

Morning Worship

May 28, 2017

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 # 4	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	Don/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Hymn # 15	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	Don/People
Hymn # 328	<i>Wonderful Grace</i>	Don/People
Offering Prayer		John Lewis
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Marcia Hart
Hymn # 629	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>	Don/People
Solo		Don Beavers
Children's Worship		(Children are dismissed)
Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Allan/People
Message	<i>Memories Matter</i>	Allan Lane
Hymn # 294	<i>Have Thine Own Way</i>	Don/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Chorus # 564	<i>Make Me a Channel of Blessing</i>	Don/People

Memories Matter

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

May 28, 2017 am

Paul had memories of others who had done memorable things. He "continually brought to mind" the things the Thessalonians did. From his remembrance of them he also encourages us to do things worthy of remembering. He remembered:

1. Their Works .

a. Acts of faith .

Works of the law cannot save us, Paul warns about this over and over. But we must have works of faith. Hebrews 11 is all about those who are justified by God because of their faithful actions on His behalf. James 2 clearly warns that faith without works is dead being by itself. The Thessalonians were remembered because they practiced their faith.

b. Labors of love .

"Labors" is the word used for intensive toil. Not just a Sunday morning worship service type effort. Their love for others prompted sweat on the brow type labor. Religion for them was not based on what it had to offer them. It was based on love for Jesus Christ. It was shown in their loving service to Jesus through service to fellow-man.

c. Steadfast hope .

Their hope was in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ. He promised to lead us to the Father (John 14:1-6). He's a God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2). They placed trust in

Him and that gave them hope. We can endure anything if we know it is temporary. They knew earthly tribulation they faced was temporary and that heaven is eternal so they could hold on. Because of their faith, hope, and love, Paul remembered the Thessalonians.

2. Their Imitation .

a. Of Paul and Jesus .

Jesus was persecuted and remained steadfast to His teaching. Paul was persecuted often and kept true to Jesus (Philippians 4:11, Philippians 1:21-22). Despite worldly conditions, Paul preached Christ and Him crucified. He never let what the world did change his focus. He was steadfast immovable.

They became like Paul and like Jesus when they "received the word." They received it during tribulation. There was pressure on them to conform to idolatry. But they stood fast in the hope of the word of Christ.

b. For others .

They are an example:

1. To local congregations
 - a. Macedonia and Achaia, regions local to Thessalonica
 - b. Those close-by heard of the faith in Thessalonica and were encouraged
2. And those far off
 - a. Including us
 - b. Those who see that God can be followed even in trying times
 - c. Today is a difficult day for the Lord's church but no worse than for the church in Thessalonica in the first-century
 - d. We too can see from their example that we can lead others to Christ

3. Their Repentance .

a. They had been idolaters .

They turned from idols to the living true God (1:8). They had formerly served idols such as man-made statues and imaginary powers. When they heard of the true God they turned from idols.

b. They were not alone .

Idolatry had been a problem for man for a long time. Some might say that Cain idolized himself enough that he killed his own brother. King Saul idolized power so that he disobeyed God. Israel idolized popularity and followed idols of pagan nations. There has never been a shortage of sources to take us away from God.

c. They were able to overcome .

They were able to overcome worldly weaknesses through the power of the Gospel (Romans 1:16). The Gospel changes us.

- a. From lost to found, we were lost in the misery of sin now we are found in the grace of Christ
- b. From condemned to saved, apart from Him we were destined to spend eternity in the Lake of Fire, now in Him we have the hope of eternity in heaven
- c. From darkness to light, we wandered around tripping and falling over our own sinful lives, now we see the path clearly to a better life, both on earth and in heaven

Paul remembered their faith that turned them from idols to the one True-Living God of the universe.

Conclusion:

Most people want to be remembered for something good. Alfred Nobel invented the peace prize so he would not be remembered for inventing dynamite which killed more in war than any time before.

Paul remembered the church at Thessalonica often. He remembered their works that stemmed from faith in Christ, love for His creation, and hope that stood firm in the face of trial and tribulation. He remembered that they imitated him as they pushed forward with the Gospel even though people around them wanted it to stop. He remembered their repentance that they let the word of God penetrate the recesses of their hearts and turned their backs on a life of paganism and deviancy to a life of service.

One thing to remember, we will be remembered. For what do you want people to remember you? Let us be remembered for our faithful acts of love, for our steadfastness in the Gospel despite challenges, and for our repentance and modeling of the Christian life for all those who hear of us. Go out today and do something worthy of remembering.

Do Something Worthy of Remembering!

A Great Gift from God

Tomorrow marks the national observance of Memorial Day. All across America there will be the sound of marching feet, band music, and drums. In great cities and small towns, people will gather at a park or cemetery where speeches are given, prayers are said, taps are played, a salute is given, and guns fired. It's our way of honoring those who died that we might continue to enjoy our liberties.

From Gettysburg to Berlin, from San Juan Hill to Heartbreak Ridge, from Iwo Jima to Saigon and the deserts of the Middle East, come the echoed cries of those who gave the best they had. The blood of American soldiers is permanently mingled with the soil of four continents.

Memorial Day or Decoration Day emerged from the shadows of the Civil War. In 1865, days after General Robert E Lee surrendered a group of women in Vicksburg, Mississippi decorated the graves of the war dead. Three years later, May 30 was set aside for the placing of flowers on soldier's graves throughout America.

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, so the story goes, 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.

Since WWII, Decoration Day has honored the fallen dead of all our wars. We ought to honor those heroes of the past and remember that their lives were sacrificed for our freedom.

Perhaps this Memorial Day you might consider taking your children or grandchildren to a nearby cemetery. Be sure they understand that others gave their lives in sacrifice for their freedom.

Memorial Day is all about remembering. Locked away, down deep inside your heart and mind is a treasure house full of memories and visions of the past that time can never erase. Not all our memories are pleasant of course. Some are very sad—even bathed in tears. But there are happy memories too—recollections you wouldn't exchange for any sum of money in the world.

What a wonderful gift our memories are. Without them we would stumble through a world of confusion, unable to profit from anything we had learned before. We wouldn't even know that we could quench our thirst at a drinking fountain, or that a red traffic light means "stop" or that a mailbox is a place to mail a letter.

And yet we do forget as even important things gradually fade away. That's one reason why we have days set aside like Memorial Day. They're memory aids. We need them so that we will not forget those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Memory is a great gift from God. Use it in the most positive way that you can. We can only hope the past mercies of God serve as a helper for the present and a hope for the future.

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

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

Sunday, May 28, 2017

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

Diversicare.....2:30 pm

No Evening Worship.....

Wednesday, May 31

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

Thursday, June 1

G Team.....6:30 pm

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: ????, Ken Nice, Don Sharp, Fred Kerns
Alternate: Isaac Waters

Fellowship Dinner & Business Meeting.....Noon

Mission Trip Meeting..... 3 pm

No Evening Worship.....

Wednesday, June 7

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm
Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, June 8

R Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

May 28 — Diversicare

May 29 — Memorial Day

June 11 — Mission Trip Meeting, 3 pm

June 18 — Father's Day

June 19-23 — Saint Joseph Baptist Association Youth Camp

July 8-14 — SJBA Youth and Adult Mission Trip to Yankton

July 17-21 — Saint Joseph Baptist Association Children's Camp

July 23-27 — Vacation Bible School

GROW Team

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

Sunday Nights

Tonight we will not have church due to our visit at Diversicare. See you the next time we meet.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

This week our study is *Out Live Your Life* by Max Lucado. Come and discover how you can make a difference. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm!

Youth Camp ...

Youth Camp is June 19-23.

Campers must have completed the 7th—12th grades.

Children's

Camp ...

...forms are available.

Children's Camp is

July 17-21.

Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

June 18 is Father's Day!

Vacation Bible School

July 23-27

Mark your calendar!

Let Ellen know if you are willing to serve and what age group.

Diversicare Nursing Home

Today, May 28, 2017

2:30 pm

Please join us as we
minister to those who can no longer attend their
own churches.

For the Record-

Attendance: May 21, 2017

Sunday School.....	26
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	26
Contacts Made.....	6
Morning Worship.....	41
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Wednesday Night	N/A

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,592.35

Offering Received by Mail:

Toni Wyrick

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
30... Randy Harr

June Anniversaries

John and Beverly Lewis

June 11, 1948

Jo and Elmer Mayse

June 27, 1981

Prayer Requests ...

Jo and Elmer Mayse

Emily Jones, Tammy Panning

Irma Wood—Lillian Williams friend

Gina Harr—recovery (and Randy)

Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister

Pat Means—Mary Sharp's Sister

Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son

Stephanie and Jason Terpack

Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim

Don and Marcia —Don's Health

Troy Griswold—cancer treatment

Tracy Maisel and Tim Ford

Juanita and Bill Haskins—adjustments

Gary & Peggy Fewins and family

Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery

Karissa and Matt Long and family

Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

LoLeta Middleton—strength

Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law

Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris

Richardson's sisters

Rev. A. B. Brown Betty Campbell

George Ferbert Larry Danner

Ellen Blanton Lois Ulmer

Jim Winans Nellie Reynolds

Madeline Swink Ann Riddle

Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan

Louanne Laurence Leona Reynolds

Jozy Winans Kenny Duty

Kevin Duty Buddy Means

Bill Haskins Debbie Sands

Pat Puckett Judy Anderson

Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane

Carolyn Houts Tim Izer

Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church

David and Deborah Grace

Our Nation and Leaders

Our Military Service people

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
