

Thoughts from Tom—Remember!

Psalms 105:4,5,8--Seek the LORD, and His strength: seek His face evermore. Remember His marvelous works that He hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of His mouth . . . He hath remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

Because the month of May begins with the National Day of Prayer and ends with Memorial Day, I want to share the following devotional by Ann Shorb. "Memorial Day is set aside to remember those who have fallen in our nation's wars. Sadly, the day will pass and most of us will be so caught up in picnics, family gatherings, or outdoor projects that we won't even give much thought to the real meaning of the day. That's too bad, because remembering does many things. It brings me back to the reality of what actually happened. It also encourages me to see the dedication of those who fought and died. Remembering stirs within me a sense of gratitude and appreciation, and it strengthens my resolve to do my part in serving God, country and others.

"Throughout the Bible, God's people are instructed to stop and recall what He did for them. Psalm 105 is a song of remembrance of God's goodness to His beloved ones. It traces His direction, provision and protection through their history and the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. As believers in the 21st century, we can look back over a much longer history and see how God's plan has and is unfolding and observe His incredible goodness to us.

"Psalm 105:1-5 shows the natural progression of what happens when I pause to remember—I give thanks to Him and continue calling on Him. I sing of Him and talk with fellow believers of all He has done. Then I must go tell others of His greatness. When I stop to trace the work of God's hand in my life and in the world around me, these things just come naturally.

"But the key to being able to rejoice in the past is not found in counting the number of good things that have happened, but in remembering that God remembers! I can rejoice because He never forgets His plan and He never forsakes His promises. Even when life is tough and things don't seem to make sense to me, I can rest assured that He is in control and He is working out His plan. He has my best interest at heart. Knowing this encourages and strengthens me and pushes me to do my best to live for Him.

"I encourage you, my friend, at this Memorial season, take time to remember."

An additional thought from Tom: During the entire month of May, not only should we take time to remember, we should take time to pray. "Dear Father, help me daily to look back at Your faithfulness and praise You for being a God who remembers."



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Ladies Banquet

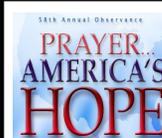
**May 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**

**Please sign up at the table by the front door.
All ladies invited! Bring friends and family!**



We will be revealing our Sisters In Spirit!

Bring a thank you card or small gift to share with your SIS, and sign up for a new one for next year!



National Day of Prayer

May 3, 2018

On Thursday, May 3rd millions of believers from across America will join together to celebrate our First Amendment freedoms to pray. For years, the National Day of Prayer has been a powerful reminder of our need to kneel before God's throne in the public square – regardless of cultural and denominational differences.

**May 3rd from 12:00-2:00 p.m.
at First Church of Christ.**

Open prayer time for our community of believers.
A prayer guide with scriptures will be provided.

Announcements

Camp time is coming!

First Church of Christ sponsors Wilderness Christian Camp, which is a Bible-based camp for 2nd grade through high school. The age-appropriate weeks begin in June and run into August. Many children from this congregation attend, as well as adults who work during various weeks.

Camp Schedule

June 17-19	First Chance, Grades 1,2,3	Mike & Ann Anger
June 24-30	Jr. High, Grades 6,7,8	Stephanie Vert
July 8-13	Intermediate, Grades 3, 4,5	Brett Southworth
July 15-20	High School, Grades 9,10,11,12	Jody Terrell
July 22-27	Tag-A-Long	Gary Rose II
July 29-31	Girls Only, 9-18 years	Anita Severence
August 23-26	Family Camp	Brett Southworth
October 6	Harvest Party	



See the camp display in the lobby for camp information, registration forms, prices, and carpooling for rides. Contact Alex Vert or Dave Pietrangelo with questions.
www.wildernesschristianassembly.org

Camp Work Day at Wilderness Camp! Saturday, May 19th at 9:00 am



There are many projects to finish to get the camp ready for summer! Main dish for lunch provided, please bring a side dish to share. We have a group going down, and if you can join us, **please sign up at the camp display.**

See Alex Vert for details.

Mission of the Month Care Net Pregnancy Center

Items needed: Diapers and pull-ups, baby wipes, bottles, office supplies, household supplies, paper products, baby clothes and up to size 6, new toys from birth to age 10

Giving Information

April	Giving
1	\$4,815.38
8	\$3,690.00
15	\$2,881.00
22	\$6,787.00
Average	\$4,543.35

Prayer Concerns (Please call the church office with updates)



Our country and those serving in the military, those adjusting after service
 Elaine Carriere—In MediLodge (formerly Tendercare)
 Kevin Farrar—Breathing issues due to RA, RA flare-ups
 His House Ministries
 Kenn Filkins—Serious health issues
 Hannah Grace Monroe—Continued prayers for her feedings and health 3/18
 Jeannine Kelly (Therese Boucha's mother) - Parkinson's Disease 3/18
 Gary Matheny (Dave's brother) - Hoping for a lung transplant soon 3/18
 Mona Staggs (LaCrosse) - Breast cancer, now in lymph nodes 1/18
 Trudy Ranta (Pam Postma) - Melanoma has advanced 3/18
 Ron Atkins (Pam Postma's brother) - Praise that there is no lung cancer! Has liver/pancreatic cancer—to Mayo for treatment options 3/18
 Gary Ferns (Mary Armstrong) - Lung tumors growing and multiplying 3/18
 Josh Cochran (Hachigian) - Health issues 2/18
 Therese Boucha—Diagnosed with kidney cancer, chemo has begun 4/18
 Mike Willett's brother-in-law—Health concerns 2/18
 Mike Zimmerman—Recovering from surgery 4/18
 Bonnie Dale—Surgery successful, still having difficulty walking 2/18
 Carol Miller—Back surgery successful, but found stage 4 lung cancer 3/18
 Evelyn Henry—Health issues 4/18
 Tom Lane (Phyllis Miller's brother) - Recovering from car accident 3/18
 Nancy LaCrosse—Continued recovery from surgeries 3/18
 Brad (Jennifer LeBlanc's boyfriend) - Continued prayers for healing after car accident 4/18
 Malvenia Cryderman (Marion Roger's mother) - Home for rehab, Alzheimer's, prayers for Marion's sister, who is caring for her 3/18
 Gail (Marion Roger's cousin) - Mini stroke, testing, needs surgery 3/18
 Glen Butler (Tanya Hoolsema's grandfather) - Fell and broke jaw and vertebra. Improving slowly, but can't hear or breathe on his own, irregular heartbeat 3/18
 Linda Gades (Nancy Earl-Wojo's sister) - Metastasized cancer, confusion 4/18
 Gail Dotski (Nancy Earl-Wojo's niece)—Paralyzed digestive system, weight loss 4/18
 Lance (Ann Abbott) - Serious health issues 4/18
 Max Metro—Recovering from surgery at Mayo, other health issues 4/18
 Fay Hembroff (Nancy Darling) - In ICU at WMH, going to Ann Arbor hospital by ambulance
 Audrey LeLeivre—Recovering from surgery last week, back from Florida in 2 weeks 5/18