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“Remembering”

Memorial Day is this coming Monday (May 30). Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to celebrate this day, but in 1868, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic called for a “Decoration Day”, which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state in the union had adopted it as a holiday. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as “Memorial Day” and changed its observance to the last Monday in May. Congress established an exact moment of remembrance on Memorial Day. The National Moment of Remembrance Act, which was adopted in December 2000, encourages every citizen to pause each Memorial Day at 3 p.m. local time to remember the brave men and women who died in service to our nation.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for the mourning/remembrance of U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is not a day of thanking those who currently serve or have served in the Military. Those two distinctions have their own day of celebration.

Armed Forces Day, not a national holiday, was created by the Department of Defense in 1949 and first celebrated Saturday, May 20, 1950. Armed Forces Day is celebrated each May for those who currently serve in our Armed Forces. May 22, 2022 was Armed Forces Day this year.

Veterans Day is a national holiday and is a day to thank the Veterans who have served in the Armed Forces. Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is observed annually on November 11th. Armistice Day and Remembrance Day mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostiles of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11 month of 1918. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 and is celebrated on November 11th each year.

Having served in the military, each of these days has importance to me. But as a Christian, “memorial” or “remembrance” has special meaning also. We are told to “remember” throughout scripture. I’ll just give you a couple of examples.

Many of you know this story. The Lord God came to Joshua and told him to choose one man from each of the twelve tribes of Israel and have them go back into the Jordan and choose 12 stones and make a memorial of remembrance of what the Lord God had done that day at their place of lodging. In Joshua 4:6 – 7 Joshua records: 6 Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying,

‘What do these stones mean to you?’ 7 then you shall say to them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.’ So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.” This became a day and place of remembrance of the work/graciousness of the Lord God.

The second example is even more familiar. On the night Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples, His last, He instituted the Lord’s Supper, what we often call Holy Communion. The Catholic and Protestant churches celebrate this sacrament, many on a weekly basis, on the Lord’s Day. In Luke 22:19 – 20, Jesus says: “19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ 20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’” In First Corinthians 11:23 – 26, Paul states: “23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

These are just two events to “remember” from God’s Word. All of Scripture reveals who God is and what He has done for humanity, His plan of salvation. And the fact that He loved us so much He would send His Son to die for us. WOW! Believer, how could we ever forget, ever not remember, ever not partake of this Holy Sacrament of Communion? How? It should be an everyday thanksgiving pouring off our lips. And it should be a “Remembering” each time we grace the table of the Lord to partake of His supper. May it always be.

I will remember on this Monday those who sacrificed their lives that I may have the freedom to celebrate my faith in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I will also remember my Lord who sacrificed His life so that I might have life eternal through Him. Thank you Jesus!

Blessing friends,
Pastor Marty – HOPE Church Raleigh
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HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, May 25

Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer
@ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 26

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 28

Women of HOPE @ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 29

Worship Team Practice @ 8:15 a.m.

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time @ 10:50 a.m.

Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 1

Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer
@ 7:00 p.m.

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship Food - May 29

Church Will Provide

Soundboard - May 29

Benjamin Pierce

Communion Steward - May

Janice Worthington

Greeter - May 29

Volunteer Needed

Volunteer for the Nursery - May 29

Terry Duffell

This Sunday
Scripture Text and Sermon

Romans 10:14 - 21
"Have They Not Heard?"



Outreach Ministries

"Food of the Month"

for the Raleigh Dream Center Food Pantry

Pull Top Canned Vegetables

We have a collection bin in the foyer

Meal Ministry

Take a meal from the freezer if needed for you or someone else.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help prepare meals for others.

See Christina Johnston with questions.

The Computer Lab

Saturday, June 11th

@ 9:00 a.m.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Sunday School

This Sunday for all ages

Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer Tonight @ 7 PM

In person or by Zoom

WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, May 28th

@ 1:00 p.m.

MEN of HOPE

Tuesday, June 7th at 7 p.m.

A ZOOM link for the meeting will be sent out beforehand.

Join us!

Prayer Requests:

Covid -19, Lori Estelle, Mark Drylie, Kyle Rohweder (Friend of Rich and Diane Williams), Chandni Haswell & family, Ken Guy (Lynn Joyner's brother-in-law), Revill & Mary Lane Mallory, Evelyn Doby, Jamie Baldwin, Donna Williams, Renee Logan, Loretta (Sandi Underwood's daughter), Joan Summers, Jordan & Cinnamon (son and daughter of Lynn Joyner's family members), Tommy Lanphere (Lynn Joyner's brother), Becky Hale's mom in Wyoming, Gene & Becky Hale, The Baker family, Dave & Dot Geil, Joy Forrest's daughter Haley, Carlyle and Cynthia Franklin (Sandra Pierce's dad and stepmom), Brian Adam's dad, our Military, our Missionaries, our Nation, and the world. If you have those you would like added to our prayer concerns, please email me those names.

Save the DATE

Vacation Bible School 2022

Kingdom Chronicles
Standing Strong in the
Battle for Truth

Dates:

July 5 - 9

Tuesday - Friday

7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday includes a cookout
(Adult Class offered too)

Worship Ministries

We are excited to start growing our Worship Team, as well as give those in our congregation who would like to use their musical gifts the opportunity to serve the Body and glorify the Lord.

We would also like to grow the ProPresenter/Sound Ministry Team and our Streaming Ministry Team. If any of these areas of worship ministry interest you, please email Lori Estelle at: loriestelle@hopechurchraleigh.org

Pentecost RED

For years now, on Pentecost at HOPE, we have worn RED. **Pentecost Sunday is June 5th.** Please plan to wear something RED that Sunday.

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Daily Devotions For This Coming Week

May 29	Joshua	16
May 30	Joshua	17
May 31	Joshua	18
Jun 1	Joshua	19
Jun 2	Joshua	20
Jun 3	Joshua	21
Jun 4	Joshua	22

Quote of the Week

"The Holy Spirit is the bond by which Christ efficaciously unites us to Himself."

John Calvin