



From the Pastor's Desk. . .

May is a very important month. Of course, I'm talking about the 110 th Running of the Indianapolis 500 at the Indy Motor Speedway. Just kidding (sort of)!

The Indy 500 race takes place on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, with Memorial Day being the last Monday of the month. For many, Memorial Day means a 3-day weekend, maybe a backyard barbecue, perhaps a trip to the lake or the beach for the unofficial start of Summer, and, obviously, the Indy 500.

But the meaning of Memorial Day is so much deeper than that. Memorial Day is a time to remember and mourn all the military personnel who have died in defense of and service to our great country. For 250 years, our fellow citizens have been answering the call to serve our country and to defend our freedoms. And Memorial Day is one day each year when we pause and consider what it truly means for someone to give "the last full measure of devotion."

Our wonderful nation was founded on the belief that all people "are endowed BY THEIR CREATOR with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." In other words, the document that literally created America 250 years ago SPECIFICALLY cited God as the source of a set of basic rights and freedoms that God intended all people to have. And, those rights and freedoms are so important to a nation living into its calling from God and being the nation that God intended, that we are willing to defend them with our very lives to ensure that access to those freedoms and rights never ends.

Honoring those who gave their lives in defense of this country is quite literally one of the most Christian things that we can do. In doing so, we honor brave men and women who believed in our nation...who believed in its founding principles and what it means to be a country founded on Judeo-Christian principles...and who gave their last full measure of devotion for people who may never know their name, so that their fellow citizens could continue to be a free people.

In the name of God, and of Jesus Christ our Savior, and of the Holy Spirit, may blessing upon blessing be poured out upon the souls of our defenders, their families, and the nation that owes them a debt that can never be repaid.

In Christ,
Scott



The next Administrative Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00pm. The Ministries Committee will meet at 5:00pm before the Admin Council meeting. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend. We'll be discussing the opportunities and challenges facing our church.

MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

At the last Ministries Committee meeting, we added the following events to our calendar. Please put these events on your calendar now so you don't miss them.

On June 28th we are planning to have a good Old Fashioned Revival on the church grounds. Afterwards we will all stay for lunch, homemade ice cream, and have several games and activities. More information will come later.



On September 13th we want to **Welcome SHSU Students** back for the fall semester. We plan to invite students from The Wesley Foundation, as well as other SHSU organizations to worship with us that day. We will have a meal after the worship service and play games to interact and get to know the students. Please consider "adopting a student" when they come that day. This would involve as much or as little time as you are able to commit. The main thing we ask is that from time to time you contact your student to let them know there is someone in Huntsville they can call on if they need someone.

SOAR will meet on Thursday, May 21st for our last meeting prior to our summer break.

We will meet at the church on the 21st at 10:45 a.m. and carpool to Daisy's Diner in Riverside for our meeting and lunch. For those living out in the Riverside Area, if it is more convenient and will save you a trip into town, just meet us at 11:00 at Daisy's. Invite your friends or neighbors to join us for good food and warm fellowship. Please let Linda (936.661.1344) or Mary (936.662.2230) know beforehand how many will be in your party to ensure we reserve ample room and seating for all.



Boy Scout Troop #114 tore down the playground structure in April. It took about an hour for the structure to be dismantled and disposed of. Thank you to Natalie for arranging this project with the Boy Scouts!

Holy Week Lenten Lunches

The week of March 30th to April 3rd, we hosted Holy Week Lenten Lunches. We had a guest speaker every day. Each day's meal was supplied by Family Ministries, S.O.A.R., the Women's Group, the Unity Sunday School class, and the Choir. Thank you all for your hard work and unwavering devotion to support our ministries.





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Greeter: Alan Peet
 Assist with Communion: Shawn Ceppi
 Communion Rail Offering: VBS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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03 Sunrise Service—7am Handbells—9:15am Worship—11am Women's Group—Noon	04 Crafts—10am	05 Ministries Committee 5pm Admin Council 6pm 	06 Canasta Club—11am Choir—5:30pm	07	08 Driveway Repair	09 8am - noon Church of Christ Hwy 30
10 Handbells—9:15am Sunday School—10am Worship—11am 	11 Crafts—10am	12	13 Canasta Club—11am Choir—5:30pm	14 Crafts—10am	15	16
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Delany Graham	05/01	J.T. Starkey	05/22
T.J. Martin	05/09	Wes McMillan	05/25
David Easley	05/17	Brady Wilson	05/27
Jim Moore	05/18	Mattie Wilson	05/28
Kathleen Martin	05/22	Patti Utley	05/31



<i>Dana and Leland Heuszel</i>	<i>05/14</i>
<i>Warren and Lynn Kroll</i>	<i>05/24</i>
<i>Jim and Debbie Moore</i>	<i>05/26</i>
<i>Richard and Carol Byrd</i>	<i>05/29</i>

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Sundays

Worship Services:

9:15am Handbells
10:00am SundaySchool
11:00am WorshipService

Mondays & Thursdays

10:00am Crafts at Wesley House

Wednesdays

11:00am Canasta Club
5:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Monthly Meetings

1st Sunday
12:00pm Women's Group
1st Tuesday
6:00pm Administrative Council
3rd Thursday
11:00am SOAR

May Fun Facts

May's Birthstone - If you were born in May then your birthstone is the vibrant deep green emerald. Emeralds have the same green shade as a thriving spring garden, and in French, the name for

emerald is jardin, literally the French word for garden.

May's Birth Flower - We think one of the best things about the month of May is the blooming of spring flowers. The official birthday flower of May is the delicate and fragrant lily of the valley. The lily of the valley is said to represent sweetness, motherhood and humility.

Astrology Zodiac Signs of May - If you were born in the month of May, then your zodiac sign is Taurus (May 1st to 20th) or Gemini (May 21st to 31st). People born under Taurus, an earth sign, are known to be intelligent, dependable and stubborn. People born under Gemini, an air sign, are known to be whimsical, talkative and adaptable.

· The grandest horse race in the world, The Kentucky Derby, takes place on the first Saturday in May every year. This is one of the oldest horse races in the world and has been running every year since 1875. There have been only two years when the race wasn't ran in May. In 1945 during a wartime ban on horse-racing and in 2020 when the race was delayed until September due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

· While many associate Cinco de Mayo with margaritas and partying, the origins of the yearly celebration is the 1862 Mexican victory over the French during the second Franco-Mexican War. Americans spend over \$600 million each year on beer for Cinco de Mayo. That's more than the Super Bowl or St. Patrick's Day! Let's raise our glasses and say ¡Salud! to this May celebration!

· It was on May 8th, 1945, that German high command unconditionally surrendered to allied forces bringing an official end to World War II. May 8th is now considered Victory in Europe Day, or VE Day. It is commemorated each year in countries like France, UK and Poland with remembrance ceremonies.

· WE LOVE YOU MAMA! May is the time to celebrate mom, and she definitely deserves it! In over 100 countries across the world, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. And May is the perfect time of year to shower our mothers with beautiful bouquets of fresh spring flowers.





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