

Proud to Serve in Worship

Opening Prayer	April 5, 2020	April 12, 2020
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway Sr
Assist	Kenneth Jenks	Mike Reinitz
Dismiss Services	Tim Rone	Kenneth Jenks
	Barry Blackburn	Joe Burnsed



Announcements
Calendar for April -on the table in the foyer
Save Food Pantry Items, Cans, peanut butter
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 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
Prayer List—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 <https://www.ellabellchurchhome.org/worship-services-online.htm>

A Most Difficult Problem

Worthwhile goals give richness and meaning to life. We were not created to wander about like sheep without a shepherd (Jer. 10:23; Mt. 9:36). Direction and purpose are hallmarks of Christian living. Jesus, the great Shepherd, provides the direction we need (Jn. 10:11; Hb. 13:20; Jn. 14:6). As we follow Him, clearly defined objectives become apparent as we compare our lives to His example. These objectives become the substance of our spiritual goals. But, when it comes to



setting such goals, many are reluctant to reach beyond present comfort and risk potential failure. We must be active participants in the growth process God generates

within us through word.

However, it's not easy to make changes. We resist change because it makes us feel uncomfortable. But the



growth expected of us requires change (1 Pet. 3:18). We cannot merely wait for change to come our way—we must initiate meaningful change by setting the course of our lives in the direction of God’s word. Even small steps move us forward. But, if we aim for nothing; we will hit our goal every time.

One of the greatest engineering feats of the past century was the completion of the Panama Canal.

America’s initial involvement in this monumental task



was marked by many of the same failure as experienced by the French who had given up on the work. But, when John Stevens took over the project, things changed. His

philosophy is revealed in the instructions he gave to a division head, Frank Maltby. Stevens said, “You won’t get fired if you do something, you will if you don’t do anything. Do something. If it is wrong, you can correct that, but there is no way to correct nothing” (David McCullough, *The Path Between the Seas*, 469).

Those who take pride in never having set goals might take a lesson from history. “Nothing” is the most difficult problem to correct. People who set a direction for their lives often fall short. But growth is often the result of such failure. We can learn from our mistakes. But, what can we learn from nothing? Only those who risk failure grow. This is where faith enters the picture. Walking by faith means that we will let God set our direction—a direction which can only be pursued by obeying His commandments (2 Cor. 5:7; Hb. 11). As children, when our parents asked what we were doing, a guilty conscience may have prompted us to say,

“Nothing.” Such denial may have worked for us as children, but the time has come to put away childish things. “Nothing” is not an appropriate life-response to the love and grace of God (Jn. 1:15; Tit. 2:11-14). In fact, the “one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin” (Jas. 4:17).

–Glen Elliott–

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Everyone is welcome