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The message of Memorial Day is one of sacrifice. On this day, we honor those who—throughout the history of our nation—paid the ultimate price to secure and defend our freedom. These were fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, who said goodbye to their families, never to return. It's our honor to keep their memory alive.

In John 15:13, Jesus makes a simple, yet profound, statement: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (NKJV).

This verse often comes to mind when I think of the sacrifice of those who died in service to our nation. This is the ultimate gift—there's nothing more a soldier can give. They've paid the price with their very breath and blood, all for you and me.

Of course, when Jesus said those words, He understood that He, too, would soon give His own life. In Mark 10:45, Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (NKJV).

Our military members surrendered their lives to secure our freedom in this mortal realm, and Jesus gave His life—conquering sin and the grave—to offer us eternal freedom from the bondage of sin and the power of death.

1 Corinthians 15:55–57 reinforces this truth: "'O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?' The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (NKJV). This Memorial Day, I invite you to take a moment to consider the incredible price that has been paid by so many for the freedom we have in the United States. Be grateful for those who gave all they had for you and for me. Honor those who have gone before.

At the same time, devote yourself to living for Christ, whose death and resurrection opened the door to salvation. As Paul writes in Romans 12:1, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (NKJV). Surrender everything to the one who paid the debt for you, cling to His promises, and live a life worthy of the sacrifices that have

been made for us.

K-love pastors

NEWS & NOTES					
June 7- 6;30 pm Ladies & teen girls- hymn sing & fellowship at the Pancoast's house- bring an appetizer or dessert to share	Tidal River Christian campregistration open. Food donations (see Paula's e-mail) and cash donations being accepted prior to June 15	June 14-15 Kent Men's Retreat July 20- VBS - a signup sheet is posted for volunteers who can help in any capacity. Remember to contribute to the Spooner House food collection, and to our own food pantry, Barnabas Project- if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475)529-5751			

- *Pray for **Al Wilson** (Michelle's brother), he has begun chemotherapy.
- *Pray for the **Ruiz family** as they await a court date regarding Levi.
- *Pray for **David D'Elia** who recently had a stroke and is now awaiting heart surgery.
- *Pray for the family of **Hero**, he recently passed away, a close friend of Eric Stephens.
- *Pray for the Pancoast's S-I-L's grandmother, Clydia Birdsall who recently had a stroke.
- *Pray for Zach's coworker's friend, **Anna**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- *Pray for **Cindy Holly** and her son **Christopher** who are going through a very difficult time.
- *Pray for **Zach Shipley** (grandson of friends of the Repecko's) recently hospitalized & diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.
- *Pray for **Crissy Flood** (Richard's wife) recently diagnosed with Alzheimer Disease.
- *Pray for **Flo's** health and her unborn grandson, doctors have expressed concerns over the baby's size.
- *Pray for **Marie Preteska** who is in the hospital and for **Joanne**, **Toni & Greg** as they continue to help their sister during this difficult time.
- *Pray for **Emille Jones** as he seeks further follow up regarding a small brain tumor
- *Pray for **Karen Stanzione's** healing after hand surgery .
- *Pray for **Paula Ross** as she continues to deal with effects of Epstein Barre,

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend), Tom Byer *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year. *Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers for our church leaders. Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones:Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia,Greg & Linda, Gina Porto *Pray for those suffering from long term
- *Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, NadineKeller,Greg&LindaCerminara,Jeremy Sazone,Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti,Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood,Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
- *Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School-** contact Ron
- *Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

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Luis Ruiz 203-610-2396 Bob Discala 203-521-7252 Patrick Keller 203-218-9517 Derin Wilson 203-360-1695 Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11 am Online bible class and worship service go to our website: **trumbullchurchofchrist.org**

Week of 5/26/24

Song Leader: Derin Wilson Lord's table: Patrick Keller Closing Prayer: Bruce Pancoast

Usher:Bob Discala Week of 5/19//24-5/25//24 Donations \$2280Expenses:\$580