

Memorial Day

Memory is an important part of the human experience. God created our minds in such a way that we can store information regarding past events and recall that information in the future. These facts range from the mundane tasks of life, such as brushing our teeth every day because we learned the necessity of doing so in the past, to more profound concepts, such as the sacrifices made by American soldiers throughout history who fought and died to protect others in our nation and world.

On Monday, our country will remember those valiant soldiers who donned the uniform of service to their fellowman, and gave their lives for freedom, a cause they deemed greater than themselves. We remember their great sacrifices, and acknowledge the biblical precept of laying down our lives for others (**John 15:13**).

On Sunday, Christians will gather to remember the One who taught us to sacrifice for others. Jesus lived a life of service, spending His time on earth doing good (**Acts 10:38**), teaching truth (**John 6:63**; **Eph. 4:21**), and ultimately giving His perfect life as an atonement for our sins (**John 10:18**).

There are many memorials man observes throughout his days. But there is none so important as the one commanded by God: the Lord's supper (**Matt. 26:26-29**; **1 Cor. 11:23-26**). Let us not fail to remember the supreme sacrifice, and let us proclaim His death until He comes!

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Thank you for
your prayers!

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Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

May 29, 2022

Do You Know Jesus?

Do you know Jesus? How do you know? How can you know if someone else truly knows Jesus and is a Christian? With social media and the recent push from religious groups putting lessons online, I have heard more people claiming to be Christians and claiming to know God's teaching than ever before. We truly live in a wonderful time where we have so many opportunities to learn about God and the bible. With so many voices claiming to speak the truth how do we know what to believe?

In my own lifetime I have seen a shift in the teaching of many so-called churches. There has been a push to undermine God's teaching, focusing only on parts of the truth instead of the whole truth. These people often only seem to talk about God's love and mercy but never talk about our responsibilities toward God. Too often we see people talking about being Christians yet also supporting sinful behavior and lifestyles. How can we know the truth surrounded by so many voices?

The bible teaches us how to recognize a true Christian. The bible teaches us how we ourselves will know when we are truly a follower of Jesus Christ. There is a big difference between liking a story we heard, and that story changing your life. So many seem to like the idea of God but don't want God to change them.

"By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever follows His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says that he remains in Him ought, himself also, walk just as He walked." (1 John 2:3-6)

How will we know if what we are being taught is the truth? When we learn the truth and follow the truth we will be like Jesus. The "Word", the bible, changes our lives and we can not stay the same. To know Jesus means we understand and follow His commands. Only through the study of God's word can know Jesus. ~Brad Tolbert

Memory Verse

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."

Acts 20:24 (NIV)

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HEART-TO-HEART
 In memoriam to those who have gone before, leaving their memory in the hearts of those that carry on.

Ray Leonard is home after a stay in **Dumas Hospital**.

Peggy Moore made it through her surgery on Tuesday just fine. She's experiencing some discomfort but is getting better.

Keith Bates (Ricky Bates' brother) passed away. Grave side service was this past Sunday afternoon at Centerpoint Cemetery in Warren.

We are very happy to have the **Walker family** visiting us this weekend. **Josh** will be delivering the sermon today. Let's all pray for their safe travels.

Today all contributions go to the **Building Fund**.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the going away party for **Ryan and Bonnie Halbert**.

TODAY'S EVENTS

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Fifth Sunday Building Fund
- Evening worship at 5:00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Gary Crook... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter...Eddy & Suzette Russell.. Jerry Smith... Rita Stiles... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper... David Foret... Taylor Koonce... Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Justin Mills... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Family of Keith Bates... Chris Beard... Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper...Ricky Epps... Tommy Haynes... Bertha Henry... Kenny Hudgens... Deane Johnson... Francis Jordan... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... family of Gene Kemp... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... James Perry... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... family of William Woods... Sue Woodard...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- May 30 Karli Walker
- June 2 Ray & Kathy Linder
- 3 Rachel Wilson
- 4 Carolyn Cook
- 5 Jenson Dial
- 9 Laura Smith
- Caroline Wilson
- 10 Tony & Judy Beard
- Ryan & Bonnie Halbert
- 11 Stacy Usry
- Rusty & Lori Rabb
- 12 Allie Collins

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 29 Job 29-31
- 30 Job 32-34
- 31 Job 35-37
- 1 Job 38-40
- 2 Job 41-42
- 3 Psalm 1-6
- 4 Psalm 7-11

Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

A list of cleaning up tasks for anyone having an event in the **Fellowship Hall** has been placed on the refrigerator in the kitchen. After your event is over, please take time to follow these before you leave.

All *Ladies* are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

Best Choice labels are still being collected. Place the **UPC labels** in the box in room 134. The proceeds go to the **Paragould Children's Home**.

"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you." - **Deuteronomy 5:16**

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." - **2 Timothy 3:14, 15**

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit." - Unknown

Attendance

Bible Class	78
Sunday AM Worship...	114
Sunday PM Worship	70
Wed. Evening	70
Contribution	\$4,105

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Communion Preparation

- May 29 Jacque Davidson
- June 5 Regina Dunn
- June 12 Regina Dunn
- June 19 Ione Easterling

Ladies June Duties

- Cards:** Barbara Dyson
- Food:** Sara Newton
Jill Curtis