

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Lovell
(FV) Keith Stifflemire
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Calvin Burks
1st prayer Judd Wall
2nd prayer Mike Mallett
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

May 29th
Noon Fellowship
May 30th
Memorial Day
June 5th
Mission Sunday
June 6th
D Day
June 12th
Men's Business Meeting
June 19th
Father's Day
June 21st
First Day of Summer

"The United States and the freedom for which it stands, the freedom for which they died, must endure and prosper. Their lives remind us that freedom is not bought cheaply. It has a cost; it imposes a burden. And just as they whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too must we - in a less final, less heroic way - be willing to give of ourselves." **Ronald Reagan**

Prayer List:

Families in Uvalde, TX
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Windham Family
David Neal
Mona Lancaster
Cheryl Burks
Sue Skelton
Mike Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel



June 14th
Will & Autumn Vann

Happy Birthday
Cassidy Stapp June 2nd
Mike Lovell July 16th
Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

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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:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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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

Grief Is Messy

It is!

In the movie "We Are Marshall," a man made that statement. His son was one of 75 who had died in a tragic plane crash. His actions proved that grief is messy. He had led a movement to end Marshall's football program. He had the President of Marshall University fired. He made everyone around him miserable. And when he finally adjusted to this terrible ordeal, he said, "Grief is messy." And it is!

I believe God would want us to know He understands. He understands when we are hurting. After all, He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). He let His only Son die for you and for me (John 3:16).

Grief is messy. Everyone handles it differently. But hopefully, you look to His Son. Hopefully, you look to His Word, the Bible, for guidance. Hopefully, you won't give up because grief is messy.

Because He cares, He helps us get out of the "mess."

Someone may ask, "When am I going to get over this grief". My answer came from Dr. Mike Maness in his book on divorce recovery. He made the statement to me that you adjust. My friend is right. You don't get over it, you adjust.

However, let me say from the start there cannot be a time-table on your grief. Because it is messy, it will take time and again, everyone is different. You may need to consider some professional counseling. However, let me suggest that you go to one who is guided by biblical principles.

When I say grief is messy I mean things can happen to different individuals and again, everyone is different. People going through grief can be blinded to reality and because of that they will at times be taken advantage of and again grief is messy!

So, let me conclude this article by again saying God still loves you. He loves you even when you think you are not worthy of His love. And, even when Grief is Messy He still loves you.

Will you let Him have His Way with you?

By Keith Bellamy