

Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Communion
Assist
Assist
Dismiss Services

July 16, 2017
Jim Wadsworth
Evan Hall
Joe Burnsed
Mike Reinitz
Wade White
Joe Holloway Sr

July 23, 2017
Joe Burnsed
Wade White
Charles Hall
Wade White
Kenneth Jenks
Mike Reinitz



Prayer List

Linda Powell
Darlene Monreal – Mike Powell's daughter. health problems
Gregory Dozier – family problems
Sandy Parker – at home with her mother
Edith Cox – at home – former member of Ellabell
Elma Jean Roberson – at home recuperating
Donna Holloway- in need of prayers.

Scott Dyer – in need of prayer
Nick & Lisa Barratta – ongoing health problems
Amanda –Clarisse Wadsworth's granddaughter – Cancer Patient
Mike Powell-home after surgery
Paul Kuntz – back troubles continue
Richard & Ruby Denny-Paula Reinitz's parents-Heart trouble
Patsy Scarborough – Donna Holloway's Mom – Cancer patient
Mae Kuntz – Paul's Mother
Holly Smith – Cancer patient – 36 years old
Mary Bacon – at home
Joe & Sue Holloway –living at Joe's house - improving
Wade & Robin White – at home
Murphys – in need of prayers

Announcements

Calendar for July- on the back table in the foyer

3rd Sunday @ 5 – TODAY!!!! COOKOUT – Bring a side!!!!

SUPER SUNDAY – Next week

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines, peanut butter, & Stamps

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 pew 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 pew 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.

<http://ellabellchurchhome.org/>

Food Pantry – is almost depleted.

ELLABELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent
July 16, 2017

<http://blog.visitsavannah.com/arts-culture/got-sparklers-lets-celebrate-4th-july-savannah-style/>

Service Times:

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
5:00 pm

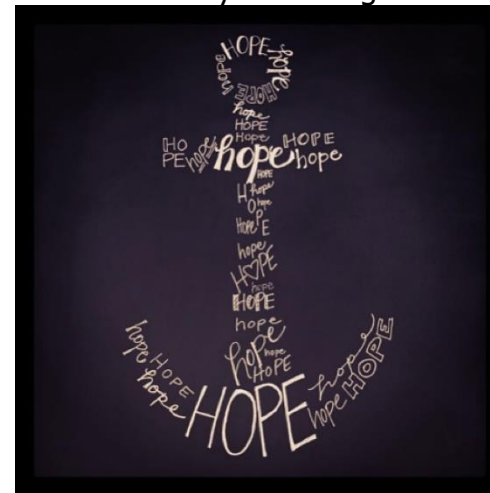
Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm
Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me

An Anchor for the Soul

You may not recognize the name Septimus Winner. I

didn't until I started digging around for a few ideas to help with this little piece on hope. I will recognize the name from now on. Winner was a 19th century songwriter (1827-1902), and in 1868 he published words to what turned out to be a winning song. A song that continues to comfort and encourage



and strengthen the hearts of millions of believers in Christ after more than 140 years. The song is the beautiful "Whispering Hope," and it is a magnificent tribute to and reminder of the power of hope in the life of a hurting

Christian. Part of the first verse reminds us: "Wait till the darkness is over, Wait till the tempest is done, Hope for the sunshine tomorrow, After the shower is gone." The song is truly a "gospel" song. It encourages us with the message that sunshine follows the storm, midnight begins a countdown to dawn, joy follows suffering, and life follows death. The third verse is especially powerful — "Hope, as an anchor so steadfast, Rends the dark veil for the soul. Whither the Master has entered, Robbing the grave of its goal; Come then, O come, glad fruition, Come to my sad, weary heart; Come, O Thou blest hope of glory, Never, O never depart." This verse has direct reference to one of the most hope-filled passages in one of the most hope-filled books in the Bible. The passage is Hebrews 6:19-20 which says concerning the hope we have in Jesus (for forgiveness of sins and eternal life): "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus... "

I wish we had space to discuss the context of these verses, but we don't. The concern in this article is to ask, "Is there any hope?" Pain, sorrow, grief, and death sooner or later barge into our lives. If heartbreak and disappointment soak into our souls long enough, hope can begin to seep out. What darkness and tempest is assailing you? What cloud obscures the sun that recently shone in your sky? What do you do when the storms of life beat into your body or mind or soul, or of someone you love, tossing your heart to and fro and blowing your life off course? Ben Patterson (in *The Grand Essentials*) told about a submarine rammed by a ship off the coast of Massachusetts years ago. It sank immediately. The entire crew was trapped in a prison house of death, waiting for the inevitable end to come. No effort was spared to rescue the crew, but in the end, all failed. Near the end of the ordeal, a deep-sea diver, seeking

desperately to find a way for the crew's rescue, heard a tapping on the steel hull of the sunken sub. Placing his helmet against the side of the vessel, he recognized what he was hearing was Morse Code. From within that death chamber a simple but desperate question was tapped out repeatedly: "Is. . . .there. . . any. . . hope?" The Gospel answer is, "Yes! There is hope!" Because He died and rose again Jesus Christ has robbed the grave of its goal! He gives us "a living hope" (1 Peter 1:3)! He is in Heaven, and those anchored to Him always have a sure and steadfast hope, even in life's severest storms. Anchor yourself to Jesus!

Dan Gulley
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