

Weekly Newsletter

May 27, 2012

"MEMORIAL DAY"

"Memorial Day" was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan to remember those who "gave their all" for the freedom of our nation. No doubt each one reading this article has someone in memory, either family member or close friend to the family, who made the ultimate sacrifice in one of the wars fought over the last three-quarters of a century. I have a man in mind as I write this article who must be remembered by all who love true freedom.

He was only 33 years old, a young man by most any standard. He was not from the most prominent family of the community, in fact, they were probably one of the poorest; yet He was destined to become the most beloved man in history and at the same time the most hated. Taught the family trade at a young age, He would be called simply *"The Carpenter."* But He was so much more! He was a preacher of God's Word and told all who would listen to *"repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."*

Poverty stricken with no home of His own He was cared for by those who followed Him listening to His sermons promising a future where no heartaches and sin could molest, a place free from poverty where each one would live in a mansion attached to the very house of God.

Only hours away from His death He gathered His twelve closest friends in an upper room to partake of the most sacred of religious rites, the Jewish Passover commemorating the freedom given to Israel from Egyptian slavery. In sharing the ingredients of that meal with His friends He told them that following His departure they should gather and eat a portion of unleavened bread and drink a little grape juice and while doing so be reminded of His body and blood as a memorial to Him.

Whereas we are born to live and serve God and our fellow humans, this Man was born to die for all humanity. Betrayed by a friend, He "gave His all" in one of the most horrible and cruel ways ever devised to take a human life - nailed alive to a wooden cross. Forsaken by all those close to Him during his walk among men, His lifeless body was taken and buried by two men who had not openly been by His side in the heat of the battles fought. However, all but the one who betrayed Him returned to build the greatest memorial ever built - the church of Christ! And within that body of believers is a "Memorial Day" rivaled by none other. Named for that last Passover meal with His friends, every Sunday His faithful followers partake of "The Lord's Supper," remembering His death on the cross as they eat a portion of the unleavened bread representing his body and drink a small amount of grape juice representing His blood.

It is fitting that we set aside a day of remembrance to honor those who have died in the battles to give us the greatest nation ever to exist among men. Their memory, and their sacrifice should remain for future generations to know how we became the UNITED States of America. But let us hold even higher the memory of our LORD JESUS CHRIST who gave us, not a land-mass on earth, but the hope of a mansion in the eternal home with Him. Let us keep alive His "Memorial Day" every Sunday as He said to do.

- by Charles Rose (via the Lincoln Light)

Today's Lessons: AM: The God Who Raises The Dead PM: Is This What The Lord Saw in Him?

Order of Worship

Welcome Clay Joseph

Song Leader Jon Ewing

> #419 #36 #961

Opening Prayer Jerry Young

#90

The Lord's Supper Paul Lines

#449

Contribution Paul Lines

#732

Lesson Bill McFarland

#197

Announcements Clay Joseph

#839

Closing Prayer Tyler Thornton

Elder of the Month Clay Joseph

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Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

For The Record

May 13	
Bible Study:	272
Morning:	325
Evening:	261
Wednesday (5/2	3): 190
Contribution:	\$11,824

Prayer List

- Mary Charlotte Lines is in Mercy Hospital recovering from surgery
- <u>Debbi Ratterree</u> has some new health concerns
- ♦ Kay McFarland's niece, <u>Beth</u>, has been diagnosed with a rare form of bladder cancer
- Betty Grabber's sister, Hazel Cook
- George Downing's father has serious health issues
- ◆ Jo Baggett's mom, <u>Ann Freeze</u>, remains at her daughter's home at 41 MacKay Lane, Cookeville, TN 38406.
- Bill's sister-in-law, Joann McFarland, is now at home in Mountain Home

We are in need of the

following items for the Food

Food Pantry eeds



Pantry. **Canned Meals Peanut Butter Canned Fruit** Soup Jello/Pudding Canned Vegies Mac & Cheese Place items in the cans just inside the fellowship room. Thank you for your continued support of this work.



I am very thankful and grateful to my church family at Water Mill for all the kindnesses, prayers and concern shown me as I recuperated once again. God bless, Marilyn Lanpher

Shirley Bartlett **Paul Bratcher Doris Burch Bonnie** Cole Fern Davis Thelma Fain Lucille Ford Milton Ford Allen Harmon **Doris** Iorg

Kay Adams

Alice Allen

Irene Johnson Carol Law **Carol Mahon** Wilma Melton Jarita Nimmo **Betty Shaw** Wilma Spoor **Doris Thomason Doris** Tobler Judy Todd Pat Woods

Expectant Moms Megan Jobes/boy/July Sara Stipp/December

Long Term/Shut-Ins

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.



WARRING THE WARFARE By Dennis R. Smith

The meaning of the word "warring" is "a state of hostility or conflict - a struggle between opposing forces." The Apostle Paul used this word in the following scripture. "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members" (Romans 7:23). In writing to Timothy he instructed him to "war a good warfare" (1st Tim. 1:18). Peter warned in his 1st epistle "to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1st Peter 2:11). These passages verify that conscientious Christians realize the constant battle that is waging in their heart and mind as to which direction they must take. To that end they accept the inspired writings of scripture and try hard to apply them to their lives. Take for example Ephesians 6:10-11: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." However, we must understand that in this warfare the battle is not literal but rather is a spiritual one. To that end, when any religious group actually arm themselves with weapons of war, ignoring the warnings of Paul, that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal," you will know they are not following the will of the Lord (2nd Cor. 10:4). Even so, every Christian must face up to the state of hostility which goes on spiritually and "fight the good fight of faith" to the very end (2nd Tim. 4:7).

The Blaney Family



Adam, Tabby, Mason, Eliza & Lindy

Since about the 1st of March when Adam accepted our offer to work with us as a Youth/Associate Minister, we have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Blaney Family. They are scheduled to close on their home in WV on Monday, June 4, and immediately leave for Springfield. They anticipate arriving here sometime on June 5. Be sure to keep them in your prayers as they complete their work with the church in Lewisburg and as they travel to begin their new work with us. We know that Adam and his family will be a

great blessing to this congregation.

Upcoming Events

- James River Nursing Home Devo is Saturday at 2 p.m. All who can are urged to participate.
- <u>Golden Agers</u> meet next Sunday at 4 p.m.
- <u>Quilters</u> will meet June 5th at 10 am. After the June meeting, we will not meet again until September.
- <u>Elders</u> meet June 12 at 2 p.m.
- <u>Fathers Day</u> June 17.
- <u>Youth Night</u> at Bolivar June 17
- Larry Baggett's session at <u>Happy</u> <u>Hollow</u> begins June 24
- July 28 <u>Super Saturday VBS</u>
- August 15 <u>BLOOD DRIVE</u>

A special thank you to those who have worked many long hours to make sure the house is sparkling inside and out for the Blaney Family when they arrive. Also thanks to those who helped Van with the landscaping around the building last Saturday. You are all appreciated more than you know.

Congratulations to our 2012 Graduates. Thank you to all who helped make the Graduation Reception a great success.





June Anniversaries (1st thru 11th)

2 Tim/Alice Buckner 22 yrs. 2 Justin/Meredith Reaves 5 yrs. 6 James/Emily Simons 14 yrs. 7 Steve/Leah Prewitt 4 yrs. 8 Kevin/Marla Wuench 16 yrs. 9 Dewayne/Carol Jackson 40 yrs. 9 Mike/Glenda Thurlkill 34 yrs. 10 Van/Barbara Barnes 56 yrs. 11 Les/Pat Malanowski 40 yrs./



CONGRATULATIONS to Laurel Barton who has been accepted

into the Conservation Academy at Missou for a week in July. She

was chosen along with 29 other juniors and seniors in the state of

Missouri. She will explore opportunities for careers in natural

resource fields, participate in a variety of conservation activities,

and work alongside University facility and natural resource agency

professionals.

We wanted to say a big 'thank you' to everyone for the great meal and for the kind, heartfelt words (both spoken or written)

that everyone had for us last Sunday. We love you all and will miss you so much!! Love, Shannon, Stacy, and Avery



Their new address is 401W. Covell Road, Apt. #1021, Edmond, OK 73003. Phone # 405-285-0913. Thank you Shannon & Stacy for your many years of faithful service to this congregation. We love you!

SERVICE ROSTERS

THIS MORNING

Nursery: Greeters: Van Driver: KYB Phone: Serve Communion: Linda Currier/Leona Snider Jackie & Virginia Buck Kirk Tracy/576-4591 Program preempted Brendan Carroll/Greg Donoho William Downing/Ted Crabtree Aubrey Cobb/Tom Davis Kyle Buckner/J.J. Blevins Eddie Currier/Aaron Schwartz

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Lesson: Closing Prayer: Communion: Nursery: Jeff Fisher Brendan Carroll Bill McFarland Eddie Currier Scott/Adam Barton Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

NEXT WEEK (June 3) AM

Song Leader:Kerry ColeOpening Prayer:Dale GregoryCommunion:Jack LynchClosing Prayer:Dale HarpNursery:Donna Jordan

Greeters: Van Driver:

Wednesday, May 30:

Devotional: Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Closing Prayer: Van Driver: Jason Luna J.J. Blevins Barney Crawford Tom Davis Don Tracy/224-1936

MONTH OF MAY:

AV Room: Secure Building: Larry Baggett/Travis Morrison Paul Lines/Tim Buckner

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM Sunday Evening Worship...5:00 PM Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

WORKS WE SUPPORT

CHINESE AGAPE Foundation Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands Voice of Truth International Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions World Christian Broadcasting Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Fair Haven Children's Home

"In Search of the Lord's Way" 7 AM Sundays KOLR TV 10

"KNOW YOUR BIBLE" 10:30 AM Sundays/Springfield 33/KSPR

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John Mahon David Kern Mike Thurlkill Jerry Young Briley Ewing Lisa Stayton/ Emily Simons

PM