



MEMORIAL DAY

Remembering Our Fallen Heroes

THE VOLUNTEER

“At dawn,” he said, “I bid them all farewell,
To go where bugles call and rifles gleam.”

And with the restless thought asleep he fell,
And glided into dream.

A great hot plain from sea to mountain spread,
Through it a level river slowly drawn;

He moved with a vast crowd, and at its head
Streamed banners like the dawn.

There came a blinding flash, a deafening roar,
And dissonant cries of triumph and dismay;

Blood trickled down the river’s reedy shore,
And with the dead he lay.

The morn broke in upon his solemn dream,
And still, with steady pulse and deepening eye,

“Where bugles call,” he said, “and rifles gleam,
I follow, though I die.”

ELBRIDGE JEFFERSON CUTLER

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REMEMBER

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Memorial Day, as Americans have come to know it, began in the years immediately following the Civil War. But until World War II, most people knew it as “Decoration Day.” It was a day to decorate with flowers and flags the graves of fallen soldiers and remember those who had given, as Lincoln beautifully said, “the last full measure of devotion” to defend their nation. It was a day to remember what the honored dead had died to defend.

A century and a half has passed since Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, effectively ending a national nightmare that filled over 625,000 American graves with dead soldiers. Since then, other international nightmares have ravaged the world and put more than 650,000 additional Americans into war graves in Europe, North Africa, the Pacific Rim, Asia, and the Middle East.

Remembering Is for the Future

Memorial Day is an important national moment. It is a day to do more than barbeque. It is right and wise to remember the great price some have paid to preserve the historically unprecedented civil and religious freedoms we Americans have the luxury to take largely for granted.

But the importance of Memorial Day is more for our future than it is for our past. It is crucial that we remember the nightmares and why they happened. We forget them at our own peril. The future of the United States depends in large amount on how well we collectively remember and cherish what liberty really is and the terror of

tyranny. There is a high cost to forgetting. In the words of George Santayana’s famous aphorism, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

A Memorial People

Christians, of all people, understand the crucial importance of remembering. Christians are “memorial people” because the whole of our faith depends upon remembering. Those who persevere into the glorious future are those who remember the gracious past.

That’s why God has surrounded us with memorials. The entire Bible itself is a memorial. We meditate on it daily to remember. The Sabbath was a memorial to Israel’s freedom from Egyptian slavery (Deuteronomy 5:15), and the church switched it to Sundays as a memorial to Christ’s resurrection and our freedom from sin. Israel’s great gathering feast days were memorials (Exodus 13:3). And now each time a local church gathers, each Lord’s Supper celebration (1 Corin. 11:24–26), each baptism, each Christmas celebration, and each Easter celebration is a memorial.

Remembering God’s past grace is necessary to fuel our faith in God’s future grace for us.† This makes the memory one of God’s most profound, mysterious, and merciful gifts granted to us. God designed it to be a means of preserving (persevering) grace for His people. We neglect it at our own peril.

The future of the church, globally and locally, and of each Christian depends



largely on how well we remember the gospel of Jesus, all His precious and very great promises, and the successes and failures of church history. Scripture warns us that if we fail to remember, we will be condemned to submit again to sin’s and hell’s enslavement (Heb. 6:4–8). Such warnings are graces to help us remember.

So as we commemorate Memorial Day as Americans, let us do it with profound gratitude for the extraordinary common grace given to us when men and women laid their lives down for the sake of America’s survival. And let us remember the past evils that we may not repeat them in the future.

And as Christians, let us make every day, as long as it is called today, a memorial day (Heb. 3:13). Let us “take care lest [we] forget the Lord” (Deut. 6:12).

Let us “remember Jesus Christ” (2 Timothy 2:8).

† *The most worshipful meditation on the human memory I’ve ever read is in Augustine’s Confessions, Book Ten, sections VIII–XXV.*

GRADUATE SUNDAY - JUNE 10TH

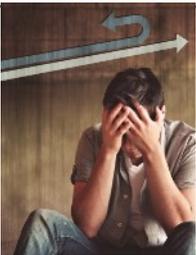
Attention Class of 2018 High School and College Graduates & December 2017 College Graduates:

Your church family would like to honor all your hard work by recognizing your achievements during the worship service of your choice on June 10th. **Please submit the information below, even if you're unable to attend, to the church office or to kbarnes@fairmountchristian.org by June 3rd.** If you can't join us on the 10th, you'll still be included in the special publications and we'll mail you a copy!

- ◆ Graduate's full name
- ◆ School graduating from, diploma/degree, and any special honors
- ◆ Plans after graduation (school name, work field)
- ◆ Which worship service you'll attend on 6/10
- ◆ Baby & graduate/current photo
- ◆ High School Grads Only - RSVP for Graduate Luncheon; How many? (12:30pm, FLC)



**Lee-Davis High School Baccalaureate
Sunday, June 10th at 6:30pm
Fairmount Sanctuary
Speaker: Rick Raines**



Fairmount Christian Church Mental Health Ministry

**More Than Sad:
Understanding Teen Depression
Monday, May 21st, 6-8pm, Rm. 132**

One in 5 teens will have depression at some point. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among 10-34 year-olds in the United States. It's critical that we learn and are as prepared as possible to both recognize the signs of depression, and know where to go for help. Presented by the Hanover County Community Services Board, this workshop is ideal for parents and anyone who works with teens. You'll learn how depression affects adolescents; how to identify different ways depression can be expressed; and understand the most effective treatments. RSVP to the church office with the number attending.

Fairmount Christian Church Mental Health Ministry

**Mental Health First Aid
Monday-Tuesday, June 11-12
6-8pm, Rm. 132**



Presented by the Hanover County Community Services Board, Mental Health First Aid will teach how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis. RSVP to the church office with the number attending.

BIG BUILD

June 9th, 8:30am-1pm

Grab your hammer, friends, and family and help build walls which will be used to create homes for those in needs. Sign up on Sunday in the Worship Center Lobby.

**Cut Night
Friday, June 8th, 5-8pm**

**BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, 6/17, 8am-1pm**

Sign up at donateblood.vablood.org or call the church office.

Walk-ins always welcome.

Supplies are always low during the summer. Give blood - save a life!





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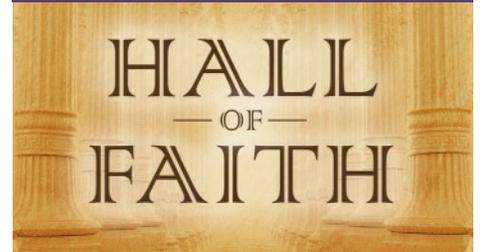
Fresh Hope Peer Support Groups
Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm
Trailer 3, just behind the
Family Life Center.
(Childcare not provided.)

Confidential Email
freshhope@fairmountchristian.org

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

	5/06	05/13
8:15 Traditional Worship:	157	161
Children's Worship:	5	3
9:30 Contemporary Worship:	506	549
Children's Worship:	43	32
Online Views	110	92
11:00 Traditional Worship:	127	180
Children's Worship:	81	86
11:15 Modern Worship:	301	347
Online Views	83	56
Total:	1,413	1,506
Bible School:	612	532
Budget Requirements:	\$44,862	\$44,862
Budget Receipts:	\$50,074	\$37,583

SERMON SERIES



**FAIRMOUNT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Rick Raines - Senior Minister
Chris Santasiere - Associate Minister
Mike Langley - Associate Minister
Tracy Thomas - Worship/Music Minister
Ryan Card - Associate Worship Minister
Josh Smith - Interim Youth Minister
Ashley Sears - Children's Director
Amber Grubbs - Early Childhood Director
Brandon Woodard - Church Executive

Manna Sunday Results

Thanks to all who donated!
We collected **2,100 lbs.** of
food - 100 lbs. over our goal!

NEW MEMBERS

Baptism: Jess Mathews, 5/6
Transfers: Michael & Liz Prince, 5/6
Scott, Sandra, and Ben Mahone, 5/3