

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church

The Lord’s Day, May 30, 2021

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

(John 15:12-14)

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude		B.J. Lyle
Opening Scripture	Psalm 2	Pastor Paul
Prayer		Pastor Paul
*Praise Songs	<i>“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” and “Glorify Thy Name”</i>	
Children’s Sermon		Pastor Karen
Hymn	<i>“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”</i> vv. 1,2,3,6	Page 686
Acknowledgment of Military Veterans		Pastor Paul
Pastoral Prayer		
Ministry in Music	<i>“America the Beautiful”</i>	
Sermon	Essential Elements part 3.	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>“Faith Is the Victory”</i> vv.1,2	Page 727

“ * ” indicates he congregation should stand.

You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is– psqvcvk4xr3cf5

SERMON: ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS part 3

Scriptures: Romans 1:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3-4; John 7:37-39; Romans 15:13; Acts 2:42-47; John 6:66-69; 1 Thes. 5:16-18; Matthew 25:21

Elements: Factors that determine the outcome of a process.

God has provided all we need to become more Christlike. (Rom. 1:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-4)
The question is, are we in tune with what He is providing?

1. His power through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

2. The Word of God.

3. The Fellowship of Believers.

4. The Breaking of Bread.

5. Prayer.

6. Grace.

Memorial Day is a day that is set aside to remember, and honor, our brave soldiers who have given their lives to protect our land and keep us free. It began as a day to honor our Civil War dead, but after World War I, it was expanded to include our war dead from all the wars in which America was involved. Go to <http://www.usmemorialday.org/> for more information.

According to <http://www.historycentral.com/wars.html> , our country has fought in 12 wars (not counting the Afghanistan War which brings the updated total to 13.) In every one of these cases, we have asked the young people of our nation to be willing to give their lives in the name of freedom (for us and others in foreign lands.) The sacrifices these young men and women have made can never be totally comprehended nor can they be repaid by us.

Just stop and think about a little of what these wonderful young people have given up for us. At the very least, they have given years of their life, time away from their families, to serve their country which they love. They have given us any chance of setting down “roots”, having to move from base to base once every 3 to 4 years. Many will be physically disabled the rest of their life, having the use of one or more of their limbs taken from them. Scores have been mentally disabled resulting in them being unable to handle day to day living. And thousands upon thousands have given the ultimate sacrifice, their life, so that we can continue to enjoy our lives living safely in a land of freedom.

We can never begin to understand what they went through, and are continuing to go through, all because they love their nation and the freedoms we take for granted every day. We can never begin to repay them and their families for the sacrifices they have made for us. It seems as if saying “Thank You” just isn’t enough.

“This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” Joh 15:12-14

A Memorial Day Devotion for Christians – Citizen

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