



Mt. Olive,

I wanted to do something different this week for the Newsletter and provide an update for anybody not directly involved with the youth. I wanted to give an update about what we have been studying the past few weeks. On Sunday mornings, we are going through the different parables that we find in the Gospels. On Wednesday nights, we are going through the book of John for most of the year, but recently took a break. The past few weeks we have been looking at what it means for Jesus to be our Prophet, Priest and King, diving into each of these and understanding what it truly means.

A few weeks ago, I had the students write down different questions that they had about the Bible, Christianity, God, anything of that nature. After concluding our series on Jesus as Prophet, Priest and King, we're going to spend the next weeks answering these questions from a Biblical perspective; trying to clear up any confusion or unanswered questions that the students have. When we finish this, we're going to be returning to the book of John and continuing on where we left off, going verse by verse.

Ultimately, my teaching comes directly from the Bible. The goal of my ministry is for the students at Mount Olive Baptist Church to walk away knowing the Bible better, knowing the Lord more, and developing a deeper love for him.

Wil Lowery



June 2022 Church News



Upcoming Events

- June 4: Churchwide End of Year Celebration, 5:00
- June 5: Homecoming Service, 10:15 Meal to follow
- June 6: Ladies Bible Study, 7:00
- June 12: Graduation Sunday, Reception following
- June 17: Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study, 12:00
- July 4: Games 5:00 Hot dog supper, 6:00

Mount Olive Memorial/Homecoming Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, June 5, 2022, with the service starting at 10:15 am and lunch on the grounds at 11:30 am. Guest speaker: Rev. Chris Gambos, New Salem Church.



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Rest. It seems so simple, yet has such profound implications for our physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being.

Over the past few weeks, I've had some time to rest and during that time I was reminded of the timeless benefits of resting.

The Old Testament has quite a lot to say about resting. In the 10 commandments it tells us to honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy. This day of rest given was given to us by God and is an command for us to rest. God did not rest on the final day of creation because he needed to, but to instruct us on the importance of rest. In Leviticus 25 the people of Israel were instructed to stop some of their fields from being plowed (rest) and even rest their fields every 7 years. During this year of jubilee debts were forgiven, extra rest days were given, and family time was prioritized.

The New Testament took this same principle and applied it to the new covenant. This new application can be confusing if we misinterpret Jesus' example. For instance, Jesus did ministry on the Sabbath. He healed the blind, visited the sick, and even did work, which was strictly forbidden in the Old Testament. But he also took time away from ministry to rest. His death on the cross and subsequent resurrection on a Sunday moved the day of celebration for Christians.

Today most of us do not work in the traditional sense on Sunday. Following Christ's example, we do ministry praying for the sick, encouraging people in the faith, and teaching the Bible. In a very real sense, we are continuing the tradition of worship outlined in the Old Testament and lived out by Jesus himself.

However, we all need periods of rest to even out the work we do in our lives. In fact, part of our military regulations for the Air Force required us to take a day off after a certain number of work hours. Researchers at the Pentagon discovered that by protecting the work/rest cycle of their soldiers, sailors, coast guardsmen, and marines they could dramatically reduce the number of injuries and accidents.

It may be common sense that we all need to rest, yet many of us grew up in households or communities where rest was not emphasized. I for one thank God that I get to pastor a church that allows me to take time off for vacations, conferences, and revivals. This rest enables me to recharge, giving me a chance to spend significant time with my family.

For vacation, Anna, Judah, and I took a trip to the Great Smoky Mountains. We saw some pretty incredible views, ate some wonderful food, and best of all slept in a lot! But probably my favorite aspect of vacationing in the mountains is how small it makes me feel. The mountains remind is that God is bigger than we are, bigger than every problem we face, and bigger than any health concern we may have to handle. It's important for us to be reminded that God is more powerful, larger, and knowledgeable than anything else in existence. The mountains stand as a consistent reminder that I am small, my problems are small, and my God is big. Rest impacts our entire perspective.

Is God calling you to rest today? Do you need to take some much-needed time away from work and spend some time with your family? Maybe you need to read a book, take a nap, or go for a drive, but find the rest you need for renewal today.

Dr. Josh Peeler

opportunity to express his Christian faith. He remembers his time in combat, but also shares how Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. Jeff states, “Jesus Christ gave his life so we would have eternal life and our warriors sacrifice their lives so we can have a life of freedom in this nation.”

All of us have experienced periods of strong faith and periods of weak faith. Where do we stand when our life is in peril? How strong is our faith when we must stand against the radical ideas of those who do not believe in Jesus? How much are we willing to sacrifice when we face evil in our world? Evil does exist, both in our country and in our churches and denominations today. Are we prepared to stand firm in our faith no matter the cost? It is time to transition from human faith to Jesus faith. During this Memorial Day season, let us reflect on our own faith as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, including Jesus Christ.

In Christ’s Love,

Joe Godfrey

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Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study

Join us on June 17 for the next Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study. Bring your lunch and Bible as we dive deeper into God's word.

Appalachian Backpack Christmas Ministry



This year Mount Olive will again be participating in the Hope for Appalachia Christmas Backpacks. For the month of June, we will be collecting items for older teens.

Suggested items are: flashlights, sewing kits, fishing kits, & earbuds

Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 12

Reception to follow
morning worship in the
Fellowship Hall

Graduation

Faith---Your Christian Life in The Community

This month's faith illustration will hopefully inspire you to examine your faith more closely. I have recently read multiple Bible passages about faith. They include verses such as Romans 1:17, Galatians 2:16, and James 1:6-8. These passages point out that once we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we have the faith of Jesus in us. Faith starts with human belief, but we need to transition to the faith of Jesus. This faith enters us when we receive the Holy Spirit at our conversion. There are times when human faith is strong, occurring mostly when things are going good in our lives. There are the times when human faith is weak, occurring when things are not going so well. How do we endure the "down" times in our faith? I hope to give you an example of how true "Jesus" faith endures when things seem bleak. We are in the season of Memorial Day, and I like using soldier's illustrations of faith. The example I use is of one soldier who was prepared to give the ultimate sacrifice, revealed in an article by Lee Davis.

Jeff Streucker was a sergeant in the US Army 75th Ranger Regiment when he was in Mogadishu, Somalia. He led a three-vehicle convoy through enemy fire to return an injured soldier to base. If any of you have seen the movie Black Hawk Down, you realize how intense the fighting was. There were around 200 soldiers and thousands of Somalians involved in the action. Jeff states that he was prepared to meet Jesus because his faith was strong after he became a Christian at the age of 13. He also realized that many soldiers were not prepared, as they did not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Jeff survived the battle and felt God's presence telling him that his life would be spent spreading the word of the Gospel. Now, Jeff spends his time sharing his theme of God and country.

Jeff sees Memorial Day as an opportunity to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for America, but also as an