

## *Happy Birthday*

**Cassidy Stapp June 2nd**

**Mike Lovell July 16th**

**Keith Stifflemire July 22nd**

## *Happy Anniversary*

**June 14th**

**Will & Autumn Vann**

## **Basic Instructions**

### **Before Leaving Earth**

Sometime ago I read the story of a small son who proudly said to his father, "I know what the Bible stands for!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what it stands for?" The son replied, "But I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "So, son, what does the Bible stand for?" "That's easy, daddy. It stands for 'Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.'" The first letter of each word of that phrase spells Bible.

Out of the mouths of babes come words of wisdom! Truly the Bible is a guide book on how to live while here on earth in preparation to enter that eternal home that awaits all the faithful. Won't you please read it, believe it and obey it so you can receive your "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth?"

To enhance your knowledge of this great book of God's instructions, why not attend our Bible Study classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings?

By George Pledger

## **Those to Serve**

(B) Mike Lovell

(FV) Jorge Garza

(O) Calvin Burks

(A) Doug Pruett

1st prayer Mike Mallett

2nd prayer Keith Stifflemire

Announcements: Jack Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

**May 26th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**May 27th**

*Memorial Day*

**June 2nd**

*Mission Sunday*

**June 16th**

*Father's Day*

**June 20th**

*First Day of Summer*

**June 30th**

*Noon Fellowship*

### **Prayer List:**

Letha Sheldon

Jorge Garza

Joyce Windham

Dora Martinez

David Jones

Tammy Parker

Anita Adams

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

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*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

**Will Vann, Preacher**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**863-899-0987**

**10:20 am Worship**

**Email: [wvann@yahoo.com](mailto:wvann@yahoo.com)**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**[www.evantchurchofchrist.org](http://www.evantchurchofchrist.org)**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## Some Items to Remember on Memorial Day

This is Memorial Day weekend. During this time of year, we pause to remember. We remember the ones who died for our nation's freedom. We remember the loved ones in general who have gone on before. The basic idea of remembering is to look back. We are looking back this weekend. Let us go through some biblical accounts and take a look back. All these will begin with word "remember" or "remembrance" and are in no particular order.

Remember the Word I have spoken: John 15:20: There is an idea here that Jesus not only wants us to remember but also to do. Jesus's word will judge us (John 12:48). How is our spiritual memory? Many people have a memory problem. Sometimes we remember what the scripture says, but we don't believe it applies to us. Let us remember the following from the Word of God: The wonderful works of God (Rom. 11:33); the death of Christ (1 Cor. 11:25-26); the teachings of the gospel (Rom. 1:16). To remember Christ's words would include obeying them and incorporating them into your life. The words of Christ are very important to salvation (John 12:48, John 14:24, 1 Tim. 6:3, Matt. 24:35).

Remember Me: Luke 23:42: This is the statement of the thief on the cross. We often focus on the statement made by Jesus in response to the thief: "Today you will be with me in paradise"; but the statement the thief made is very important. What does this statement say? He wanted to do what pleased Jesus. He wanted to be where Jesus was. He wasn't afraid to confess something about Christ even while facing certain death. He had an attitude of repentance. Certainly, we want the Lord to remember us when the crowns are handed out. (1 Cor. 9:25; 2Tim. 4:8; Rev. 2:10). We cannot be saved like the thief on the cross. He didn't have to believe anything about Christ's death. I do! (Rom. 10:9) He couldn't be baptized into the death of Christ; (Rom. 6:3); I must be. The thief on the cross lived and died under the Law of Moses. That law was nailed to the cross and taken out of the way. (Col. 2:14). When God "remembers" us He looks back at what we have done.

Remember that Jesus was raised from the dead: 2 Tim. 2:8: This gives us hope beyond the grave (1 Cor. 15:14). Some in New Testament times thought that the resurrection had already past (2 Tim. 2:18). The Sadducees said there was no resurrection of the dead. (1 Cor. 15:12) The whole basis of the Christian experience is based in large part, not only on salvation, but on the hope of a resurrection someday. The Lord's Supper is to be taken every Sunday for this purpose. (1 Cor. 11:24, 25)

Certainly, there are other passages that contain the word "remember." These three are significant and should get our attention as we remember this weekend.

By Bill Brandstatter

## A Simple Verse About Right and Wrong “

... **abhor what is evil; cling to what is good**” (Romans 12:9). This short verse (actually it is just the second part of the verse) would be a fine one to commit to memory. It states or implies at least three vital points.

**First**, there is such a thing as good and evil. People used to understand that. We used to know that one is supposed to keep his word, that greed is a bad thing, that marriage is for life, that homosexuality is a perversion, etc. Now, several generations have grown up listening to denominational preachers say that it does not matter what you believe, thereby undermining Bible authority.

We have heard libertarians rationalize any and every kind of conduct. We have grown accustomed to comedians making daily fodder of sin of every kind. Is it any wonder people are confused? Come to think of it, this is nothing new. Long ago Isaiah wrote, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; . . . who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight" (Isaiah 5:20-21).

**Second**, it is both possible and necessary to discern good and evil. Personal preferences and moral relativism leave us adrift. There is a fixed standard. It is God. He is right or righteous. "A God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:4). His word, His self-revelation, is the yardstick by which all conduct is measured. It is the standard by which we shall be judged (John 12:48).

Discerning right and wrong begins with the "thou shalt/thou shalt not" passages. We must also take into account principles of conduct, such as maintaining a clear conscience (Romans 14:22-23), not putting other things before God (Matthew 6:33), leaving off questionable things that would lessen our influence for good (Matthew 5:16), etc. Paul often prayed that Christians would grow in this area of distinguishing conduct (Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-12).

**Third**, we must act in keeping with the quality of any given behavior. If a thing is good we are to cling to it. The original verb in our text is from the Greek noun for glue; be glued to it. On the other hand, if conduct is bad, we are to abhor it. Abhor is from the Latin word for horror, which literally means to shudder. We should shudder at the very idea of some kinds of behavior [misbehavior].

Simply put, Romans 12:9 tells us to use God's word and draw the line between good and evil. Once that line is drawn, do not see how close to it you can get without stepping over; stay as far away from evil and as close to God as you can.— **by Frank Himmel**