

Observing Memorial Day

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Tomorrow we celebrate the annual Memorial Day holiday. It is a time when most people get together to kick off summer with outdoor cookouts and relaxation. The holiday is designed, however, for us to remember those who have given their lives in military service to our country. We remember that freedom is not free; it cost the blood of men and women who were willing to give up their lives in place of ours for the defense of our nation. It is good to remember such sacrifices because it helps us recognize the dependence we have on other people for our safety. We remember to honor those who have fallen. We remember to learn the value of freedom.

While we enjoy physical well-being and freedom because of the sacrifices of others, our spiritual well-being and freedom are far more important. One may be physically well and free, but spiritually sick and enslaved. Like physical wellness and freedom, there was One who died so that we might be spiritually well and free. His name was Jesus, and we memorialize Him every first day of the week when we partake of the Lord's Supper. Physical wellness and freedom will end one day. However, that does not mean that we can't have spiritual well-being and freedom forever; we can! How is this possible? When we put our faith and trust in Jesus and His plan for our salvation and faithfulness, he promises us things that are much more valuable: peace, love, joy, goodness, mercy, grace, faith. Here is true well-being and freedom because we are not sick with sin and enslaved by its consequences. Jesus said, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed" ([John 8:36](#)).



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: The Bible: Blessings and Curses

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 4:1-10

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

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Romans
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm May 31, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the second chapter on W (work). You should receive notes ahead of time by email.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – June 18.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, May 30. Joel, chapter 2
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – July 30. Here.



Delayed Memorial Day Picnic: Saturday, June 3rd
at Amy & Steve's house- 911 Beardsley Hollow Rd., Alpine,
NY 14805.

Lunch at 1pm, bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs.



Fourth of July BBQ picnic: Tuesday, July 4th at
Paul & Dawn's house- 350 Dean Creek Rd., Spencer, NY 14873.
Beginning at 12 noon, bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs.
Meat, BBQ beans and Mac 'n cheese provided.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for Steve and Amy** as they travel in Israel. Pray for their safety, enjoyment, and ease of travel. Also' for their safe return.
- **David Istre has asked for prayers** because he is experiencing pain and other MS symptoms in his legs plus balance problems. He prays he is not having a relapse.
- **Steve Burger, who has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer, has been told he is in temporary remission. Praise the Lord!**

Pray for these people:

- **Bob** (Steve Burger's brother-in-law)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Sue Barry**- Breast cancer stage 4 chemo treatment. **Pray for safe travels this weekend as she visits her son and family.**
- **Pat Guthrie**- lung cancer, stage 4 chemo treatment
- **Bonnie's brother Gregg**- prostate surgery June 24.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia. He is not improving. **Carrie is very discouraged and despondent.** She needs prayer and encouragement.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, back on chemo
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **The people of Ukraine, Russia and Sudan.**
- **Jerry Lowe**- needs contact with a church and encouragement.

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