

## FROM THIS VIEW

WILMORE FREE METHODIST YOUTH MINISTRY

**"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE."**

As we come to an end of our study of Jesus' I AM statements, let's go back to John 6, where we've been camped out for the last month. Read John 6:22-59. Jesus fed the 5,000 with just two small fish and 5 barley loaves. Jesus walked on water, calmed a storm, and rescued Peter. And we haven't even hit the 24 hour mark yet. Amazing what Jesus can do in a single day!

The people who had witnessed Jesus' healing power and who had feasted on fish and bread, sought Jesus out the next morning: "Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus (John 6:24, NIV)." The NKJV puts it this way, "seeking Jesus." Even though they likely had many questions and few answers to what they were witnessing, these people had to get to Jesus.

Jesus understood their motives, their heart. "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval (John 6:26-27, NLT)."

They respond with an eagerness to join Jesus in the work of the Father...but the work..."believe in the One He has sent" felt like too, much. Another sign, they needed; they couldn't quite fit Jesus into their beliefs/ideas.

The "true bread of life" is what they want, "give us that bread everyday." "I AM the Bread of LIFE". Here I am, He says. Right here, in your presence. "For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will." But instead of embracing Jesus, accepting the Bread of Life, they turn to one another and begin to question...isn't this man Jesus, the son of Joseph? Don't we know his parents? How can he say he came from heaven?

Then Jesus goes on to tell them that the bread He gives, is His flesh. His teachings were difficult. Eat His flesh, drink His blood. And they are difficult for us today. Sometimes, I think we read these words as if they make total sense to us...we take communion often enough, these words seem so familiar. But there is great mystery, miracle, and holy awe woven in these words.

Take a minute to reread this passage, and as questions arise, instead of looking elsewhere, as these early followers did, let's keep your eyes Jesus. We can take Him at His word.



*Jesus replied,  
"I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me  
will never be hungry again.  
Whoever believes in me  
will never be thirsty.  
John 6:35, NLT*


**Zoom Connections**

Are you missing our Wednesday night Youth Group? I am! Last week, it was fun to see your faces and re-connect as the whole youth group. Starting next Wednesday, June 3 @ 7pm, we will meet each Wed. night of June on Zoom. Check your email for Zoom invite.



Please join us on Sunday at 10am for Zoom Sunday School. This week, there will be three classes:

- MS Guys~The Padgetts
  - MS Gals~ Erin McLaughlin
  - High School~ Pastor Andrea
- Check email on Saturday for Zoom invite.



# SPOTLIGHT ON MEMORIAL DAY: LEST WE FORGET

## History of Memorial Day:

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, ...but in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971.

(<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>)

## An excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation on Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day 2019:

"Whether on the battlefields of Bunker Hill, on the beaches of Normandy, in the jungles of Vietnam, or in the mountains and deserts of the Middle East, brave Americans of every generation have given their last full measure of devotion in defense of our country, our liberty, and our founding ideals. On Memorial Day, we humbly honor these incredible patriots and firmly renew our abiding commitment to uphold the principles for which they laid down their lives.

As a free people, we have a sacred duty to remember the courageous warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that our great country would endure. It is our responsibility to strive to ensure that their noble acts of dedication to our country and the cause of freedom were not in vain and to comfort the families they have left behind, who bear the heartbreak of their loss. We must ensure that the light of our Republic, and all for which these most honorable Americans willingly died, continues to shine forth brightly into the world. As President Lincoln said in 1863 during the dedication of the Gettysburg National Military Cemetery: "It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

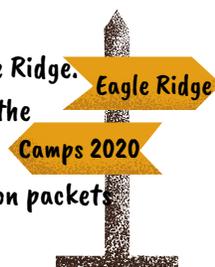
...Today, as we unite in eternal gratitude for the sacrifices of these extraordinary Americans, let us also offer a prayer for lasting peace. Let us renew our steadfast resolve to work toward a peaceful future, in which the horrors of war are a distant memory and our families, our communities, and our Nation need no longer confront the sorrow and pain of losing our beloved sons and daughters."

(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-prayer-peace-memorial-day-2019/>)

### Save the Date!!

July 19-26, 2020 for NSC Teen & Kids Camp at Eagle Ridge.

The working plan for now is that the week will be split between the two camps in order to work within the guidelines set by the KY Health Dept & the CDC. Please look for information & registration packets the second week of June.



### CORRECTION

The Youth Newsletter, on May 5th, included photos of our 8th Grade Graduates. Tim Bowen's photo was mistakenly left out. My apologies, Tim!

Let's celebrate him today!!

Here he is competing in Archery at WJMS.



Tim Bowen

### Next Week's Feature: Favorite VBS Memories

Since we are unable to have VBS this summer, let's take a walk down memory lane. Send in your favorite memory or photo (as kids participant or teen worker) of VBS past. **All submissions are due by 10am, Tuesday, June 2 (atinsley@wfmc.net).**