

The Cumberland

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Our Weekly Newsletter

"Loving God, Loving People"

May 22, 2013

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SONWEST ROUNDUP

A riproarin' good time with Jesus! The buckaroos will love this colorful Old West town and the heart raisin' activities like games, crafts, music, Bible stories, and mighty tasty snacks! So, saddle up you horses and come to the VBS –

Sunday, June 2 – Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 – 8:30.

Vacation Bible School Leadership team:

Co-Directors – Judy Gwilliams & Bill Halbert

Music – Laura & James Paschke & Julie Rech

Story Teller – Mindy Goddard-Landry & Faith Goddard

Recreation – Lindsay & Stephanie Bridges

Art Classes – Margaret Migas

Snacks – Jewell Kerr, Mary Ann Haney, Dianne Fielder, Julie Rech

Pre-School – Melody Harper & Lisa Hayes

Primary – Grades 1-2 – Donna Walker &

Middler – Grades 3-5 – Bonnie & Phil Bridges

Adult Classes – Sunday – "Conflict Management" – Kim Halbert

Monday – "Hospice Mythbusters" – Patty McGrew

Tuesday – "Financial Planning" – Jeff Golliher

An offering will be received each night at the opening worship time. These funds will go to the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, TX.



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday this nation will celebrate Memorial Day as we remember those who have given their lives fighting for this nation. This Sunday we will observe this Memorial Day as a part of our morning worship.



CAMP DATES/INFORMATION

Junior Camp, Sunday-Thursday, June 9-13 (Grades 3-5)

Middle Camp, Sunday-Friday, June 16-21 (Grades 6-8)

High School Camp, Sunday-Friday, June 23-28 (Grades 9-12)

These camps will be held at Camp Chilhowee. Junior camp fee is \$130; Middle and High School camp fees are \$150. Registration information is available through the church office. Registration must be in by May 28.

Among Our People

Eugene & Barbara McCammon gone over week-end to Center College for graduation of grandson **Lucas**, son of **Mike & Melinda Kelly** ... **Mildred Acuff** left Brakebill and returned to her home Monday ... **Jack Gaston** has moved to Ft. Sanders Transition unit for continued rehab following heart surgery ... **Steve Summers'** were in Memphis over week-end to assist **Kristi** in her move back to home ... **Cliff Parrott and family** were in Atlanta over week-end for graduation of son, **Thomas Parrott** from Luther Rice Seminary ... Congratulations to **Sara Grace Paschke & Gracie Hayes** for their winning first place in regional Cheerleading competition; head to state meet in Nashville June 15 ... **Rebecca Rech**, mother of **Justin**, having major physical problems; add her to your prayer list ... Did you see **Melody Harper's** picture, along with the long article, in Sunday's paper? Article was about American Cancer Society's 100th birthday this week; **Melody** is Executive Director of the Knoxville office of ACS ...

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Happy Birthday

May

26-Brian Migas
27-Danny Goodrich
29-collier Goodrich
30-Norma Frye
30-Scott Roberts



Activities for May 26-June 1, 2013

Sun., 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
Mon., MEMORIAL DAY—Church Office Closed
Weds., 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

(See web site for complete calendar listings)

Stewardship Report May 19, 2013

Sunday School.....38
Worship.....62
Offering\$1,779.02
Memorial, Virginia Chesney.....\$225.00
Music Fund.....\$5.00



Memorial Day is a [United States federal holiday](#) which occurs every year on the final Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the [United States Armed Forces](#). Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it originated after the [American Civil War](#) to commemorate the [Union](#) and [Confederate](#) soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service.

Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

There are a few notable exceptions. Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at

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Prayer Concerns In the Hospital

Mildred Acuff, Brakebill
Jack Gaston, Ft. Sanders

On-going Health and Prayer Concerns

CP Missionaries; Mary Jane & Gordon Blaylock; Mildred Stone; Edna Fleenor; Mary Cregger; Bonnie Holbert; Gladys Stone; Mildred Acuff; Maxine McGuire; Ada Ladd; Nancy Anthony; Bud & Betty Hickman; Carl Overstreet (friend of Cliff Parrott); Jonathan Migas; Peggy Bradshaw (Dianne Fielder's mother); Nora Derreberry (Maxine Curtis's mother); Marlene Ritchey; Brian Migas; Richard H. Zimmerman (Richard Zimmerman's father); Taylor Ford; Colonel Bud Day, USAF (Ret) POW VIETNAM (friend of Cliff Parrott); Lu Simmons (friend Mary Ann Haney); Mary McJunkins, (Mary Wegman's mother); Eric Nelson, (friend of the Witmer clan); Donna Wingard, (Mildred Acuff's daughter); Ann Fleming, (Beth Rader Fleming's mother-in-law); Pat Shetterly, (Sherry's mother); Debbie & David Triese, (Margaret Migas's sister and husband); Steve Goodrich; Saxon Cochran (Bridges' neighbor with cancer); Carl Ware; Allison, Hailey, Connor and Hannah Davis; Janie Beeler, (Greg Beeler's wife); Martha Petree, (friend of Kevin Wood and Greg Beeler); Judy Gammon; Brenda Burk (sister of Lois Witmer), Ruth McNabb (mother of Tammy Eblen); Suzan Smith, (Jewell Kerr's daughter); Richard Himes (Jin Gaston's brother-in-law); Braydon Fulton, (son of Classical Conversations—Tuesday leader Tricia Fulton); Debbie Holloway; Mildred Gragg (friend of Mary Cregger); Kim and her family, (friends of Amanda and Scott Roberts); the Search Committee; Rufus Holbert, (Rhonda Wilson's father); Rebecca Rech, mother of Justin Rech.

Please keep the Church office informed of any needed changes to our Prayer Concerns list. Call 588-8581 or email firstcpc@earthlink.net

each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the [Luminaria Program](#)). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "[National Moment of Remembrance](#)" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to '[Taps](#).'" The Moment of Remembrance is a step in the right direction to returning the meaning back to the day. What is needed is a full return to the original day of observance. Set aside one day out of the year for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country.

But what may be needed to return the solemn, and even sacred, spirit back to Memorial Day is for a return to its traditional day of observance. Many feel that when Congress made the day into a three-day weekend in with the National Holiday Act of 1971, it made it all the easier for people to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day. As the VFW stated in its 2002 Memorial Day address: "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day."