

The Communicator

First Christian Church, Russellville, KY May 2019



Spring Cleaning

As we continue through springtime, we may be sprucing up around the yard, the home, the office, and the garage. In doing that, we may want to also include our spiritual lives as well. Are there things that need to be thrown out, polished, or replaced? One of my biggest pet peeves is clutter in my garage. The garage is supposed to be a place to park your vehicles right? I know I probably just offended a lot of folks, sorry!!!

So let's look at the definition of "Clutter." Four words are offered as synonyms for "clutter": mess, disorder, litter, and confusion. Question: Do we approach our spiritual lives with the same concern that we have for our physical and social wellbeing? Do the nagging questions about our relationship with God or our ability to remain faithful in our discipleship get placed with the other pile of thoughts in our garage?

I would like to suggest an idea that might help with your spiritual spring cleaning. Take a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle from top to bottom. Put the heading "God" on the right side and "Me" on the left. List those things that you are doing or thinking during this time. Place Christ-like or Godly thoughts or activities on the right and those things that relate to "self" on the left. Of course, some thoughts of self may be Christ-like or Godly. But, if your thoughts have nothing to do with serving the Lord, then you might want to put them in the Me column. This can be done on a weekly or monthly basis.

When you complete your list, note whether your list is lopsided in favor of the "Me" side. If it is, consider some actions that might help to balance your lists, or hopefully, make it more lopsided in favor of God. You will find that much deep thinking and maybe agonizing may occur. At the end of your contemplation, I am sure that you will be ready to clean house and organize your spiritual nature.

As you continue your spring cleaning, remember that God gives us life each day. That life does not belong to us, it belongs to God. When that fact finally sinks in, our need for spring cleaning will be minimal and we can spend more of our time giving God all the praise for the joy that fills our hearts. All of us wonder what we must do to clean house. Micah provides an answer in chapter 6 verse 8: "...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." And so, there you have it, a simple solution, yet so difficult to begin. My prayer is that we ask the Lord to prepare our hearts to receive guidance from the Holy Spirit so that we may walk humbly with our God.

Pastor Bill

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance day on the first Thursday in May. On this day, Americans are encouraged to give thanks and to turn to God in prayer and peaceful meditation. The theme of the 2019 National Day of Prayer observance will be “Love One Another,” based upon the words of Jesus in John 13:34, which says, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you.” Love can change America!

This prayer service will take place at 12:00 pm at the Court House in Russellville.

Mothers' Day

Sunday, May 12th

*The Church Men will host a
Special Breakfast at 10 am*

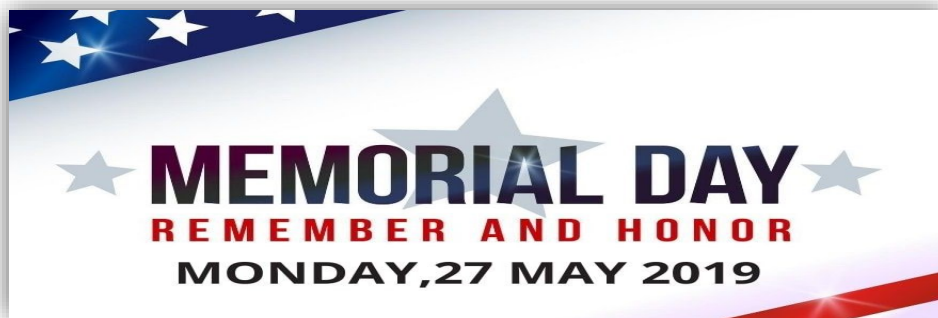
For all the Ladies!



BOARD MEETING

Sunday, May 19th

*All committees have
Your reports ready.*



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Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship Service: 10:45 am

KNOWN –Love Logan

To Know Christ

To Own Your Faith

To Make Him Known

Next Worship Gathering –

Veterans Program

at First Presbyterian

Tuesday, May 28th

6 PM

Serving in May 2019

Elders:

Judy Suiter, Mildred Taylor

Deacons:

Buddy & Frankie Smith, Barbara Wilkins

Greeters:

Volunteers

Prayer Concerns:			
Danny Anderson	Jean Gragg	Mike McCormick	Barbara Allen
Bob & Patricia Hedges	Donna Riley	Don Firchow	Lauren Riley Stafford
Amy Varble	Ken Mercer	Sara Grayson	Donna Greer
Connie Brown	Douglas Piper	Lori McClure	Cheryl Rogers
Lana & Bud Lawson			