

Morning Worship

May 29, 2016

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Piano — Marcia Hart

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Hymn # 197 *"Rejoice the Lord Is King"*

Tim/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Hymn # 242 *"Pentecostal Power"*

Tim/People

Hymn # 243 *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

Tim/People

Offering Prayer

Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Marcia Hart

Hymn # 547 *"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"*

Tim/People

Anthem *"To Rescue a Sinner Like Me"*

Worship Choir

Children's Worship

(Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading

Allan/People

Message *"The Perfect Remembrance"*

Allan Lane

Hymn # 320 *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"*

Tim/People

Prayer Concerns

Tim/People

Chorus of # 206 *"Blessed Be the Name"*

Tim/People

The Perfect Remembrance

Revelation 22:6-21

Two elderly ladies had been friends since their 30s. Now in their 80s, they still got together a couple of times a week to play cards. One day they were playing gin rummy and one of them said, "You know, we've been friends for many years and, please don't get mad, but for the life of me, I can't remember your name. Please tell me what it is." Her friend glared at her. She continued to glare and stare at her for at least three minutes. Finally, she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

All of us have lapses of memories. I was relieved to find out that I'm not the only one who forgets things. Everyone does at one time or another, according to Karen Bolla, a Johns Hopkins researcher. These are the things people most often forget:

- names 83%
- where something is 60%
- telephone numbers 57%
- words 53%
- what was said 49%
- faces 42%
- whether or not you've just done something 38%.

Sometimes our forgetfulness is simply the result of neglectfulness and inattention to that which has been done for us by those who have preceded us. When it comes to our spiritual lives it is important for us to never neglect that which God has given to us or forget that which He has done for us.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It is observed every year on the last Monday of May and originated following the Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died during that dreadful war that claimed more than 498,000 lives. Today Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service.

As we gather on this day before Memorial Day, we celebrate our heritage, the truth that we are free today because many died for our freedom. Memorial Day is also a time to remember the Gospel story, to remember the ultimate sacrifice of the perfect life laid down so that we might be eternally free.

1) Remember: I will return .

a) It represents a promise .

"Coming soon" speaks of a promise. Our text begins with the promise of the future and a call to remember the past. Jesus had told the disciples He would come again. In the end of John 21:22 and the beginning of Acts 1:11 we hear the promise of this coming future.

b) It refers to a time .

"Coming soon" speaks of a time frame. But when would He come? The question is still asked today. When Jesus appeared to His disciples on the seashore in John chapter 21, Peter was told that John might remain until Jesus came again. Maybe John had wondered when Jesus would come and to calm the fears of this beloved disciple, Jesus promises him, I am coming soon.

The time frame is given and yet not qualified. It is true for us today. The time frame is soon, but when is not known. Only the Father knows and when the time is right, He will send the Son with the sounding of the trumpet.

When considering the power of these little narratives, it reminds me of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, the speech he gave in 1863 to dedicate a portion of that battlefield as a cemetery for the Civil War dead.

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

(Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, given November 19, 1863 on the battlefield near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.)

"Coming Soon" is a call to commitment. Are you ready for His return? Will it be a day of celebration or despair? He is coming back so we better live like it. This is what Abraham Lincoln was calling us to.

2) Remember: I will reward .

a) It represents future action.

A reward represents future action. Again we are called to remember the truth of the gospel and it is that we will be rewarded for our faith. Just as we read in Genesis 15:6, "Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness." So we too know that belief brings reward. Jesus has promised throughout the book of Revelation that He will reward those that overcome, hear what He says to the "Church": Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21.

Do you think Jesus is serious about rewards? He is better than your Discover Card. A reward represents future action, but it also relies on past action.

b) It relies on past action.

Past action is what Jesus did on the cross. Past action is what we have done, the sin we have committed. Past action includes all those things for which we will be judged. Is your past covered by the blood of Jesus?

Notice verse 12: "My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done (verse 12)."

Then look at verses 14-15 again. "Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood (verses 14-15)."

You see past action does have consequences, good and bad. You are either in or out. The good news is that today we have the opportunity to choose.

3) Remember: I will receive .

a) Welcome is the Gospel .

The Gospel is still good news. Last Sunday Bro. Jack shared with you from John 3 about what it means to be Born Again. The Gospel is still John 3:16 and 17. The Gospel is our entrance into eternity with Jesus. The Gospel is "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city (verse 14)."

b) Welcome is the invitation .

"The Spirit and the bride say 'Come!' and let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life (verse 17)." Have you ever heard a better invitation than that? The Spirit and the bride call you to come. Those that have heard the call, call you to come. If you are thirsty for the salvation of God, Come! Whoever wishes may come. It is free for the receiving for all. Are you ready to come? The following poem reminds us of the price of freedom.

Freedom is not free

I watched the flag pass by one day. It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it, and then He stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform So young, so tall, so proud
With hair cut square and eyes alert He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought, how many men like him Had fallen through the years?
How many died on foreign soil? How many mothers' tears?
How many Pilots' planes shot down? How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, Freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of taps one night, When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times That taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children, Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington. No, Freedom isn't free!

Conclusion

This is the same truth we celebrate on Memorial Day. All are welcome here in this land of democracy because a great price has been paid. Many men and women gave unselfishly that we might live in a free country where you are truly free. Jesus offers us a freedom beyond freedom. It too came at a great price - the greatest price ever paid. The one who knew no sin died on behalf of all sinners. What do you remember today? Will you remember those that died that we might live? Will you also remember the Gospel? The truth that Jesus paid it all that we might live not only hear and now, but for eternity?

What Will You Remember? Remembering the Sacrifice

It was Sunday morning and Harry was off. He pulled out of his driveway in his 2-seat convertible, with the roof closed because of a driving rain, and headed for church. But as he turned into the main road he saw ahead of him three bedraggled figures huddled under a single umbrella at the next bus stop. One was old Mrs. Fletcher. She still insisted on getting to church by herself, despite her arthritis which was always worse in wet weather. Next to her was Dr. Jones, the local General Practitioner. A year earlier Dr. Jones had diagnosed a rare and dangerous disease that Harry had contracted on an overseas holiday, so Harry virtually owed him his life. The third person was Judith. Harry had had a crush on Judith for the past 6 months since she joined their church but had never had the courage or the opportunity to ask her out.

What a dilemma! Harry had about three seconds to decide what to do. There was only one spare seat. To whom should he offer a lift? Three seconds was enough. He pulled to a halt, jumped out, passed the keys to Dr. Jones, helped Mrs. Fletcher into the passenger seat, then modestly waved good-bye as he huddled close to Judith under the umbrella. God's sovereignty and our action so often go hand in hand.

When the first Memorial Day was celebrated, a group of women from Washington D.C. asked the War Department for permission to put flowers on the soldiers graves at Arlington Cemetery. After a lot of haggling, permission was finally granted to do so. But a stern order was attached to the permission. No flowers were to be placed on the graves of the Confederate soldiers who were buried in a segregated section of the cemetery. The ladies carried out their task, careful to follow these instructions. Then General James Garfield made a speech. When the crowds left, a strong wind arose. The wind blew almost all the flowers into the Confederate section. After that the separation was never repeated. Many believed that all this was due to divine intervention.

It's honorable and fitting that we remember the sacrifice of our nation's great veterans. Some estimate nearly 1.3 million Americans have shed their blood and died for freedom's cause. Yet that number pales in comparison to the number of men, women, and children who have given their lives for freedom's eternal cause.

Michael J. McClymond, writing for the Journal of the American Academy of Religion, wrote in its December 2002 edition: "The total number of Christian martyrs during the 20th Century is reported at 45 million." He defined Christian martyrs as "believers in Christ who lost their lives prematurely, in situations of witness, as a result of human hostility."

God only knows how many more have shed their blood for the cause of Christ in the last

two thousand years. We likewise remember their sacrifice. It's important we remember the One they believed in, who shed the purity of his blood for freedom's cause. Without the sacrifice or our Risen Lord, we in America would not enjoy the freedoms we love and know so well.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Memorial Day History

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee. (Copied from the website <http://www.usmemorialday.org>)

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough,
Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

No Evening Worship.....

Monday, May 3

Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 1

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm
Prayer / Bible Study 6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, June 2

G Team.....6:30 pm

Saturday, June 4

Mission Trip Meeting..... 10 am

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: ? ? ? , Ken Nice,

Fred Kerns, Don Sharp

Alternate: Isaac Waters

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 8

Mission Team departs 8:00 am
Youth Study..... 6:30 pm
Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, June 9

G Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

May 30 — Memorial Day

June 4 — Mission Trip Meeting 10:00 am SJBA Office

June 6 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm

June 8 — Prayer Warriors 10:00 am

June 8 —12 Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip

June 12 — Food Pantry Collection Day

June 13-14 — Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting St. Louis, Missouri

June 16 — Food Pantry

June 18 — Joyce Izer Life Celebration 1:00 pm

June 19 — Father's Day

June 27 -July 1— SJBA Youth Camp at Grand Oaks

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

We will NOT have Sunday Evening Service here tonight due to the Memorial Day holiday. Plan to attend next week!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

Funeral Dinner List Update

We are needing an updated list of those who can help by preparing food for any funeral dinners that we host here at the church. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

E-MAIL SIGN UP FOR ANNA W.

If you would like to receive an update for Anna W. please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway with your current email address. If you do not have email and would like to receive a copy of the update please put your mailing address in the blank next to your name.

In Sympathy

We offer Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Joyce Izer, who passed away Sunday, May 22, 2016. There will be a celebration of her life at 1:00 pm, June 18, 2016 here at the church.

The Associational Mission Trip for this summer is June 8 - 12. We will be going to Fairview Heights, Illinois to work with **Crossover St. Louis**. We would ask you to pray for the team and its leaders.

Prayer Warriors

Wednesday, June 8 at 10:00 am

Youth Camp... is June 27-July 1

Please be in prayer for the youth and camp leaders who will be involved at Grand Oaks Camp this summer.

Lord's Supper Observance

Morning Worship, June 5th

All loose change in the offering plate will be used for benevolence.

For the Record

Attendance: May 22, 2016

(Sunday School Records will be reported next week.)

Sunday School.....

Visitors.....

Total.....

Contacts Made.....

Morning Worship.....50

Children's Worship.....

Sunday NightN/A

Wednesday Night 14

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget..... \$ 2,040.52

Offering Received... \$ 753.00

Offering Received by Mail:

June Counting Team:

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

June Van Driver:

Mike Green: Remember to call 232-3747 **before 8 am** if you need a ride.

June Member Birthdays:

05... Burt Messner

09... Sarah Waters

14... Jessica Burgess

14... John Lewis

19....Jordan Lane

26... Pam Battreal

25... Martha Green

June Anniversaries

John and Beverly Lewis

June 11, 1948

Jo and Elmer Mayse

June 27, 1981

Prayer Requests ...

Tim Izer and Family

Jim Winans, surgery recovery

Alicia McKinnon

Linda Raines, breast cancer

Dakota Duty, recovery

Robbie Hutcherson, Loleta's son

Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

Nellie Reynolds—recovery

Loleta Middleton—strength

Pat Puckett—Daughter, Son-in-law

Maxine and George Ferbert—strength

Sue Higgins—regain strength

Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew

Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—

Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law

Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris

Richardson's sisters

Mission Trip in June

Youth and Children's Camps

Grant Schottel—advanced training

Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister

Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew

Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health

Audrey Dugan Bob Barquist

Kathryn Beavers Ann Riddle

Louanne Laurence Keon McKahan

Jozy Winans Leona Reynolds

Kevin Duty Kenny Duty

Madeline Swink Bobby Griswold

Bill Haskins Debbie Sands

Brenda Burgess Judy Anderson

Carolyn Houts Roscoe Lane

Missionaries Don and Diane Combs

Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church

David and Deborah Grace

Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
