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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday morning, May 27, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Jeff Nicks, Jerry Ross, Frank Roberson, Tyer Kendall, Rick Yates, Josh Scott, Tyler Bolton
 Scripture Reading: Brian Clark
 Sermon: Ron Newberry
 Closing Prayer: Chris Gooch
 Elder Available After Worship: Greg Ferguson
 Children's Church: Maggie & Landon McCage
 Attended Nursery: Lori Griffin
 Nursery Next Week: Traci Orr
 Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
 (back): Tim & Nancy Spain



SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
 10:30 am — Worship
 6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

Worship Service May 27, 2018

613 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
 789 "Father"

564 "I Must Tell Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer

s71 "Deep Calls to Deep"

s57 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Communion

Contribution

705 "A Common Love"

612 "His Yoke Is Easy"

Scripture Reading

Sermon

581 "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Family News

613 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
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Closing Prayer

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ **OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Mary Johnson, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden
- OUR COMMUNITY:** Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Phyllis Weatherly, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks, Jean McCullough, Barbie Hardy, Brad Carman
- OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS:** Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott, Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Bob Yates
- THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea)
- MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:** Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



(The following is from Paul Harvey's *The Rest of the Story*.)

It is gratitude that prompted an old man to visit an old broken pier on the eastern seacoast of Florida. Every Friday night, until his death in 1973, he would return, walking slowly and slightly stooped with a large bucket of shrimp. The sea gulls would flock to this old man, and he would feed them from his bucket.

Many years before, in October, 1942, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was on a mission in a B-17 to deliver an important message to General Douglas MacArthur in New Guinea. But there was an unexpected detour which would hurl Captain Eddie into the most harrowing adventure of his life.

Somewhere over the South Pacific the *Flying Fortress* became lost beyond the reach of radio. Fuel ran dangerously low, so the men ditched their plane in the ocean.

For nearly a month Captain Eddie and his companions would fight the water, and the weather, and the scorching sun. They spent many sleepless nights recoiling as giant sharks rammed their rafts. The largest raft was nine by five. The biggest shark...ten feet long.

But of all their enemies at sea, one proved most formidable: starvation. Eight days out, their rations were long gone or destroyed by the salt water. It would take a miracle to sustain them. And a miracle occurred.

In Captain Eddie's own words, "Cherry, (*that was the B-17 pilot, Captain William Cherry*) read the service that afternoon, and we finished with a prayer for deliverance and a hymn of praise. There was some talk, but it tapered off in the oppressive heat. With my hat pulled down over my eyes to keep out some of the glare, I dozed off."

Now this is still Captain Rickenbacker talking... "Something landed on my head. I knew that it was a sea gull. I don't know how I knew, I just knew. Everyone else knew too. No one said a word, but peering out from under my hat brim without moving my head, I could see the expression on their faces. They were staring at that gull. The gull meant food...if I could catch it."

And the rest, as they say, is history. Captain Eddie caught the gull. Its flesh was eaten. Its intestines were used for bait to catch fish. The survivors were sustained and their hopes renewed because a lone sea gull, uncharacteristically hundreds of miles from land, offered itself as a sacrifice. You know that Captain Eddie made it.

And now you also know...that he never forgot. Because every Friday evening, about sunset...on a lonely stretch along the eastern Florida seacoast...you could see an old man walking...white-haired, bushy-eyebrowed, slightly bent. His bucket filled with shrimp was to feed the gulls...to remember that one which, on a day long past, gave itself without a struggle...like manna in the wilderness.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Take a few minutes today to remember those who died to keep our country free. And when you do you might thank God for the lamb who, without struggle, gave his life so we might live free indeed.

THOSE TO SERVE June 3, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
Lord's Supper:
Scripture Reading:
Closing Prayer:
Power Point: Tim Spain
Greeters (side): Jeff & Sissy Nicks
(back): Royce & Brenda Aker

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

May 27	1 Chronicles 23-25; John 11:1-17
May 28	1 Chronicles 26-27; John 11:18-46
May 29	1 Chronicles 28-29; John 11:47-57
May 30	2 Chronicles 1-3; John 12:1-19
May 31	2 Chronicles 4-6; John 12:20-50
June 1	2 Chronicles 7-9; John 13:1-17
June 2	2 Chronicles 10-12; John 13:18-38

LADIES' WEDNESDAY CLASS Summer 2018

The theme of this summer's Wednesday night class for ladies is "How My Faith Walk Got Me Through...". The proposed starting date is June 6th, with three months of classes focusing on how faith has helped us face the challenges that come in our lives. If you have questions or suggestions for this class series, please see Jenny.

The class topics will include discussions about depression, addiction, divorce, financial problems, medical problems, death and caregiving. Class leaders will include Carla Aaron, Judy Barker, Rachel Clark, Dawn Guy, Renee Ferguson, Nita Gooch, Shelia Morris, Jenny Newberry, Traci Orr, Kim Roberson, LeEllen Smith, and Nancy Spain.



NEW SUNDAY MORNING MENS' CLASS

Starting Sunday, June 3, Tim Spain will be teaching a Worship Leading class during Sunday morning class time. We will discuss and practice leading the various parts of worship, and why that is so important to the life of the church. We will discuss and learn leading prayer, songs, reading scripture, preaching, teaching classes, communion, and why is it so important for the life of the body.

DRAWN BY LOVE WORSHIP June 10

Anyone wanting to go to the *Drawn by Love* Women's Worship Event in Paragould, AR on June 10 needs to let Jenny know by Sunday, June 3 so we can make transportation arrangements. We will leave at 2:30 pm and return around 9:30 to 10 pm. Sign up the sheet at Information Station or talk to Jenny for more information.



The theme of this year's service is *Wait and See...the best is truly yet to be (Philippians 1:6)*. Dr. Elaine Denman of Wichita, Kansas will be the speaker.

NOTES FROM TODAY'S SERMON



