



TRUE LIGHT

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105

May 29, 2022

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :
9:30 a.m.
Worship:
10:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord
has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

WHAT MEMORIAL DAY TEACHES US ABOUT JESUS' SACRIFICE

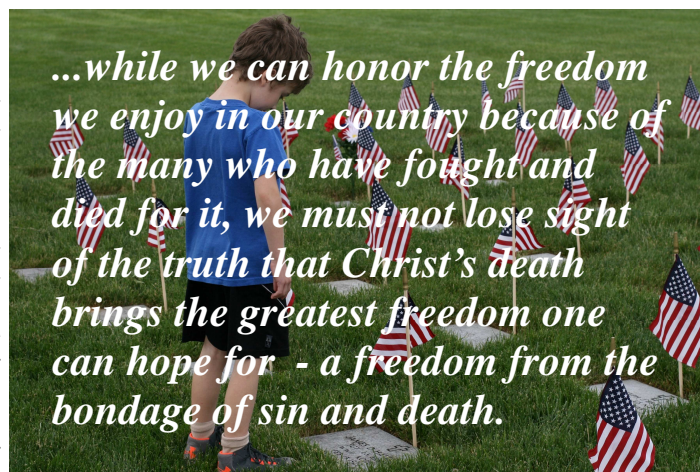
Tomorrow, we celebrate Memorial Day. This national holiday is often accompanied by time off from work, barbecues in the backyard, and, of course, the local furniture store's savings. But there is more to Memorial Day than a burger, a flag, and a day off.

The history

The origins of this holiday are not entirely uniform. Some time following the Civil War, a host of towns and communities began to set aside their own day to commemorate and remember the lives of soldiers lost during America's deadliest war. Some southern states even set aside dates to remember Confederates lost in the war. The form we recognize today didn't come until 1966 when President Lyndon B Johnson declared Memorial Day an official national holiday.

The significance

The fact that a host of different communities felt it necessary to mark days to remember the fallen strikes a chord of transcendence that is present in every human heart. We rightly recognize that to sacrifice one's life for their country and friends is noble, honorable, and courageous. And among the countless sacrifices our troops have made, we rank and give more reverence to those that are deemed greater. The highest award that can be bestowed upon anyone in the American military is the Congressional Medal of Honor. The famous words that accompany the citation of this honor traditionally read, "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."



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The sacrifice

Any given sacrifice is measured by two questions. First, what was given up? And secondly, what was achieved? The greater the sacrifice and the accomplishment, the greater the reverence and awe that brushes, and even haunts, our sense of wonder. Memorial Day, in all its tradition and splendor, is but a distant echo of a sacrifice that should stir our hearts to marvel and long for an even greater sacrifice; something superior to the collective valor our finest heroes could ever muster.

Jesus Christ, the eternally begotten son of God from all of eternity, taking on flesh and giving himself up to die for his sheep is so marvelous and glorious that it is hard for us to comprehend it unless it is measured against the greatest of human sacrifices.

While a Medal of Honor recipient made a tangible sacrifice, it is temporal; yet Christ's is eternal.

While the sacrifice of a service member who dies in combat is the most any one person can give, what Christ gave up was the only perfect life to have ever lived.

While a soldier can die for their comrades, it is Christ who died to make it possible for enemies to be reconciled to him as friends.

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The shuffle of Memorial Day makes it easy to overlook the weightiness of remembering the lives lost for noble causes. Yet, more tragically, the pace of our lives often leads us to forget the greatest sacrifice in human history. This Memorial Day, enjoy time with your family, grilling out, and time off from work. But, Christian, do not let your heart fixate on a temporal human sacrifice and forget the Lord of glory, who purchased you with an eternal one.

Josh Holler

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 29 - Kayli Lawrence
 June 1 - David & Loretta Carson (A)
 Tim & Kim Flowers (A)
 June 2 - Joe Watson
 June 4 - Julie Garner
 Lara Simmons
 June 5 - Wes & Bonnie Howard (A)



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Dried Onions * Dishwashing Detergent * Trail Mix * Freezer Bags (2 Gallon) * Tissues (ie Kleenex) * Toilet Paper
 Pick-up date: June 13

WILLING TO SERVE

May 29, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes
 Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers
 Closing Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Prayer.....David Carson
 Scripture.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
 Prayer.....Ron Garner
 Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

June 5, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
 Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
 Scripture.....Justin Allen
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....David Carson
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Attendance for May 22: 93
Contribution for May 22: \$3489

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jack McGowan will be undergoing hip replacement surgery * **Jordan McGowan** had hip repair surgery Friday * **Baby Grayson**, great-grandson of Bud and Donna McQuin, diagnosed with COVID * **Kathy Caudle** recovering at home from hip replacement surgery * **Kristi Altman's** cancer has spread to her brain, and she is not doing well * **Woody Wood**, being treated for lung cancer * **Janet Wood** at home, waiting for knee replacement surgery * **Maura Thomason** will have all four wisdom teeth extracted June 16

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * Kristi Altman * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Don Jackson * Sonja Mays * Curtis McClard * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Kevin Mickey * Reba Owens * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Waynetta Rodgers * Jane Smith * Leon Smith * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Gunner Townsend * Marty Watson * Sharlette Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Chastity Beard * Cathy Bennett * Gina Bogle * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Chris Daley * Bill Fitzpatrick * Jo Carolyn Flowers-Noe (not doing well) * Kim Goins * Ronnie Goins * Patricia Greninger * Neal Halford * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson Kristin Meadows * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Linda Morgan * Paula Mason * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Nikki Reif * Tammy Telker * Bobby Thornton * Paula Walls

Other health issues (non-congregational):

DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Jodi Claeys * Ruth Dauck * Jerry Grimes * Katie Hicks * Grant Howard * Clyde Jacques * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Eva Latham * Nikki Lawrence * Shug Lee * Jerry Don McGowan * Lyndsey Neeley * Brenda Robinson * Gene Rowland * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Paige Tanner * Heather Whitehead *

Our Shut Ins

Louella Akers * Fern Botsch * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Don Jackson * Sonja Mays * Reba Owens * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson *

Looking Ahead

Today is the fifth Sunday of the month. We will have a potluck following morning services and an early, 1 p.m. evening service.

Our Summer Speaker Series begins Wednesday with Steve Cloer. There is a schedule of speakers on the table in the foyer.

Children's Homes Fish Fry Friday, June 6, at the Dexter church of Christ, beginning at 6 p.m. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

CRC day June 12. There will be a collection box on the table in the foyer for donations to Crowley's Ridge College

Children's Home grocery run June 13. Let's get the cart filled up.

Micah Brinkley from the Children's Home will be our guest speaker for evening services June 26.

Ladies Lunch Out June 14 at 11:30 at Mongolian Grill, Sikeston. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Session 3 of Bootheel Youth Camp July 10-15. Applications will be available soon.

Avery Caroline Neely is the recipient of a \$250 matching funds scholarship given by the church for furthering her Christian education at Harding University. Congratulations, Avery!

HOPE CUTS THROUGH STORMS

In the spring of 2021, several storm-chasers recorded videos and took photos of a rainbow next to a tornado in Texas. In one video, long stalks of wheat in a field bent under the power of the whirling winds. A brilliant rainbow cut across the gray skyline and arched toward the twister. Bystanders in another video stood on the side of the road and watched the symbol of hope standing firm beside the twisting funnel-shaped cloud.

In Psalm 107, the psalmist offers hope and encourages us to turn to God during difficult times. He describes some who were in the middle of a storm, *at their wits' end. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress (vv 27,28).*

God understands His children will sometimes struggle to feel hopeful when life feels like a storm. We need reminders of His faithfulness, especially when the horizon looks dark and tumultuous.

Whether our storms come as substantial obstacles in our lives, as emotional turmoil, or as mental stress, God can still our storms *to a whisper* and guide us to a place of refuge (vv 29-30). Thought we may not experience relief in our preferred way or time, we can trust God to keep the promises He's given in Scripture. His enduring hope will cut through any storm.
 Xochitl Dixon

BAPTISM

We rejoice with our brother Nick Harris, who put on Christ in baptism Sunday, May 15. Welcome to the family, Nick!