

The Communicator



First Christian Church, Russellville, KY May 2021

Greetings,

Here it is May, the month we honor our Mothers (9th) and the men and women who served in the Armed Forces and gave their lives for the cause of peace, Memorial Day.

"O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!" Psalm 95:6-7

Throughout history Christians have brought to worship two expectations. We gather to hear from God's Word that we are Loved. The second expectation is to hear through the Lord's Table that God will forgive our sins and we will be reconciled in relationship with him and with others.

There is no other time in our daily lives that the Holy Spirit is more active than when we gather as a community of Faith and engage in worship together. Through worship each week, God resets our compass in life so that we are centered and renewed in Christ instead of the world.

Sadly, there are many who don't understand how worship in a community of Faith transforms their life in Christ. The world today, wants the followers of Christ to fear entering the church. The world continues to encourage your shopping experience, vacation experience, beach experience, going out to dinner, meeting up with friends or anything else except "Worship". Worship is essential to your spiritual life and to your soul. Worship is putting our focus on Him and celebrating who he is and what he has done in our lives.

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100

Isaiah in chapter 29 asked the people of Israel, *"They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me"* Which are you?

Lets make May a time to join together and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Pastor Bill

2021 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Lord, we look up and see the billions of stars You created, and we praise You. We look around and see the billions of people You created in Your image; uniquely, fearfully, wonderfully, and we thank You. Wrap us in Your Spirit and unite us in Your family, Lord.

Thank You for loving us first. In Your love for the whole world, You sent Your Son to save us.

Jesus, in You alone we have abundant and everlasting life. Thank you for teaching and leading us to love and live, fruitful, and faithful. In Your life, death, resurrection, and ascension You are our Lord, our love, our life, and our liberty. You came to "bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners." You have freed us from the penalty and shame of our sin; free to live life as You designed and Your destiny for our Nation.

Spirit search us, convict us, as we repent for our sin and the sins of America. Please cleanse, fill, and send us. We rejoice, knowing that Your forgiveness makes us acceptable and effective vessels for Your love, life and liberty in our family, church, education, workplace, military, government, art, entertainment, and media.

We pray that America will be united in love to serve You with all our hearts, all our ways, and all of our days. Unite us to pray, love; to live and walk by the Spirit. Conform and transform us as we pray and proclaim, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

We pray this is the name of Jesus, Amen.

Kathy Branzell

President, National Day of Prayer Task Force



Congratulations

Graduate

Dylan Lee Roberts

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Sunday School:
Worship Service: 10:45 am

Veterans Program

Tuesday, May 25
Drive-by 6 pm

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 16th
After services

Serving in May 2021

Elders: Judy Suiter, Mildred Taylor
Deacons: Buddy & Frankie Smith
Greeters: Volunteers

Prayer Concerns:			
Danny Anderson	Jean Gragg	Ken Mercer	Lauren Riley Stafford
Lori McClure	Cindy & Paul	Donna Greer	Mallory Rogers Knight
Patricia Y. Bailey	Betty Johnson	Roberta Northern	Mildred & Marshall
Micky Hicks	Frankie Hicks	Gary Arnold	Mary Noe 'Tiz' Koester
Cheryl Rogers			