

- Memorial Day -

1868 - The graves of Civil War soldiers were decorated at Arlington National Cemetery on the first official observance of Memorial Day. Over time it has expanded into a national holiday to remember not the only the fallen military, but all who have passed on. In addition to remembering those who have died, as Christians there are other things to bring to mind:

Refresh Your Faith

I am often asked, "How can I get my spiritual life going? I'm in a rut, about to run out of steam." The most common ailment among us is a stagnated or stale spiritual life. Paul wrote Colossians 3:1-17 to help revive and refresh our faith. I find five principles that work.

1. Be honest and sincere. "...seek those things which are above..." (v. 1). Both are necessary to begin rejuvenation. Our desire for holiness must be genuine. We must be sincere in our efforts to honor, please and obey Him.

2. Adjust your focus. "...set your affection on things above..." (v. 2). To aid us in pleasing Him, we must set our eyes on Jesus and things relative to godly living.

3. Put away hindrances. "...put off all these..." (vv. 5-9). All things that would retard progress in our spiritual growth should be avoided. You must not make it your habit to practice sin.

4. Develop godly habits. "...put on therefore..." (vv. 10-17). A vital part of spiritual well-being is the cultivation of good habits. Spend time daily in the Bible. End your reading with a prayer for wisdom to live what you read. Don't miss any worship or Bible study assembly. Say something good about God's Son and His church to at least one person every day.

5. Crucify self daily. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (v. 3). Implied in all of chapter 3 is the necessity of the death of selfishness. Check your attitudes and ambitions often each day to be certain that self is dead and that Christ is alive in your heart, thoughts and actions.

Try following these principles for 30 days and you'll notice pleasant results. His Word will enrich and empower your life. His peace will rule your heart, and you will see how great it is to be part of the family of

**The Good
And Right Way**

Fear the Lord
Serve Him in truth with all your heart
Consider the great things He has done for you.

1 Samuel 12:23, 24

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Do You Have Faith?

Many complain of their memory, few of their judgment. - Benjamin Franklin

News & Notes

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME: Any monetary donations should be given to one of the Elders by **TODAY**.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our High School graduates, Jillian Reardon (granddaughter of David & Becky McKittrick) and Jonah Spencer (grandson of Dean & Sandy Spencer), both graduating from Oak Glen. Best wishes, Jillian and Jonah!

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in this activity to make little stuffed bears for kids. Come and join in this good work, fellowship, conversation, and fun.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: This class has been discontinued until September.

ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP: Friday, June 28th. Your payment secures your seat and ticket and all fees are refundable until this Friday, May 31st. See Dean Spencer or Rico Brown.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, June 1st, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's in Chester.

NURSING HOME: NO devotional at Fox next Saturday, June 1st or for the remainder June. Resumes in July.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & AFTERNOON SERVICE: Next Sunday, June 2nd at about noon at the fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: Chester and St. Clair Ave. congregation, ELO will join together here in Chester for our area-wide sing, **June 7th.** Donations for refreshments following the sing can be given to Sharon Sprout.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 17-21, 7:00 p.m. Adult Class: Steve Smithbauer, preacher at the Weirton Heights congregation.

PANTRY: Kidney beans.

MEDICAL ISSUES: Cam Adamson (husband of Twila) will have some medical procedures on **Friday, June 7th** at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh. Remember him in prayer.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

MEMORY RULES

Forget each kindness that you do, as soon as you have done it.

Forget the praise that falls to you, as soon as you have won it.

Forget the slanders that you hear, before you can repeat it.

Forget each spite, each sleight, each sneer where e'er you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done to you, what e'er its measure.

Remember praise by others won and pass it on with pleasure.

Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter.

Remember those who lend you aid and be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living.

Forget each worry and disaster, be hopeful and forgiving.

- Author Unknown -