WARREN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

LOVING GOD TO LOVE OTHERS

MAY 28, 2023 | 9:00 & 10:45 AM
9:00 AM ONLINE

SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE: BENT BUT NOT BROKEN

DECORATION DAY (MEMORIAL DAY)

"*"You shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders for a memorial."* (Exodus 28:12, NASB95)

Decoration Day (Memorial Day) was first celebrated on May 30, 1868, in the North, when members of the Army of the Republic decorated the graves of the Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. Since World War I, it has become a day in which the U.S. honors the dead of all its wars. It is a sacred day among other days in what has been called the "Ritual calendar of American civil religion." Civil religion is a way of thinking which makes sacred an alliance between religion and politics that transcends the separation of church and state as a part of an American's national life.

The ideology of civil religion rests on these four facts: 1) There is a God; 2) His divine will can be known and fulfilled; 3) America has been God's primary influence in modern history; and 4) the nation is the chief source of identity for Americans in both a political and religious sense. As such, the founders of America utilized Judeo-Christian values, biblical imagery, references to Almighty God, and Divine providence in every aspect of establishing the nation and setting the course for civil life.

As I consider Memorial Day, I am reminded of how our country follows Jewish culture in many ways. For example, in the case of memorial stones worn on the shoulders of the High Priest. These valuable stones were to be carefully engraved with the names of the tribes of Israel and mounted in the gold setting as a reminder to all that Aaron, the high priest, represented all people and truth never to be forgotten. Today we have military cemeteries and monuments with the names etched in the stone of all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Like Aaron, we, too, have a moral responsibility to carry the names of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom forward and not be forgotten.

We also are blessed with the gift of freedom afforded to us as a nation by our sovereign God. We must always remember that these freedoms are not free because many have died to give and maintain freedom. On Memorial Day, we should join piety and patriotism by pausing in our day and remembering our blessings, saying thank you to God. We should reflect on the 646,596 American troops that have died in battle since the end of the revolutionary war, a number that is still growing. Also, more than 539,000 have died from non-combat related causes, and honor their names.

"Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you; Jesus Christ and the American soldier. One died for your soul; the other for your freedom."

In His Service,
Pastor Cary

The Week Ahead

Church Office closed for lunch
Monday – Thursday from 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Sunday, May 28
9:00 & 10:45 am - Church Services
9:00 am - Online Church
www.facebook.com/WCFministries/YouTube – Warren Community Fellowship
9:00 am - Children's Ministry, *Downstairs*
- JR & SR High Youth Group, *Worship Center*
- Adult Bible Study, *Room 201 Book of Isaiah*
- Prayer Ministry, *Room 202*

10:45 am - Children's Ministry, *Downstairs*
- Prayer Ministry, *Room 202*

1:30 pm - 35+ Singles Adult Group, *Stuffy's Restaurant, 804 Ocean Beach Hwy, Longview*

Monday, May 29 - Church Office Closed
6:00 am - Devoted to Prayer, *Conference Room*
6:30 pm - Kunders Home Group, *503.397.0019, 430 Mattie St, Columbia City*

Tuesday, May 30
9:00 am - Men's Coffee, *Lobby*
6:30 pm - Morud Home Group, *503.544.7212, 56445 Columbia River Hwy, Warren*
7:00 pm - Youth VBS Volunteer Training, *Upper Room*

Wednesday, May 31
5:30 am - Men's Bible Study In-person and Zoom, *Upper Room*
9:00 am - Women's Bible Study, *Upper Room*
5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Dinner, *Worship Center*
6:15 pm - Awana Kids Club, *Downstairs*
6:15 pm - JR High Youth Group, *The Cave*
6:30 pm - Journey through the Bible, *Worship Center*
6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study, *Room 201*

Thursday, June 1
6:15 pm - SR High Youth Group, *The Cave*

Friday, June 2

Saturday, June 3
10:00 am - Youth Missions Carwash, *10:00 am – 4:00 pm WCF*

Sunday, June 4 - Child Dedication Service
9:00 & 10:45 am - Church Services
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Missionary of the Month

Ed & Candice Holtz

Praises:
1. So encouraged from our visit to England almost a year ago, when we met with more than 70 people, many of whom we led to Christ and discipled during the 18 years we ministered there who are still walking with and serving the Lord!
2. Three staff on the team we lead applied for funds for individual staff projects offered by the ministry of 250 staff who we serve with, CruCity Neighbors, and their applications were accepted and they got the funds to expand their ministries to the underserved, homeless - food drives, turning court fees and fines into community service and purchasing Christian materials; to neighbors and the surrounding community who would never set foot in a church, but who will accept produce grown by one staff member and as a result friendships have developed, the gospel has been shared, people have gotten into a Bible study and have come to Christ; to minority and homeless athletes coached by a staff member, tutored academically and encouraged spiritually.
3. Candice will have been on staff with Campus Crusade (Cru) for 50 years this summer, Ed for 49 years. Praise for the Lord's faithfulness to guide and provide all these years through people like you.

Prayer Requests:
1. For direction for Candice and her co-leader in choosing the right Bible study material for the Wed morning Women's Bible study for the fall.
2. For our staff team of 10 this summer as they scatter and maintain and raise support in different parts of the country and for three who will be on two different missions trips in Africa.
3. For ongoing ministry in the city to the underserved, homeless, imprisoned, high school students, neighbors and business people.
4. For Ed as he helps teach the book of John to an adult Sunday School class at our church.
5. For Ed and a colleague as they resurrect the Living and Telling course on the Spirit-filled life and way-of-life witnessing that was put on hold when the pandemic hit. They'll be broadening the course with speakers from different ethnicities.

Blessings,
Ed and Candice Holtz

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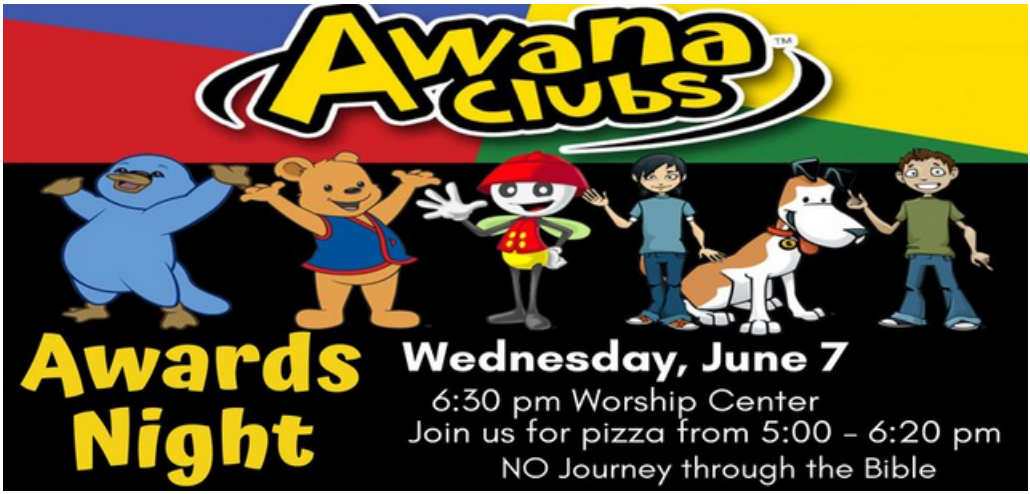

You're Invited!

YOUTH PARENTS INFORMATION MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 10:45 AM ROOM 201

FOR PARENTS OF 5TH & 6TH GRADERS AND CURRENT YOUTH. THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO LEARN ABOUT WCF YOUTH AND ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT WCF YOUTH.

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WCF Summer Activities

Sunday, May 28 35+ Singles Adult Group,
1:30 pm at Stuffy's Restaurant in Longview
Tuesday, May 30 Youth Volunteer VBS Training, *7:00 pm Upper Room*
Saturday, June 3 Youth Missions Carwash, *10:00 am – 4:00 pm WCF*
Sunday, June 4 Child Dedication Service
Tuesday, June 6 35+ Singles Adult Ministry, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Room 201
Wednesday, June 7 Awana Awards, *6:30 – 8:00 pm Worship Center*
Thursday, June 8 Sister's Book Club, *7:00 pm Room 206*
Sunday, June 11 Children's Ministry Promotion Sunday (New Classes)
Youth Parents Information Meeting, *10:45 am Room 201*
Wednesday, June 14 Volunteer/Planning Meeting Mustard Seed Kids,
6:30 pm Upper Room
Thursday, June 15 Grad Lunch, *6:15 pm Upper Room*
Saturday, June 17 Youth Summer Kick-off, *Bullwinkle's Wilsonville*
Sunday, June 18 Father's Day, *10:00 am Columbia View Park, St Helens*
Wednesday, June 21 – August 30
Summer Kids Program, "Mustard Seed Kids" *6:30 - 8:15 pm*
Sunday, July 9 Child Dedication Service
Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14
Vacation Bible School, *8:30 am – 12:00 pm WCF*
Wednesday July 12 JR High Waterslide Campfire Night,
5:30 – 9:00 pm Back field and Cave
Thursday, July 13 SR High Waterslide Campfire Night,
5:30 – 9:00 pm Back field and Cave
Thursday, July 27 – Sunday, July 30
WCF Family Camp, *Fort Stevens*
Sunday, July 30 Worship Service, *9:00 am Service Only*
Friday, August 4 – 6 Boy's Outback
Friday, August 4 Women's Movie Night, *6:30 – 9:00 pm Worship Center*
Friday, August 11 – 13
JR High Summer Retreat, *Alder lake*
Thursday, August 17 – 20
SR High Summer Retreat, *Alder Lake*
Friday, September 8 Women's Fall Kick Off, *6:30 – 9:00 pm Worship Center*
Wednesday, September 13
Awana begins, *6:15 – 8:00 pm*

Home Groups will Kick Off in the Fall

My Notes
Exodus 33:7-11

My Take Away is:

Thanks For Joining!

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