

The Spire Lite

May 2022



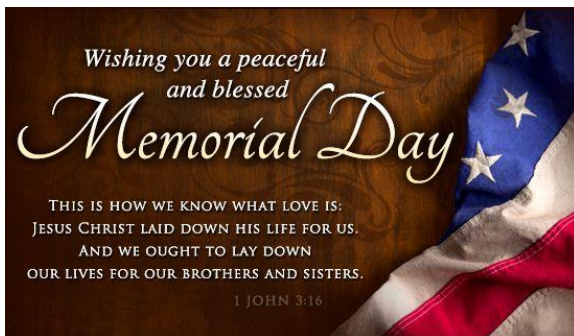
Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Please Pray For...

Organist Search Update

We are excited to announce that we have a candidate for the position of our church organist. The search committee along with Brigid Levi, John Shaw and Pastor Brenda will be meeting with the candidate on Sunday, May 15th. Please pray for the candidate and the committee as decisions are made.



Memorial Sunday

On Sunday, May 30, 2022, we will be honoring all those who had memorial gifts given in their name in the past 12 months. We will be planting flowers on the church grounds in their honor.

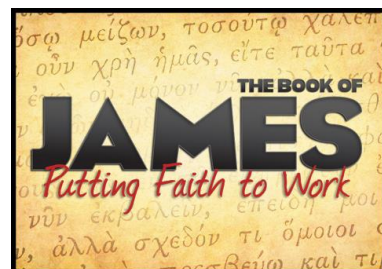
Sermon Series on James

On May 1, 2022, we will begin a journey through the book of James in worship. Sermons will be based on the book. Passages that are not sermons will have bulletin inserts so you can examine the passage at home.

Some interesting facts about James...

- 5 Chapters
- 108 Verses
- 2,309 Words
- Written by James, Jesus's brother
- Written somewhere between A.D. 64 and 68
- Addressed to Hebrew Christians
- Thought to be the first book of the New Testament to be written
- Known as the Proverbs of the New Testament
- *Faith* occurs 12 times
- *Works* occurs 13 times
- *Doer* occurs 5 times

James challenges us to walk the walk of our faith, not simply talk the talk. He challenges us and helps us to grow our faith. Join us on Sunday morning.



Church Lift

Good News! The Church lift is operational. We are pleased to be able to welcome all into the sanctuary once again.



"CAN WE GET A REFUND IF THE SERMON ISN'T THAT GOOD?"

Worship in the Chapel

We will be moving to Chapel for Worship beginning on **Sunday, June 5, 2022**. Join us this summer in the air-conditioning.

**HAPPY
SUMMER**

Communion Preparers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to prepare communion on the first Sunday of every month. You can volunteer for one month, or lots of months. Communion can be prepared on Sunday morning before worship. Please let Priscilla Mills, our Worship Team Leader, know if you can help.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May and June

May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Shaw
- 4 Noah Geveke
- 5 David Geveke
- Darlene Pysher
- 7 Peggy Albany
- 15 Akky Geveke
- 17 Dawn Buckworth
- Thomas Geveke
- 22 Sandy Kushner
- 26 Jackie Wright
- 27 Hans Geveke
- 28 Stephen Kalichak, Jr.

May Anniversaries

- 4 Brian and Courtney Klimek
- 10 Joan and Dennis Decker
- 16 Barbara and John Phillips

June Birthdays

- 7 Adam Moore
- 8 Henry Strunk
- 28 Lori Furniss

June Anniversaries

- 11 John and Rev. Brenda Shaw
- 15 Doug and Marsha Scott
- 22 Darlene and David Pysher
- 30 Frank & Sue Kulp



Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies

Monday, May 30 is Memorial Day. We will begin with laying the wreaths in the Upland Baptist Cemetery at 8:45 am. The parade will kick-off at 9:00 am from the church parking lot.

The ceremony at the War Memorial will start at approximately 10:00 am.

The Community Picnic will begin about 11:00 am. The picnic is co-sponsored by Upland Baptist Church and Resurrection Life Church.



Devotional Thoughts Welcome

Have you read something in scripture that was powerful for you? Did you hear something in a sermon that challenged you? Share your thoughts in a short devotional to be included in a future *The Spire Lite*.

Food Bank ~ Juice

The item of the month for May is *Juice*, not frozen or refrigerated, please. Items can be donated at any time. Thank you!

Mother's Day is May 8



Mothers Prayer

~Anon

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
To thank The Lord above
For blessing me with a lifetime
Of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring
You've shown me through the years,
For the closeness we've enjoyed
In time of laughter and of tears.

And so I thank you from the heart
For all you've done for me
And I bless The Lord for giving me
The best mother there could be!

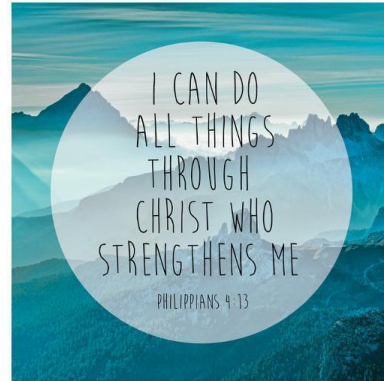
First Responders Dinner Served

On Thursday, April 14th dinner was served to the Upland Police Department and the Upland Fire Company. Individual meals were purchased from Capozzoli Catering and delivered to both departments. Thank you for your generous donations that made it possible to say thank you to our First Responders.

Devotional Thought...

"I can do all things through Him
who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13



In life, we have some good times and some bad times. Who is your rock during these times? Do you turn to God, first? Many times, we turn to spouses, friends, and colleagues which is okay to do. But as a Christian, it is important to remember that God is our strength in good times and bad. He waits for us to turn to Him in prayer and ask for His help. Even happy times should create a dialogue with Our Gracious Lord and Savior. Nothing soothes the soul like a relationship with God WHENEVER we need Him. Make sure He is your rock!

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for coming into the world and dying for us so that we can know God. Thank You for having a plan for each of our lives. Thank You for the hope and peace we can have when we turn to You. We want to turn our lives over to You and live according to Your plan. We need You to guide us and lead us through the good times and the bad. We want to take Your hand and walk through life with You. Amen

Sue Kulp



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