



# The Good Word

*"Exalting the Savior, Equipping the Saints,  
Evangelizing the Sinner"*

June, July & August 2019

## Memorials

*"And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."... "When your children ask their fathers in time to come saying, 'What are these stones?' then you shall let your children know..."*  
(Joshua 4:7c,21-22a, NKJV).

Memorials are quickly fading as something important in this society, however America's landscape is covered with them and every cemetery holds many memorial stones. In fact, Memorial Day for many carries with it the idea of cemetery grave decorating. However you view memorials, they are reminders of events and individuals which left a mark here in this world. While I believe this can be taken too far...society is quickly moving away from honoring the past. In fact, there are less and less events of honor surrounding anyone who passes from this life to the next. There has been a steady decline of holding any service at all for loss of loved ones. Funerals are on a sharp decline. Memorial Day celebrations honoring fallen heroes are becoming outdated. Many of the events that used to draw attention to the sacrifice of those who have gone before us have been replaced with a long weekend off with camping, cookouts, and family time. While there is absolutely nothing wrong with these things, I wonder if people take the time out to pause and thank God for the sacrifice He gave and 1.1 million others gave, so we could be blessed with the freedoms we enjoy.

Early this morning (Memorial Day) at daybreak, I lowered the flag at church...and at noon I will raise it again proudly. By doing this small act, it has caused me to reflect on this great country of ours and how many blessings I have enjoyed because of the sacrifice of others who didn't even know my name or that I even existed. Not only have I enjoyed these freedoms but others who have not yet come into this world. As I looked around at different entities of our community, I noticed lots of patriotism with flags flying high...but I didn't find another that was lowered for these six hours of "darkness, mourning, and time of reflection". It is so easy to presently enjoy and look forward to great days and forget the sacrifice. This reminded of me of the greatest sacrifice ever to be given to mankind.

Interesting enough, it was Jesus who hung on the cross for six, long hours until His death...this following one of the most excruciating battles He faced in the garden as He submitted to the will of His Father. The "flag" was lowered. A loss had taken place. Yet, in a few short days, the "flag" would be raised again. He was victorious and freedom was secured. And, it is so easy to enjoy our present salvation as well as look forward to great days of victory including an eternal home in heaven, BUT so easy to forget the sacrifice that was given.

*"There is no greater love than this, than a man lay down his life for others".* By the sacrifice of 1.1 million, we enjoy much in this world. By the sacrifice of One, we enjoy much in this life and in the world to come. Let Memorial Day be important to you and your family. Let Jesus be important to you and your family. Pause and be thankful for those who cared enough to make a sacrifice for you.

In His Grace,  
Pastor Jeremy

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## Records

	Mar	Apr	May
Sunday School Average Per Wk	245	255	240*
AM Worship Average Per Wk	414	352	349*
PM Worship Average Per Wk	150	110	107*
Total Income Average Per Wk	\$7,879	\$6,054	\$7,225

N/A: Not Available  
\* : Incomplete  
Information

## Q & A

**QUESTION:** Why did God make angels?

**ANSWER:** Both the Greek word for angels, *aggelos* and the Hebrew word *malak* mean "messenger." These two words reveal a key reason why they exist. Angels were created to be messengers between God and humans or between him and those spirits who became evil or demons (Isaiah 14:12 - 15, Ezekiel 28:11 - 19, etc.).

Although we do not know exactly when angels began to exist, Scripture tells us they were at the creation of the entire universe (see Job 38:4 - 7). In the Old Testament, they are used to call Gideon to serve (Judges 6) and to consecrate Samson as a Nazarite while he is still in his mother's womb (Judges 13:3 - 5)! When God called the prophet Ezekiel, he was granted visions of angels in the sky (see Ezekiel 1).

In the N.T., angels announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds in Bethlehem's fields (Luke 2:8 - 15). The births of John the Baptist (Luke 1:11 - 20) and Jesus (Luke 1:26-38) were announced by them to Zechariah and the Virgin Mary in advance.

Another purpose for angels is to praise God. For instance, the four living creatures at God's throne in heaven are apparently a class or type of angelic being. They have been given a simple but profound job of praising the Eternal on a continuous basis (Revelation 4:8).

Angels also exist in order to help people, especially those who are converted and destined to inherit salvation (Hebrews 1:14, Psalm 91). In one case, they appeared in order to protect the prophet Elisha and his servant (see 2Kings 6:16 - 17). In another situation, God had a righteous spirit being open up a prison's doors in order to free the apostles (Acts 5:18 - 20). God used them to both relay a message and rescue Lot from Sodom (Genesis 19:1 - 22). Jesus will have both the saints (converted, resurrected Christians) as well as the holy angels with Him when he returns to earth in what is referred to as his Second Coming (see 1Thesalonians 4:16 - 17).



*"Careful, Eve, you  
might spend all of your time on it."*



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Seed Goal (\$2,020): MET!!

Faith Goal (\$20,202): MET!!

Action Goal (\$202,020): \$31,136.70

# WARRIORS FOR CHRIST

**“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong”**

**1 Corinthians 16:13**

*Then he said to them, “Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord...” – Nehemiah 8:10*

If you are like me, most of the time when we read of a celebration or sacrifice in the Old Testament, I often just glance over the name and continue reading (please don't tell Bro. Jeremy). However, this past quarter I had the opportunity to teach a Sunday School class over the book of Nehemiah. In chapter 8, the Israelites were called to celebrate the Festival of Booths. I could not simply glance over the festival this time, I had to make chapter 8 last an entire 45 minutes! As I began to search for a description of this festival, the commentary I was reading directed me to Leviticus 23. This Festival of Booths is described as a period of 7 days in which the Israelites were to build small “booths” or temporary shelters. During this time people moved out of their houses and into the booths. This time was to be a reminder that God had redeemed them from slavery in Egypt, provided for them during the journey through the wilderness, and a celebration that God provides today as well.

In verses 16-17 of Nehemiah Chapter 8, we are given a description that the booths were everywhere; filling the squares of Jerusalem, the courts of the temple and even the roofs of the houses. What specifically caught my attention, though, was the command found in verse 10. Not only were the people to live in booths, but also to provide food for their neighbors that did not have any prepared. I can just see all the people living in their booths, crowded into the squares, bringing each other food. What better way to remind themselves of the redemption from slavery and celebrate God's provision than to share a meal with their fellow Israelites!

This summer the Men's and Women's Ministries are sponsoring the “Dinner with Eight, Dine with Nine” event. This is an opportunity to sign up for a group that will meet a couple of times during the summer. During your meeting we hope that you will build new friendships, tell others what God has done for you in the past and to remind ourselves that God is faithful still today. I hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities!

Have a blessed summer! -- John



## Warriors for Christ Men's Bible Study

Will start up again in the fall.



## *Dinner for 8, Dine with 9*

Join a summer fellowship group to connect with people of your church. We invite families, couples and singles over 18 to sign up to participate in 2-3 dinner gatherings with an assigned fellowship group during the summer. This is a great way to get to know, care for, and encourage others in our body of Christ.

**Sign-up by June 9th to front of sanctuary drop box!**

# Women's Ministry

## "Today"

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today", that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. - Hebrews 3:13

We need each other, it is just that simple. This life on a sinful Earth is hard, and we can become hardened by it!

So what does God say to do about it? To **exhort** one another. To nudge, to prompt, to encourage, to urge strongly, to give warnings or advice. This is why we need to press on in our obedience to Christ. He knew we would need each other. He created the Church.

When I meet together with other ladies from the church all these things happen:

- I am nudged to serve in areas of my giftedness or that are just needed!
- I am prompted to love and care for needs in my church family.
- I am encouraged in my faith, when I hear the testimony of God's work in others lives.
- I am urged strongly to follow the Word of God.
- I am warned against following the world.
- I am given advice on how to be a Godly woman.

I need this exhortation everyday that is called "today". Well, that sounds like every day! And I'm sure you do too. Look at the opportunities to connect with others from our church this summer in fellowship & Bible Study. - Katie

Resting in the Presence  
of God  
"Be still before the LORD and wait  
patiently for him."  
Psalm 37:7



LIFE LESSONS FROM  
WOMEN  
IN THE  
BIBLE  
RHONDA HARRINGTON KELLEY

## Joy Seekers Summer Bible Study

7 Sessions Starting June 11  
(June 11, 18, 25 & July 2nd, 16, 23, 30)

**Tuesday Mornings**

**8:30 am-10:00 am**

Breakfast, Study & childcare

Sign-up on the main board for childcare & book  
Mothers, wives, working women, leaders, wounded

women....they are all in the Bible and just like us, in need of Salvation and to operate in obedience to the Lord. Join us this summer as we meet these fabulous ladies and the God who redeemed them. Come to one session or all of them. Each week is a new set of ladies to learn from in the Bible.

July 9th 9:00-11:30 am

Picnic at the Park Below the Dam

Bring your lunch & kids for a fun morning

 HEIDI SMITH  
 JENNI TRENT  
 DAVID O'BRIEN  
 JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

**FRESH GROUNDED FAITH**  
WITH JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD AND FRIENDS

SPRINGFIELD NOVEMBER 8 & 9

## Save the Date

Friday Night & Saturday Morning

11.8-11.9

Total Cost \$75

Hotel, breakfast, conference & t-shirt

To reserve your ticket and your spot please turn in \$40 deposit to the box in the office.

This is a great way to connect with ladies from our church and be encouraged in your faith.