Proud to Serve in Worship

Opening Prayer Song Leader Communion Assist Assist Dismiss Services October 11, 2020 Charles Hall Joe Burnsed Joe Holloway Sr. Kenneth Jenks Wade White Barry Blackburn October 18, 2020 Joe Holloway Sr. Joe Burnsed Barry Blackburn Wade White Kenneth Jenks Charles Hall

Announcements

Calendar for October-on table in foyer

Super Sunday – in 2 weeks

Save Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter Bookmark our Facebook page. And add

EllabellChurchofChrist@hotmail.com to your contact list. Brother Paul asksthatyousimplyemailhimanythingyouwanttoappearon the Facebook page; pictures, announcements, etc.

CallList–There are forms on the back table 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

PrayerList–There is a form on the back table 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. Subscribe to our You Tube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5OdoHWTNUba_av5NqR_Vfg_

Worship Zoom Meetings – add your email at you will get an email when we have services



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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent https://www.savannah.com/events/event/fall-gardenfest/

> What a Friend! By Lance Cordle



In the mid-

I can do all

Him Who

Things through

strengthens me.

-Philippians 4:13

1800's, a young Irishman named Joseph Scriven was engaged to be married to a young lady. On the day before the wedding, he

Joseph Scriven

rode out to meet his fiancé at a river.

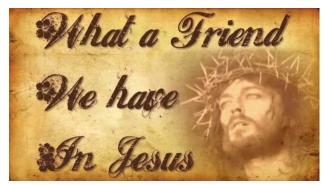
Upon arriving, he was devastated to learn that her horse had been startled and thrown her into the water, where she drowned. He said later, "The bottom of my world seemed to disappear." He turned to God and leaned upon Him for strength.

He moved to Port Hope, Ontario, Canada. In his sorrow, he chose to remain alone and tutor children. He

devoted his life to doing good deeds for other people. In fact, he became known as the Good Samaritan of Port Hope. A few years later, however, he again found love and was engaged to be married. Within weeks of the wedding, his new love, Eliza, contracted pneumonia and died.

A few months later, in sending a message to his mother, who was ill at the time, Joseph wrote a poem in which he poured out his heart about the need to lean upon God in times of trouble. He gave it the title, Pray Without Ceasing. The poem was at first published anonymously and only later did he admit that it was he who had written it. He died several years later, apparently having deliriously wandered into a body of water during the night and drowned.

His words, however, have lived on and have been



sung and loved for years. They are found in most songbooks of today. Many who have sung them need little prompting to

melodiously declare, "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!" (Sources: You Tube, The story behind the hymn, What a Friend We Have in Jesus;" Wikipedia, "Joseph Scriven.")

Immediately following the words, "Greater Love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends," Jesus also said "You are my friends if you do what *I command you*" (John 15:13, 14 ESV). Each Christian has the privilege of being the friend of Jesus.

Though we may not have walked with Him while He was on earth, we can walk with Him today. We can take confidence in knowing that He has also said, "And, behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20) Let us trust the Lord throughout our lives and let us lean upon his promise— "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

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