

Memorial Day, in the United States, is a national holiday set aside to remember and honor those who have lost their lives in military service while serving the country. Although the Bible does not technically list the day as a holiday, the concept of memorial and remembrance is deeply and significantly rooted in the Bible. We can draw several reflections that offer a spiritual understanding of Memorial Day.

In the Old Covenant, the Passover was instituted as a memorial to remember God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt. It was not just a recollection but a participation in God's covenantal faithfulness. *"So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance."* (Exodus 12:14) NKJV

God commands Joshua to set up memorial stones to remind future generations of God's miracle at the Jordan River. *"... when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."* (Joshua 4:7) NKJV

- Reflection and prayer focusing on the cost of freedom, both natural and spiritual. Many believers use Memorial Day to reflect on the sacrifices of military personnel and to pray for those who continue to serve and their families.
- Honoring heroes who modeled sacrificial love. Believers may choose to visit cemeteries, pay respects to fallen heroes, and share stories of those who have served.
- Giving thanks for the blessings and liberties God has given through the sacrifice of others. Many believers express gratitude for the sacrifices made for their freedoms and for the opportunity to serve Christ, drawing parallels between military service and Christian service.
- Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice. Believers view Memorial Day as a reminder of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for humanity and salvation for eternal life for those who believe in Jesus. Pray for peace and watch for the return of Christ, the Prince of Peace. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

God bless, *Pastor Stan*

COMMUNION 5-04-2024: Join today in communion. Monthly we join together to celebrate in communion. We do in remembrance of our Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:24)



MOTHER'S DAY 5-11-2025: Happy Mother's Day. We honor and recognize our mothers on this special day. Pastor Becky will be teaching the WORD at the 10:00am service.

"Honor her for all that her hands have done." (Proverbs 31:31) NIV *"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."* (Proverbs 31:28) KJ

MEN'S MEETING 5-17-2025: Men will meet at the church fellowship hall Saturday at 7:00 am for a time in the WORD and will go for breakfast following the devotional.

MISSIONS SUNDAY 5-18-2025: We welcome Alpha Omega Counseling Services from Danville, Illinois. They will be presenting the mission of Alpha Omega throughout our local communities. There will be Q & A following the AM Service.

WOMEN'S MEETING 5-27-2025: Women will gather at the church at 10:00am for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Lunch following the meeting.



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

May 24-26, 2025

Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1911 through the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which took effect in that year. This act also moved the observance to the last Monday in May to create a three-day weekend.

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Robling - 5/5
Valarie Hinkle - 5/19
Seth Goble - 5/21
Alijah Gash - 5/23

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Romans 12:5



- Men's Group
- Women's Group
- Volunteer Groups
- Witnessing & Discipleship
- Fellowship Meals
- Connect Night
- Sunday Morning Celebration
- Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Worship Group
- Wednesday Prayer
- Thursday Bible Teaching

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sundays: Donuts, Coffee & Milk: 8:30 am
Christian Education: 9:00 am Worship:
10:00 am Wednesdays: Prayer 6:00 pm
Thursdays: Bible Study 6:00 pm

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor Stanley F. Jackowski
Assistant Pastor Rebecca L. Jackowski
Assistant Pastors Mike & Debbie Robling
Assistant Pastor / JoHanna Gash
Founding Pastors Bruce & Nancy McQuigg

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