



## Memorial Day

The verse that immediately came to my mind when thinking about Memorial Day was John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." This verse is often quoted on Memorial Day and frequently applied (in most cases, correctly) to the men and women who have died to serve our country. Memorial Day, then, is the day that we remember those who have fallen, whether in battle or in peacetime, who have sacrificed all simply for the sake of their fellow man's freedom. This day, in our culture, comes around once a year and to most, this day signifies the beginning of the summer season and the associated recreational activities.

What will you do on Memorial Day? Some will have backyard cook outs. Some will go to the lake or beach. Some will go to a park for a picnic. Others will attend a parade or some other Memorial Day celebration. But our eternal destiny does not depend upon us doing any one particular thing on Memorial Day.

There is another memorial day, however, that is much more significant than the Memorial Day which we celebrate every year. This memorial day commemorates One who not only gave His life for his friends, but also for His enemies (Romans 5:7, 8). This memorial day is not to remember those who have fallen in battle, but One who was triumphant over death (Colossians 2:15). This memorial day doesn't begin a single season of the year, but begins every week of the year. This memorial day is observed by those who are faithful Christians upon the first day of the week, every week. What is this day of which I speak? It is Sunday, the first day of the week (Mark 16:2, 9, Acts 20:7), the Lord's day (Revelation 1:10).

Yes, today is memorial day. The early Christians gathered upon the first day of the week to remember the Lord by partaking of the Lord's supper (Acts 20:7). Jesus said in Luke 22:19 "... this do in remembrance of me" and Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:24, 25 reiterated this statement of Jesus in regard to the Lord's Supper as well. Yes, today is memorial day. When we eat of the bread and drink of the fruit of the vine, we remember the body and blood of Jesus. We remember that He died for us; we remember that He was resurrected to live again (Philippians 3:10); we remember that his physical death gave us spiritual life that we might live in Him each day (1 Thessalonians 5:10). Yes, today is memorial day as well as next Sunday, and the Sunday after that; each first day of the week we observe memorial day.

What will you do on memorial day? Many think that memorial day is a day to stay home and rest, or go to the park, or beach or lake. Yet others believe that we must make an observance of memorial day, but not the full observance by remembering His body and blood in His supper, at His table. We each have a choice this memorial day. We can abide by the instructions of the One who established memorial day and remember Him as He desires, or we can do whatever we desire whether that is not observing the day at all, or only partly observing it. One thing is certain; our eternal destiny will depend upon how we observe this memorial day.

Kevin Cauley

## To Know

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**D**ifficult choices face us, often. These choices come in many different shapes, sizes and formats. Information is the prime necessity for making intelligent and informed choices. We should make sure we have adequate and correct information.

Some folks however, especially regarding eternal matters, would have us believe that we can never know and know we know anything. This general concept is called "agnosticism." Agnosticism has more than one form. Some people who call themselves "Christian," actually hold this agnostic attitude toward God's word. The peculiar thing about agnosticism is that for it to have any value, one must know it is true and know that he knows it is true. These two concepts, "you must know," and "you cannot know," are a contradiction, therefore false. We can know all that God has given us to know. Whether or not we know it depends on our study and learning, not on God's revealed word.

Sometimes the accusation is made against the faithful child of God, "You think that everyone must agree with you or they are doomed to hell." Some people may actually believe this. However all the people with whom I am familiar have the

attitude, "God is correct and we all must agree with Him." If I agree with God and you agree with God, then we will, of necessity, agree with each other. If we disagree with each other, then one or the other, or both of us do not agree with God! This attitude honors God. This attitude honors the word of God, the Christ, the Holy Spirit and all the New Testament apostles and prophets who spoke and wrote the New Testament. One might quibble, "But there are billions of people on earth and they can not all agree." With whom can they not all agree? With what can they not all agree? Every person on earth who is either old enough or educated enough agrees with me 100% that one plus one equals two. Oh! We can all agree...IF...we all accept the same standard and deal with it strictly. Now, can one agree with God? If a person answers, "No," that one accuses God of finite fallibility. The person who accepts any element of agnosticism necessarily rejects the concept of verbal, complete, inerrant and infallible inspiration and revelation. Agnosticism attacks the integrity of God. John 8:32 still says, "...and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." How can one know he agrees with God? God, Himself, answers this question in 1 Corinthians 4:6, saying that we must not go beyond that which is written; and 1 Peter 4:11, that we must speak as the oracles

of God.

On this basis 1 Corinthians 1:10 which commands us to speak the same, have no divisions among us and be perfected together in the same mind and judgment, makes perfect sense. Without this knowledge of and attitude toward the truth, and knowing that you know it, 1 Corinthians 1:10 makes no sense at all.

If you know these things, and know that you know it, then you know that every person who does not agree with God is lost. This may question the integrity of some individual. Would you rather question the integrity of some person...including this scribe, or question the integrity of God? In John 7:17 Jesus said that a prime ingredient to knowing the truth is a set will to do God's will. On the contrary, many folks want to do their own will and call it God's will. If a person wants to do God's will, that one will learn the truth and do the truth. To do otherwise is to lie and to do not the truth, 1 John 1:6 and to have no fellowship with God. Know the truth.

Foy G. Forehand  
April 8, 2004

Noah condemned the wicked world of his day, Hebrews 11:7. Can we do less...and know, and know that we know that we please God?

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## Sermons and Study Topics

Week of 5/30/04

Morning .....	Come To The Feast!
Scripture .....	Luke 14:15-24
Evening .....	The Aging Christian
Scripture .....	Genesis 25:7, 8
Sunday Morning Bible Study .....	The Book of Hebrews
Wednesday Evening Bible Study .....	The Book of Micah

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## Weekly Record

Week of 5/23/04

Sunday Class .....	55
Sunday A.M. ....	69
Sunday P.M. ....	69
Wednesday .....	51
Contribution .....	\$1777.73
Budget .....	\$1778.13



# News, Notes, and 'Nouncements

- We are truly thankful to God for the wonderful new Lord's day that he has given us today to worship him in Spirit and in Truth!
- Let us remain constant in prayer for the following individuals: Helen Bradley, Bill and Lucille Fort, Travis Jaackson, Helen Swink.
- Those confined to homes are: Curtis Hull, Edith Mischler, Art Roberts.
- Today we go sing at the nursing home at 2:00. Please come!
- Our monthly men's breakfast will be held this coming Saturday morning at 7:00 AM. Please come!
- Our Friends and Family Day and our Vacation Bible school are now only TWO WEEKS AWAY! How time flies! We have two more weeks to get out and invite our friends to these annual events. Let's do what we can to get the word out!
- We also plan on having an area wide singing on our Friends and Family day at 2:00 in the afternoon. If you know of someone who is a member of another congregation, please invite them to come to this event.
- For VBS, we need our volunteers to bring individual size chip bags, and canned sodas for the kids.
- Our June potluck will be held in conjunction with Friends and Family day on the second Sunday of the month. Please prepare dishes that go with BBQ. If you wish to offset some of the expense of the brisket, please get with Jerry Roller.
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting will be held next Sunday evening after services.
- Voice of Truth International arrived this week. You may pick up your copy from the foyer table.
- The pantry item for this week is canned corn.
- Have you visited our web site lately? We update new material every day. <http://www.the-churchofchrist.com>

## Welcome!

To the Berryville church of Christ.

### Family Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:..... 9:30 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship: ..... 10:30 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship: ..... 6:00 PM  
 Ladies Bible Class: ..... 10:30 AM  
 Wed. Evening Bible Class: ..... 7:00 PM

### Serving Each Other

	May 30th, 2004	June 6th, 2004
<b>Sunday Morning</b>		
Songs:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Matt Bassing	Ken Smith
Scripture Reading:	Ray Duncan	John Gass
Lord's Table	Brent Stevens	Brent Stevens
	George Eddings	Rusty Windle
(assist)	Jack Gentry	Jack Gentry
	Jerry Roller	George Eddings
Closing Prayer	Glenn Williams	Hugh Atchley
<b>Sunday Evening</b>		
Songs:	Brent Stevens	Clay Bozarth
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bruce Foster	Glenn Williams
Scripture Reading:	Brandon Foster	Bruce Foster
Lord's Table	Dale Pinkley	Brandon Foster
	Matt Bassing	Dale Pinkley
Closing Prayer	Bruce Foster	Matt Bassing
<b>Wednesday</b>		
Songs:	Hugh Atchley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	John Gass	Glenn Williams
Invitation:	Kevin Cauley	Ken Smith
Closing Prayer:	Leon Duncan	Hugh Atchley

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