

MARC'S REMARKS

What Did You Remember?

This past Sunday was Memorial Day. With Monday off, many of our church family enjoyed the three-day weekend by heading off for vacation. In fact, we experienced the lowest attendance we've ever had on a Sunday night—58! (I hear that a lot of us ended up at Saratoga.)

It is, after all, the start of summer. Many of our college students are back home. Our only senior—Josh Moore—already walked down his high school's graduation aisle. The remainder still in school will be out very soon. And with the mercury rising well over 90° every day, it's obvious what time of year is upon us.

And yet, did you remember that our nation's observance of Memorial Day has absolutely nothing to do with hiking, fishing, camping or barbecuing? I wonder what percentage of us—particularly among our young people—actually took the time to remember all the men and women who have fought for our freedom over America's illustrious history.

It's easy to forget what memorials are really for. Take the Lord's Supper, for example. Do you remember that it too is a memorial? Jesus asked us to observe it in remembrance of him every Sunday.

You might forget what America's Memorial Day is about. But we must *never* forget why we are here on the Lord's day.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study . . . 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:15 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study . . . 7:00 P.M.

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THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ
. Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-39

Be baptized in His name
. Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death
. Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think on These Things

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“He Cares For You”

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In this fast-paced world, it's easy to get bogged down. The job demands too much for too little; the kids have practice after school; an endless stack of errands eats away all your free time. Family time turns into “quality” time, which is little more than an excuse for not spending *any* time with your children. You are constantly on the go.

Wouldn't it be great if you could just get away from it all? As the pressures of life mount, you imagine yourself sprouting wings and flying away from all your problems.

⁶And I said, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest

⁷Behold, I would wander far away, I would lodge in the wilderness” (Ps 55:6-7).

But that's not the solution to your problems. Ignoring them won't make them go away. And the Psalmist, too, knew this

wasn't the way to deal with his daily pressures, either. In the closing verses of Ps 55, David wrote—

Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken (Ps 55:22).

This same advice is given in the New Testament. Peter similarly admonishes us to—

... humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you (1 Pet 5:6-7).

The Christian serves a God who cares.

God's power and ability are limitless. This is clearly expressed in the pages of the Old Testament. It is by His strength, for example, that Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage (Ex 7:5; Dan 9:15). He further provided for them, despite their

Thanks for worshipping with our church family!

FAMILY TALK

About Our Sick

After a doctor's visit last week, it was determined that **L. G. Clemmons** was anemic. As a result, he spent several days in Room 614 South at St. Michael. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Weekend Meeting This Fall

Our next gospel meeting is in September with **Marty Pickup**. It will be a weekend meeting, from September 10–12, which is a Friday–Sunday. Mark your calendars now and make your plans to attend.

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Mark Davis

Song Leading
Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper
Joel Avance
Alex Spillers
Josh Moore
John Marc Hinds

Prayers
Wendell Mobley
Bill Rinehart

Scripture Reading
Zack McJunkins

Bulletins
Preston Ellis
Zack McJunkins

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements
Dave Massey

Song Leading
Sam McJunkins III

Lord's Supper
Phillip Moore
Melvin Potts

Prayers
Russ Freeman
Sonny Monaghan

WEDNESDAY

Announcements
Gerald Eaton

Song Leading
Marc Hinds

Prayers
Alex Spillers
Hayden Ellis

Invitation
Dave Massey

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murmuring (Num 11:4f; Neh 9:21). Even more than forty years after the events occurred, the crossing of the Red Sea was still a story retold by Rahab, a citizen of Jericho (Josh 2:10–11). God can handle it all.

Take Peter's advice. Humble yourself and let God take control of life's little problems. There are several reasons why a Christian should do just this.

1. God knows what's best for us. A Christian, having previously recognized his helpless condition, knows "that a man's way is not in himself, Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps" (Jer 10:23). The Creator knows the needs of His creation and how to fulfill them. He even knows what we need before we ask Him (Matt 6:8).

2. God wants to provide for us. We do not serve a God who created us, gave the world a good spin and left us all on our own. Neither does He have what we need and, dangling it in front of us, taunt us unmercifully. Rather, He lovingly provides

for us. In the Sermon on the Mount, while discussing love for even our enemies, Jesus observed that God

"causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matt 5:45).

3. God provided us with the best—His own Son.

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:8).

God gave up the greatest thing He possibly could for His ungrateful and sinful creation—His only Son. Far more important than any physical need is our spiritual need. We didn't deserve it, but the plan of salvation was provided. He has done everything for us except drag us up to Heaven. That's been left up to you. It's your choice.

As Christians, we have wonderful blessings in Jesus Christ. One of those blessings is the power of prayer. Confident Christians are to


be anxious for nothing, but in everything by

prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Phil 4:6).

In good times and bad times, God is always there looking out for us and taking care of His own. He does not slumber nor sleep (Ps 121:4).

The Christian life is not trouble-free (cf. 2 Tim 3:12). It is, however, a life filled with "the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, [which] will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7).

If your life is filled with worries, learn to let God share in bearing your burdens. Although He knows what we need before we ask Him, God still wants us to ask, seek and knock. Spend more time in prayer, maybe just before going to work every day or with your kids when they go to bed. God cares for you, so let Him know how much you need Him in your daily life, not just on Sunday.

And remember, no matter what *it* is—God can always handle it. 

Sermon Notes

TONIGHT ...

Asaph's Crisis Psalm 73

Have you ever thought that the world is unfair? After all, good people suffer while seemingly evil people live high on the hog. How is that at all fair?

Tonight, we'll look at some Bible answers that deal with this difficult and often troubling question.