

## A Life That Matters

By Joe Chesser

This is a weekend for remembering. It's a time to hold special services and a time for going to the cemeteries to decorate graves with flowers and pictures. We do this to remember and honor those who so gallantly defended our country's freedom with their lives. We also remember and honor those who hold a special place in our past – family, friends and other special people. We do this to keep alive in our memories those special people whose lives mattered to us.

What is it that we remember? What is it that makes a person's life live on after they have died? A popular inspirational reading captures some of what I am thinking:

"What will matter most is...

not what you bought, but what you built.

not what you got, but what you gave.

not your success, but your significance.

not that you learned, but that you taught.

not your competence, but your character.

not your memories, but the memories that live on in those who love you

It's so easy to major in minors, to let the insignificant dominate the important. It's so easy to let making a living become more important than making a life. It's so easy to believe that what you have is more important than who you are. It's so much easier to buy gifts than it is to give yourself.

You don't have to be wealthy or talented or educated to live a life that matters. In fact, these are often the very things that prevent you from living a life that matters. Despite living in "extreme poverty," the Macedonians lived lives that mattered. The rich young ruler didn't (2 Cor. 8:1-5, Matt. 19:16-24). Though he had social status and education, the Pharisee did not choose to live a life that mattered. Yet, the humble tax collector did (Luke 18:9-14).

Living a life that matters is not an accident. It's about making the right choices. Choose people over possessions. Choose giving over getting. Choose others over self. Choose God over anything or anyone else.

This Memorial Day weekend is a good time to remember how others had lived. While you are at it, take time to reflect on your own life. Are you living a life that matters? When others think of you, will they think of God?



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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: Song, Prayer and Reading service**

This is our Fifth Sunday in a month Devotional.

**Scripture Reading: TBA**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the **Psalms** and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will begin Chapter 8 of Hebrews.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class -Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> Lesson 8, Day 4.**
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing- July 31st.**
- ❖ **Sojourners here- July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>**



### MAGI BOXES

**80 boxes for age 11+. As before, we will be asking for item donations and money. We will be better organized this time because we know what is expected from us.**

- **Those who shared what lessons they are interested in from the Sojourner ladies have had their preferences relayed to Kay Little, who will share with the other ladies. They will also be offering a Saturday program open to the public ladies on raising young children. We will work with them on that, providing refreshments, etc.**

**Valley Cities is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing this afternoon at 4:30pm. Please plan to bring salads, sandwiches, chips, pickles, cookies, cake or whatever will help us show hospitality to our guests.**

## PRAYERS

- **Pray for the people of Ukraine!** Also pray for those who are helping them. There are also Christians in Russia who need prayer.
- **Pray for the families who have lost loved ones in the Uvalde, TX school shooting.**
- **Nathaniel and Paula Cowles' little daughter Lily** was taken to ER on Tuesday. She tested positive for covid with complications from asthma. She is home now and recovering well, thank the Lord!
- **Dan Myer** will be having SBRT (radiation) on his lungs after he has a PET scan. If it has spread, he will need chemo. He is also dealing with covid.
- **Miki's friend Steve Noble** had a recent lung transplant and is recovering appropriately.
- **Mike Walls, formerly from the church in Ithaca, is dealing with Frontal Lobe Dementia. There is a chance he has been misdiagnosed and actually has a type of dementia caused by saggy brain syndrome. This is reversible. His wife Carrie has requested prayers that he can be cured.**
- Pray for:
  - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
  - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer)
  - **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer, chemo)
  - **Gail Westerhold** (problems with remaining kidney, back problems)
  - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
  - **Sharon Morningstar-lupus**
  - **Arthur's brother Chris**-(Alzheimer's)
  - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer)
  - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill**- liver cancer
  - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer)
  - **Jerry Lowe** (recovering from heart attack)
  - **Mary Wallenbeck**- Parkinsons and Leukemia

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.