

## *A Memorial*

Tomorrow is the holiday we call Memorial Day. It was started in 1868 to honor and remember those who died for their country in the Civil War. Originally called Decoration Day it became better known as Memorial Day becoming an official federal holiday in 1967 and thanks to the Monday Holiday Bill is now observed on the last Monday in May. This memorial serves to keep the memory of those who died in the service of our country alive so that these honored dead will not be forgotten.

As Christians we have another memorial to remember. This memorial honors Jesus who allowed Himself to be sacrificed on the cross so that we might live with Him eternally in heaven. It was instituted by Jesus Himself as He and His apostles observed the Passover Feast. In Luke 22: 17 – 20 we read how He blessed and passed the cup and unleavened bread telling them to do this in remembrance of Him (memorial). He also told them, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood." A new covenant as the old was about to be fulfilled so that the Church could be established.

Before we partake of the Lord's Supper, we need to reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11: 28 & 29 tells us, "But let each man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgement to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly." God knows our hearts and he expects our hearts to be pure. If not, we need to take the appropriate actions to make them so. We may put on a good show and fool all of those around us; but, heart disease caused by sin cannot be hidden from God.

Finally, it is a reminder of Jesus' promise to the faithful that He will return for them. 1 Corinthians 11:26, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." A promise that cannot, will not be broken to sustain us as we strive to live our lives for Him.

The Lord's Supper is a fitting memorial to our Lord. It reminds us not only that He died to save us but more importantly that He now lives and that through Him we can too. What a Savior!

## ***Clickbait***

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20***

The title of this article may be a word you are not familiar with. “Clickbait” is the term given to titles of online articles and videos with the goal of hooking the viewer into watching or reading the material presented. For example, a title may read, “Thirty People Hospitalized: You Won’t Believe Why!” The title intrigues you to read the article because you now have an overwhelming desire to discover the missing information. “Clickbait” is how companies make money. The more views, the more money in their pockets.

Sadly, the church has become such an institution. We are so busy trying to find gimmicks and entertainment to get people to come to church that we forget the true purpose of evangelism. We should continue to invite people to worship services and we should continue to have activities for our fellowship and growth; however, just inviting people does not make disciples. Perhaps we should take a step back and remember the words of Jesus to his apostles. “Go and make disciples of all nations...” Jesus did not say, “Go and invite your friends to church.” If we are diligent in teaching people about the grace and love and forgiveness of Jesus, church attendance will follow. You cannot take a dog and command him to hunt. You must first train him. You must teach him. After you teach him the hunting will come as a natural product.

We have become so focused on numbers that we have forgotten what the purpose of evangelism is. Evangelism is teaching. After teaching, attendance and lifestyle changes will follow. We live in a “clickbait” culture. Rather than persuade people to come to worship because “the preacher is a great speaker” or “the singing is so good,” we should persuade people to fall in love with Jesus Christ. That is evangelism.

**Joshua Houston**

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Louis Wilson, Kay Jennings, Harry Summer, June Jernigan, Carolyn Thomas, Kenneth Tucker, Sue Reeves, Laura Wiser

## SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard, Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Dan Stephens, Melba & Jeanie Young

## NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

### **\*MEMBERS**

**ADAMS PLACE:** Nora Fann\*, Virgie Leonard\*

**NHC:** Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves\*

**STONES RIVER MANOR:** Margaret Davidson\*, Ernestine Taylor\*, Laura Wiser\*

**SMYRNA:** Geri Melton\*

**WOODBURY:** Jeweldean Hall\*

**TN VETERAN'S HOME:** Edna Vance\*

**The Domestic Violence Shelter** is looking for light blankets and washcloths. If you wish to donate any, you may coordinate with Jeff Milstead and he will assist in gathering them for shipment.

There will be a baby shower for

**Amanda Mitchell**

on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

1:30-3:00pm

She is registered at Target, Babies R Us,  
and Amazon.com



## NEWS & NOTES

- Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Jean Nickens**; she passed away Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She was a longtime member of Minerva Drive. Graveside service was held Wednesday at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Jeremy Fortner**; he passed away on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He was the cousin of Greg and Debbie Sells.
- We received a **Thank You note** from Pat Davidson.
- **Preacher's Scholarship Committee** meeting today at 4pm.
- **MYM at Walter Hill** on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> will be picture day** after Sunday school in the auditorium for new members who haven't had their picture made and anyone desiring to update their picture.
- A **Church picnic** is planned for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Pavilion 6 Barfield Crescent Park from 4 – 8pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please see Larry Benson if you have any questions.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May)	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

### ELDERS

B.K. Ham  
Jim Hatfield  
Jon Holland  
Andy Mitchell  
Randall Phifer  
Keith Short

### MINISTER

Ron Harper

### ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

### DEACONS

Rick Acklin	Rick Corum
Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Joe Byars	Wendell Wilson

### FOR THE RECORD

*May 21, 2017*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>AM worship</b>	<b>228</b>
	<b>Bible classes</b>	<b>185</b>
	<b>PM worship</b>	<b>143</b>
	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,119.00</b>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PM Bible classes</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)</b>	<b>0</b>

\*When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be cancelled\*

*To Our Honored Guests...*

*We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!*

*We were honored by your presence!*

### GREETERS

*Please be at the door  
30 minutes prior to service*

#### May 28

Jim & Pat Davidson

#### June 4

Dean Thompson Louise Smithson

