

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day: May 27

Business Meeting: June 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: June 9 at 4:00

Father's Day: June 16

Panera Bread Open Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Hebrews class Mondays at 10:00

Remembrance

“Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed”.

Isaiah 53:4-5

June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador 12 Celina Perales 19 Tamasi Letalu

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 9 Sue Tanner

11 Marcos & Celina Perales

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Memorial Day

Excerpts from article by Gary Hutchens

Today is Sunday, the first day of the week, *the Lord's Day!* It is a *Memorial Day* that far surpasses in significance the holiday our nation will observe tomorrow. This is a day when the Christians who make up the Lord's church are supposed to gather together to worship God and remember the death of our Savior on the cross. He made the ultimate sacrifice, giving His life on that cross for the guilt of our sins. He put His life on the line and paid our debt in order that we could have the opportunity to be set free from the slavery and condemnation of sin. He died to give us a chance to live eternally.

In partaking of the Lord's Supper we memorialize His death. In the bread we see the nails driving through His hands and feet and the spear piercing His side. In the cup we see the blood that was shed from His body while hanging on that cross. Today, each *Lord's Day*, is a sacred occasion that deserves our serious consideration and respect. On this day we honor our Savior in His death for us and also announce to the world that He is risen and that He is coming again!

Unfortunately, as with that other *Memorial Day*, many seem to have forgotten the real significance of *the Lord's Day*. For many it too has become simply a day off work, a day to sleep late, to work in the yard, play golf, go to the park, or to pursue any of a hundred other personal endeavors. Forgetting what this day is all about leaves us vulnerable to the most dangerous of all enemies, the devil himself, and our careless forgetfulness opens the door to once again becoming his slaves, bound by the chains of sin. *We need to remember!*

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Remembrance

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

“...the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

Remembering Jesus

By Rob Albright

As we take the bread and fruit of the vine, we remember Jesus. He died on the cross, not because of His sins, but He died on the cross for our sins. 1 Peter 2:24 says, *"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."* (ESV)

The nails that went through his hands and feet were not for any sins he had done. They were for my sins and for your sins. The crown of thorns was placed on his head so that I might die to sin and live the new life as a disciple of Christ. When we die to something we separate ourselves from it.

We separate ourselves from a life dominated by sin to live a life dominated by righteousness. (Romans 6:13). When we die to sin we do not live in it any longer. (Romans 6:1-2). Jesus died so you and I might have that opportunity to live a Christ-like life. Shouldn't that be our goal? Jesus allowed himself to be sin for us. Why? (2 Corinthians 5:21) *"So that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God"*.

Let that sink in as we partake the Lord's Supper today and share in this time of remembering Jesus.

Hymn Stories...

The Story Behind “Blessed Assurance”

Francis Jane Crosby was born into a family of strong Puritan ancestry in New York on March 24, 1820. As a baby, she had an eye infection which a quack doctor treated by placing hot poultices on her red and inflamed eyelids. The infection did clear up, but scars formed on the eyes, and the baby girl became blind for life. A few months later, Fanny's dad became ill and died. Mercy Crosby, widowed at 21, hired herself out as a maid while Grandmother Eunice Crosby took care of little Fanny.

Grandmother took the education of her little granddaughter on herself and became the girl's eyes, vividly describing the physical world. Grandmother's careful teaching helped develop Fanny's descriptive abilities. But Grandmother also nurtured Fanny's spirit. She read and carefully explained the Bible to her, and she always emphasized the importance of prayer. When Fanny became depressed because she couldn't learn as other children did, Grandmother taught her to pray to God for knowledge.

In 1834 Fanny learned of the New York Institute for the Blind and knew this was the answer to her prayer for an education. She entered the school when she was twelve and went on to teach there for twenty-three years. She became somewhat of a celebrity at the school and was called upon to write poems for almost every conceivable occasion.

On March 5, 1858, Fanny married Alexander van Alstine, a former pupil at the Institute. He was a musician who was considered one of the finest organists in the New York area.

One evening, Fanny's friend and composer Phoebe Palmer Knapp was visiting and played a tune on the piano, asking Fanny what it sounded like. Fanny responded "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!" Phoebe and Fanny then continued to sing the melody and write the lyrics together.