach where we are going, at least not in this life. Maybe it is the walk that matters.

As you walk through this life don't keep your eyes so far down the road that you miss what is right in front of you. Life is a journey of joy. Life is a journey of learning. Life is a journey of love. Take God's hand then and delight in every step you take. You will meet a lot of wonderful people and go through a lot of interesting experiences. And you might just want to reach out your hand and help up a few hurting hearts who stumble along the way.

**Submitted by Paul Kuntz**



**Email from Nigeria (rec'd May 26, 2009)**



Hello brother Holloway,  
Greetings to you and to the Church.  
I am sorry that I have not written since I returned from campaign evangelism a week ago. I came back to complete all the necessary arrangement for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual

graduation ceremony, which took place last Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>) and the 7<sup>th</sup> annual gospel lectureship that started on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. The graduation went on well, and we are right now on the lectureship. One of the greatest challenge I am facing is speakers not turning. Many people have travelled far and wide and across the boarder to listen to the Bible taught in it purest form, they sometimes feel disappointed when a speaker did not show up. So partly, what I am doing is to make sure the speakers are there, if not make an alternative arrangement for someone to speak. Last night I took ill and I thought I was not going to make it till morning hour. But the grace of God was there for me, to walk up this morning and continue this struggle. I thank Him for that. I suspect that I may be having malaria because we had a lot of mosquitoes bite during the campaign evangelism. I hope to go for full treatment if God allows me after the lectureship. Though the weather was hot at Benue State during the campaign, and we had some mosquitoes bite, we

were glad for the number of soul that God brought into his kingdom. We had six baptisms. We believe a lot more will come as the Church there continues to follow up. My love to the Church, mom, dad, and everybody. Have a good day.

**Email from Cameroon (Rec'd May 25, 2009)**



What a nice job you have done in structuring the bulletin. I felt defened by your have excellently manage the inconveniences you encountered as you tried to get the bulletin to our readers. Thanks for a fatherly protection in my favor. I am also glad to have received a bulletin from the Statesboro Church of Christ. I appreciate their comments on

the videos you forwarded to them to watch our service. The Statesboro brethren must be a very lovely church family. Sir, are you the one who suggested to them to send me their bulletin? In case you are, then I thank you for it. If they just voluntarily felt like sending their bulletin to me, then I still have a reason to appreciate you for sending them the Cd's. Thanks for finding a way to attach the pictures to the already mailed report. I also enjoyed the pictures of the Ellabell congregation in the bulletin. I think you are the one in black t-shirt seated on the front row. Have a worry-free day.

## Announcements

**Meetings**-tonight after evening after worship

**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.

**Raintree Village**-The truck from Raintree will be here June 1 or 2. The list of needs is on the back pew. Get a copy.