

The Need For Memorial Day

So we will never forget the great cost of liberty. We freely enjoy our liberty, but just because it is free to us does not mean it came to us at no cost.

In the Revolutionary War 33,000 soldiers died; in the war of 1812 7,000 soldiers died; in the Mexican War 13,000 perished; during the Civil War 98,000 men died; in the Spanish-American war 4000 died; in World War I 320,000 U.S. soldiers gave their lives; in World War II 1,078,000 died; in the Korean War 157,000 soldiers perished; during the Vietnam war 111,000 of our men died, in the Gulf War there were 700; and in the War in Iraq there have been over 2000 deaths. A total of these figures reveals that there have been over 2,700,000 U.S. soldiers who have died over the past two centuries fighting for our country's freedom and liberty.

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 (NIV)

So we do not take for granted the benefits of liberty. We have what so few in the world will ever have, yet we take it for granted. Like a fish in water, we don't realize we are surrounded with it until it is removed from us.

"Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20 (NIV)

So we will honor those who have paid the ultimate price of liberty and say thank you to their families.

"When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" John 11:33-36 (NIV)

So we will be willing to pay the price for our liberty in the future. If we dishonor the past, if we devalue the price that has been paid, then we should not be surprised when the day comes and no one is willing to go fight for our liberties and freedoms.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send Me!"

Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

Please take the time to thank any Veterans you encounter during this Memorial holiday!



*As you go on your way,
May Christ go with you.
May He go before you to show you the way.
May He go behind you to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you,
Above you to watch over you,
Within you to give you peace.*



Painting Party Pictures



*Worry looks around
Sorry looks back
Faith looks up!*

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

A message every adult should read because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, THANKS for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.



**THE BIGGEST COMMUNICATION PROBLEM IS
WE DON'T LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND!
WE LISTEN TO REPLY!**

Easter Lily Thank You

To all those who donated Easter lilies our sanctuary was dressed in full bloom to celebrate our risen Lord!

Marilyn Dunker

In Memory of Sonnie

Whittington

Alice Brady

In Memory of Family

Jane Gabrielse

In Memory of Roger

Gabrielse

Nancy Erlenborn

In Memory of Family

Ellen Marincic

In Memory of Lester &

Martha Hudson

Betty Martuzzo

In Memory of Family

Stella Hughes

Bernie Dahl

In Memory of Loving

Family

** Your payment of \$8.00 can be given to Dawn Tieman.**



A Deck of Cards

The original version of this was done as a song by Tex Ritter right after WWII - This is somewhat updated. It is a unique way to look at a deck of cards!

It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day

of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across the bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?" The soldier replies, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord." The sergeant said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards." The soldier said, "No, sir. You see since we are not allowed to have bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards." The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?" "You see the ACE, sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God. The TWO represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments. The THREE represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. The FOUR stands for the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The FIVE is for the five virgins there were 10 but only five of them were glorified. The SIX is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth. The SEVEN is for the day God rested after making His Creation. The EIGHT is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives - the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth. The NINE is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed 10 but nine never thanked Him. The TEN represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone. The JACK is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell. The QUEEN stands for the Virgin Mary. The KING stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings. When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year.

There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week, 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. Each suit has 13 cards-there are exactly 13 weeks in a quarter. So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for." The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, may I borrow that deck of cards?"



Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Marilyn Cobb, Rita Tieman, Dawn's parents &, Dawn Tieman, Rick and Deb Taylor.

**Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:
 Myrle Sapienza Carol Edgcomb
 Don Walker Jane McClintock
 Lillian Mini Daryl & Lin Stuhr

** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows
 ** Pray for Jews for Jesus
 ** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply
 ** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic
 ** Pray for Cup of Cold Water Ministries
 ** Pray for Transport for Christ
 ** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless



*To do God's Work
 We must have God's Power,
 To have God's Power
 We must know God's Will,
 To know God's Will
 We must study God's Word.*



You start going down when you stop looking up!

What Teachers Make

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?" He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers: "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?" (She paused for a second, and then began...)

"Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for 5 without an Ipod, GameCube or movie rental...

You want to know what I make? (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.)

I make kids wonder.

I make them question.

I make them apologize and mean it.

I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions.

I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything.

I make them read, read, read.

I make them show all their work in math. They use their God given brain, not the man-made calculator.

I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know English while preserving their unique cultural identity.

I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. I make my students stand, placing their hand over their heart to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, One Nation Under God, because we live in the United States of America.

Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life."

(Bonnie paused one last time and then continued.)

"Then when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant...You want to know what I make?

I MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

What do you make, Mr. CEO? His jaw dropped, he went silent.



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Praying for Your Church

Elders – Lord, I left up my church boards to You. Help us respect and honor them as they direct the affairs of our church. May they wholeheartedly give their attention to prayer and ministry of the Word. Keep them above reproach, devoted to their families, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable and able to teach. May they be gentle and honest as they deal with people.

1Tim. 5:17, Acts6:4, 1Tim. 3:1-2, Titus 1:7



Movie

The third in the series "God's Not Dead" will be shown on Sunday May 1st at 4:00pm. Join us for fellowship and popcorn. The fourth in the series will be Sunday May 22nd at 4:00pm.



Cub Scouts

Pack 3709 are looking for 2 liter bottles to be used for a summer camp project. If you can drop off in the office, I'll be sure to get them to the scouts.



The power of a fully lived life or a truly learned mind is not a power to sought or contrived. It comes as we let go of what we possess and find ourselves possessed by a truth greater than our own.

Parker Palmer



