

The Forgotten Memory of Memorial Day

Americans love Memorial Day in part because it gives most of us a three day weekend. Who doesn't like an extra day off? Yet the sad thing about this weekend's Memorial Day festivities is that for most of us we are ignorant of the day's true meaning.

Memorial Day which is celebrated on the last Monday of May was first started to commemorate fallen Union soldiers that died in the Civil War. By the 20th century it had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. It developed from there into a day for general expressions of memory for deceased relatives whether they had served in the military or not. So the day is supposed to be a day of remembering and honoring those that have gone before us.

Now however it is marked more by time spent outdoors and in our minds at least, the start of summer. My hope and prayer for all of us is that while we do enjoy our time off and the great outdoors, we at least remember those who have gone before us. Their sacrifice paved the way for the things we enjoy today.

Speaking of sacrifices have you ever considered that all that you enjoy here at YOUR CHURCH NAME is due to those who went before us? TELL BRIEFLY THE STORY OF YOUR BEGINNING AND THE SACRIFICES MADE THROUGH THE YEARS. Those people gave freely and sacrificially so that YOUR CHURCH NAME could be the lighthouse for the Good News we have become.

As we take up the offering this Memorial Day weekend I want to encourage you to give a gift that would be worthy of those that have gone before us. Let your gift be a memorial to their faith. Let your gift help pave the way for future generations to be impacted by YOUR CHURCH NAME. The best way to honor those that have gone before us is to give in the same manner they did.