

Order of Worship

Song: #10 A Mighty Fortress

Announcements

Song: #1018 Joy To the World

Song: #334 Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

The Lord's Supper

Song: #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Offering

Offering Song: #524 I Know Whom I Have Believed

Song: #452 Standing on the Promises

Scripture Reading
Romans 8:18-25

Sermon

"Hope For What We Do Not See"

Song: #589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Prayer Requests

Song: #454 Rock of Ages

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

"Are you visiting for the first time today?"

Welcome guest! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this morning. Please help us to get to know you better by filling out the green guest card on the back of the seat in front of you and dropping it in the collection basket. Or, for your convenience, you may scan the QR code and complete the guest card digitally. Thank you for taking the time to attend our service today. We hope to see you again soon!



Scan for Guest Card

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For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	82	Sunday Morning Bible Study	44
Sunday Afternoon Service	N/A	Wed. Morning Bible Study	12
Wed. Evening Bible Study	34	Contribution Average 2024	N/A

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon Service—1:30 p.m.	Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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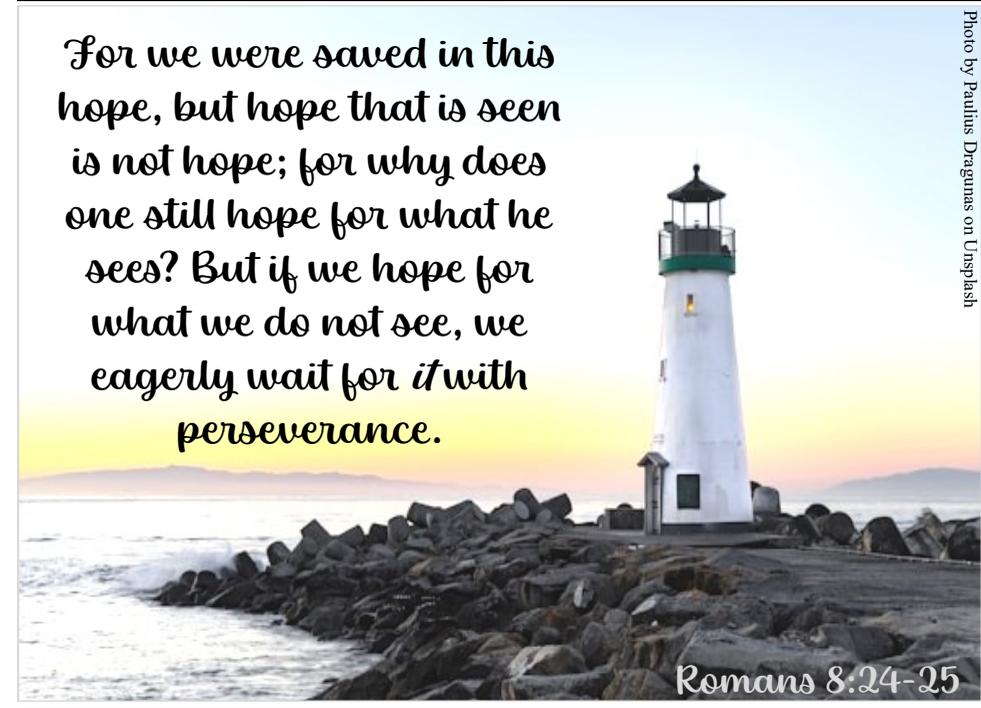
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For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.



Romans 8:24-25

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We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

“Grasping Hope”

Charles Spurgeon, a well-known denominational preacher of 19th century, related in one of his sermons the story of a sailor who fell overboard amid a great storm and the thrilling rescue that followed. As soon as the cry, “Man overboard!” was sounded the crew flew into action determined to save their shipmate from drowning. The poor sailor was quickly found, and a rope was tossed to him. That rope was that sailor’s lifeline, and he knew it. When the men finally got the man onto the ship after his harrowing experience, he was unable to loosen his grip on that rope. It was hours before he could relax his grip as the strands of rope became embedded in the flesh of his hands.

Jesus is our lifeline, rescuing us from churning ocean of sin. Wave after wave threatens to pull us down into the dark depths with no hope of escape. Then He who could calm the seas comes to our rescue. In Him we find refuge (Hebrews 6:18) and salvation.

In Christ we find hope. The writer of Hebrew described our hope with these words: “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast” (Hebrews 6:19). Our hope in Christ sustains us when life is going well. But its true beauty becomes evident during times of difficulty and trial. Don’t let go of that hope! It is “both sure and steadfast.” Sailors drop an anchor, one end firmly attached to its deck while the other is planted deep in the ocean floor, confident that their ship will remain secure. They have “faith” in that anchor. It will hold fast (i.e., “sure”) regardless of what may be going on around it (“steadfast;” cf. Acts 27:29, 40). Spiritually, the Christian holding the promises of God in Christ has in their grasp a great spiritual “anchor,” both “sure and steadfast” (Hebrews 6:19).

In times of trouble and testing, don’t let go of your hope. You have Jesus’ word that He will not forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

- David Bragg

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Jo Ann Little 12/1, Michael & Jackie Bronsberg 12/7, Chris & Krystal Gary 12/13, Howard & Rachel Moffitt 12/15, Darrel & Debbie Garrett 12/20, Ken & Teresa Moran 12/28, Jerry & Camelia Munn 12/28

Church Family News

Deepest Sympathy—We extend our deepest love and sympathy to James Broady in the passing of his wife and our sister-in-Christ, Connie, and to Kay Himes’, in the passing of her 105-year-old aunt, Gladys Silber. Gladys visited with our church family several times during her travels to Williamsburg. Please keep James Broady and Kay Himes in your thoughts and prayers.

Congregational Evangelism Coordinators Meeting Today—All Congregational Evangelism Coordinators, please meet with Jim Bishop briefly after worship in the front of the assembly area.

Holiday Schedule Changes—Due to the holiday, all Wednesday Bible classes and the fellowship dinner will be canceled on December 25th. The Wednesday evening dinner and evening Bible study will resume on January 1st. However, the Wednesday morning Bible class will be canceled.

Volunteers Needed—Jennifer Christol is moving on December 20th and has requested assistance. If you can help in any way, please see Jim Bishop.

Men’s Leadership Training—All men are encouraged to attend a morning of training and development on Saturday, December 14th, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Please see Jim Bishop for more information.

Neighborhood Evangelism (Change of Date)—The date for Neighborhood Evangelism has been changed to Saturday, December 14th at 11:30 a.m. Help spread the gospel in the surrounding neighborhoods. All are invited to join in this effort. See Chris Gary for more information.

Deacon’s Meeting—A deacon’s meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study—All men are invited to study God’s Word on Friday, December 20th, from 6 to 7 pm at the building.

New Year’s Eve Event—Join us for our New Year’s Eve Gathering on Tuesday, December 31st, at 10 p.m. Please bring a dish! See Chris Boykin for more information.

Happy Birthday

Marian Clayton 12/4, Jim Kinder 12/8, Darrel Garrett 12/9, Jennifer Abbott 12/10, Jo Ann Little 12/10, Brian Waterhouse 12/14, Stephanie Large 12/15, Toya Ricks 12/19, Margaret Rose 12/19, Terrance Banks 12/21, Veda McMullen 12/22, J.T. Fears 12/28, Ann Greer 12/28, Beverly Banks 12/30

COMPASSION CARDS—GROUP 5

Please drop by room 7A/B to sign compassion cards.

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Betty Owsley - health
Peggy Boarman - health
Cindy Harris - health
Alan Hicks - health
Connie Williamson - health
Levi Abbott - in Norfolk Children’s

Long Term Concerns:

Betsy Davis - health
Doug Smith - health
The Boisseau Family - health
M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health
Lena Stone - health
Margaret Rose - health
Cheryl Brown - health
Abbott Family - strength & support
Anthony Ricks - health
Ken Moran - health
Jerry & Camelia Munn - health

Shut-ins

Regina Clark
Adassa Duncan

Family & Friends:

Janie Bishop’s friend, Katie - health
Peggy Boarman’s brother, Homer Hanna- health
Angela Boykins & Tina Banks’ sister-health
Cindy Harris’ cousin, Charlie Johnson - health
Catalina Laverde’s friends, Joseph & Kathy Sierodzinsky - health
Eddie Logan - difficult situation
Peggy Boarman’s son-in-law, Jim Bristow - current situation
Rene Kassing’s grandson, Justin – cancer