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A Salute of Appreciation

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One of the saddest experiences for me is to see “Old Glory,” our flag, the symbol of our nation, lowered to half-staff and to hear taps played. If there is any sense of patriotism to be found in the heart of any American, it is present then. Remembrance, appreciation and honor create an aura that directs our attention to those who have sacrificed for our benefit.

This weekend is Memorial Day celebration. There will be various expressions of appreciation for the sacrifices given in life-blood for the peace and posterity of our nation. There is so much that we take for granted as citizens of the greatest nation in the world. We have not experienced military conflict in our nation for fourteen decades. Only those who have served in actual combat can fully appreciate the extreme loss and destruction that could have been ours had it occurred here.

Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair but manifestations of strength and resolution. ~ Kahlil Gibran ~

This holiday has lost its meaning with the many fun things that we enjoy and I am glad that freedom allows us to do that. We must not forget that this holiday is a day of recognition of lives given and the cause for which they stood. It is much more than hamburgers, hot dogs, golf, family and good times. It is the expression of “thanks” to those who died to insure our safety and tranquility. Too, it is a time of saying thanks to the families who sacrificed their loved ones, having only a memory of them left to embrace. In addition to the scores of men and women killed protecting our country; many of those who did return were never the same. They suffered from physical and mental impairments and scars that will accompany them to their graves, robbing them of quality of life. With appreciation, we salute those also.

This is not a spiritual celebration nor does it conflict with biblical principles. Paul instructed the Romans to “*Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor*” (Rom. 13:7). Not only are we submitting to considerateness, but also to the laws of our land that stipulated this day be observed. One of the best ways to celebrate is to give thanks for that freedom which came at such a high price and learn to be peacemakers daily. Pray for the condition of the world in which we live, and its rulers, so that we shall “study war no more.”

A TRUE HERO

Bob Butler lost his legs in a 1965 land mine explosion in Vietnam. He returned home a war hero. Twenty years later, he proved once again that heroism comes from the heart. Butler was working in his garage in a small town in Arizona on a hot summer day when he heard a woman's screams coming from a nearby house. He began rolling his wheelchair toward the house, but the dense shrubbery wouldn't allow him access to the back door. So he got out of his chair and started to crawl through the dirt and bushes. "I had to get there," he said. It didn't matter how much it hurt.

When Butler arrived at the pool there was a three-year-old girl named Stephanie Hanes lying at the bottom. She had been born without arms and had fallen in the water and couldn't swim. Her mother stood over her baby screaming frantically. Butler dove to the bottom of the pool and brought little Stephanie up to the deck. Her face was blue, she had no pulse and was not breathing. Butler immediately went to work performing CPR to revive her while Stephanie's mother telephoned the fire department. She was told the paramedics were already out on a call. Helplessly, she sobbed and hugged Butler's shoulder. As Butler continued with his CPR, he calmly reassured her, "Don't worry," he said. "I was her arms to get her out of the pool. It'll be okay. I am now her lungs. Together we can make it." Seconds later the little girl coughed, regained consciousness, and began to cry.

As they hugged and rejoiced together, the mother asked Butler how he knew it would be okay. "The truth is, I didn't know," he told her. "But when my legs were blown off in the war, I was all alone in a field. No one was there to help except a little Vietnamese girl. As she struggled to drag me into her village, she whispered in broken English, "It okay. You can live. I be your legs. Together we make it." Her kind words brought hope to my soul and I wanted to do the same for Stephanie. There are simply those times when we cannot stand alone. There are those times when we need someone to be our legs, our arms, our friend. ~copied

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good edification." Romans 15:1-2



YOUTH NEWS

- Forms for Maywood Christian Camp are on the table in the foyer. These forms along with a deposit need to be sent in by the first of June. See *Sarah Walker* for more details. Camp week for New Albany youth is July 17-23.
- *Andy Brown*, our summer youth intern, will be with us the 1st of June. We look forward to him being with us and working with our youth.
- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held June 12 at Church St. congregation in Pontotoc.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10: 13-17).
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)

PRAYER LIST

Mark Caples, son of *Betty Caples*, is scheduled to have surgery May 28 to remove a cancerous tumor from his esophagus.

Grace Anderson, mother of *Kaye Parks* has been released from the local hospital.



Continual Prayer

Billy Joe Bray, Ailene Cain, Donna Haynes, Glenda Cox, Linda Martin, Shelly Trout, Willie Jackson, David Harendt, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

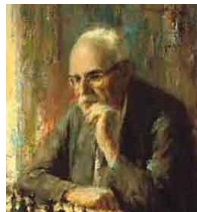
David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole

“ALL DAY SERVICE”

There will be an “All Day Service” Sunday, May 29th. We will have regular Sunday morning services; a covered dish meal at lunch; and evening services will be at 1:15. The deacons will be in charge of the afternoon service.

“I’VE LEARNED”

That just one person saying to me, “You’ve made my day!” makes my day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 27.....Olen Clark
May 27.....Sheila King
June 01.....Grace Lyon
June 01.....Clay Ormon
June 01.....David Peeler
June 02.....Tyler Weaver

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 01.....Bill & Helen DePriest
June 02.....Bobby & Dixie White

DEACON INSTALLED

Sunday, May 22, *Lonnie Weaver* was installed as deacon. We appreciate *Lonnie* and his willingness to serve the congregation here in New Albany. We look forward to working with him. *Lonnie*, his wife *Nicki*, and children *Ashlee* and *Tyler*, live in Oxford.

REJOICE

We are happy to report that *Jodie Parks* was baptized into Christ Thursday morning, May 19. *Jodie* is the daughter of *Alvin & Kaye Parks*. Please remember to pray for and encourage *Jodie* as she begins her Christian walk.

WELCOME

We are excited to have *Ruby Gaines*, a former member of the New Albany congregation back with us again. Her new address is: 200 Green Willow Cove, New Albany, MS 38652. Her telephone # is: 534-2584. Welcome back *Ruby*!

AREA EVENTS

- Verona Church of Christ Youth Rally ~ June 11

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	117
Sunday A M	131
Sunday P.M	109
Wednesday	98
Contribution	\$3,067.10
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Andy Clemmer
A.M. Prayer	Jerry Gibson
Closing Prayer ...	Troy Robertson
P.M. Prayer.....	Brad Pounders
Closing	Shane Crotts
Wed.5/25	Harold Russell
Wed. 5/25	Bobby White
Usher & Lock	B & G Lyon



PANTRY ITEM:
Jello/Pudding Mix

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

THANK YOU TO THE WALLS

This past weekend *Randy, Christy, Erin and Thomas Wall* hosted a picnic for our congregation at their beautiful lake and grounds. We were treated to an outstanding meal of chicken and all the trimmings! Everyone enjoyed a time of fishing, paddle boat ridding, playing games and visiting. We all want to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Walls for such a lovely evening. We love and appreciate them very much! The following poem was written by *Bill Lyon* about the picnic.

MY NIGHT AT THE PICNIC

I has enough to eat that would last a long while.
So I stood up and put on my best smile.

I walked around to all those I knew
It took a while for there was not a few.

I shook their hand and said howdy do.
They looked at me and said howdy too.

We laughed and talked and had a good time.
The memories of the night, are all mine.

Well, Jesus didn't come and the earth did not shake
We all knew the prediction was a fake.

We thank Randy and Christy for all they do
And we ask God's blessing on them too.

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