

Memorial Day Flags

We will be placing US flags on the church grounds in remembrance of those who died in service of the United States of America. Volunteers are needed to place the flags on Saturday, May 23, beginning at 9am. We will meet at the Church Office entrance. Just show up. Ed Parker is leading this project.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Worship PREVIEW SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday, May 24

Open Our Eyes, Lord!

Matthew 16:13-17

[see the back page of *The Bell* for the different ways you can join us]

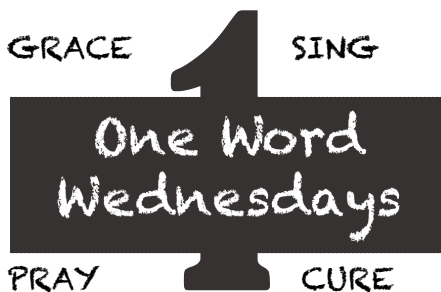


Our next pick up meal is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20. Our meal for this week is Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Cornbread. Meals are \$5 each (max \$20 per family) and you must make a reservation by 5pm on the Tuesday before. Pick up will be at the Kitchen/FH door in the back parking lot from 4:30 - 6pm. Please have the correct amount to pay. If you know of someone who could use a meal, it's a perfect way to drop the meal off as a mission project.

Our Food Services will continue doing a "pick up" meal every Wednesday through the month of May. The menu for May 27 is listed on the back of *The Bell*.

Drive-by Graduation Parade!

Please mark your calendars, and decorate a sign (or your car), and swing through the Fellowship Hall parking lot on Wednesday, May 27, from 4:30 to 6pm, in order to help us celebrate our senior's accomplishments (and pick up a meal). Thank you for supporting our soon-to-be graduates!



One Word Wednesdays will conclude this week. The video will be posted on FaceBook this Wednesday at 6pm. It will also be posted on our other venues on Thursday. Our final one is listed below: Wednesday, May 20 - Aaron Ashley **CURE**

PERIODICALS

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Pastor's Perspective

I made my first trip of the year to the beach this past weekend. We weren't sure we were going until we confirmed the beach would be "open." Our son is waiting on the Army's approval to move his family to California for his next assignment. We wanted to share some time with them before they have to leave. Though the visit was quick, the weather was perfect and our grandsons had a great time.

Josh and I were watching his three sons down by the water. Chase just learned how to walk and was excited to see if he could walk on water. The boy has no fear! A man from the group next to us approached Josh to ask if his two oldest boys were twins. I broke away from the conversation early to stay with the boys. Josh and the man talked for maybe 10-15 minutes. The man is a high school teacher from North Carolina. He, too, has three sons. The youngest is now in high school. His message to Josh was to treasure the time he has with his three boys while they are still young. The language he used indicated he was a Christian. He said he knows Josh is probably working hard to build his kingdom. He told him he didn't want him to spend all his time doing so only to turn around one day and find he doesn't have anyone left in his kingdom. They talked about football for a few minutes and then parted company. Words of wisdom from a stranger on the beach.

I know we are all looking forward to putting this pandemic behind us and getting our country and our lives back to normal. Even if it is a new normal. But I, for one, have enjoyed seeing families spending more time together. Many of us have enjoyed more time with our families than we ever would have had COVID-19 not invaded our lives and taken our "normal." I sincerely hope when all this is over that our new normal includes more time for the things that are most important in life.

This whole conversation ties in with my message this coming Sunday. The last sermon in our short series on eternal life and the fact that eternity is now in session. God's eternal kingdom is here! Now! That is the kingdom in which we need to be investing. Eternal life - by definition - is about things eternal. My sermon title is "Open Our Eyes, Lord!" Please join us for worship on Sunday. ~ John

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| Overseas: Benjamin Campbell, Jason McAmis, Seth Melton, Stuart Parsek | | |
| <p>Deacon of the Week: Jim Stephens (804) 920-4039</p> | <p>Congratulations: to Tyler and Amanda Nimocks on the birth of their daughter, Leighton Bryan Nimocks who was born on May 12, 2020.</p> | <p>Menu: 05/27/20 Grilled Chicken Breast Wild Rice Pilaf French Style Green Beans with Almonds Roll Brownie</p> |

MEMBERSHIP
May 17

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| Resident Membership | 1848 |
| Number Additions to Date | 66 |
| Number Lettered Out to Date | 0 |
| Loss by Death | 20 |
| Moved to Non-Resident/Roll | 31 |
| Total Membership | 1863 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

FINANCIAL REPORT
As of 05/15/2020

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| Total Budget Gifts | 53,399.00 |
| Amount Needed | 1,240,298.15 |
| Given to Date | 1,274,344.01 |
| Over Budget | 34,045.86 |

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 Apple & Android Mobile
 Fire TV
 Apple TV
 ROKU TV
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