

Jim's Jottings continued from Front Page

should not have been surprised at all. Key to the life, worship, ministry, and theology of Mennonite and other ana-baptist churches is their emphasis on the Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ as Lord.

One feature of ana-baptist life is the way in which they seek to maintain some distance from the dominant culture around them. The most obvious example would be the Amish, who adopt a sustainable lifestyle that is not dependent on the technologies of the modern world. Mennonites and other ana-baptist groups are not quite as radical in their avoidance of the impact of modern life, but they still seek to live simply.

Years ago Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon wrote a book entitled *Resident Aliens: A Provocative Christian Assessment of Culture and Ministry for People Who Know Something is Wrong*. Though both authors are Methodist, much of the thought of this book reflects an ana-baptist influence.

One key concept of their book is that the church is an "outpost of the Kingdom of God on earth." Consequently, the church should not be shaped by the culture around it, but should seek to bear witness to the Kingdom of God in our midst—a kingdom that will come to full fruition when Jesus returns. In the meantime, we are tasked with bearing witness to the Kingdom in a variety of ways: the way we make and spend money, the way we treat the earth, the way we treat those who are disadvantaged, harmed and/or oppressed by the present order of things, etc. We are a people who have a message for the world from the ruler of the world.



So, back to the ana-baptists and their observance of *Ascension Day*—

In researching the reason this day is observed as a major religious holiday among them, I discovered three major themes:

First, *Ascension Day* reminds us of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Who Jesus was and what Jesus taught after his resurrection with who he was and what he taught before his death and resurrection. Jesus' message was consistent, "Repent for the Kingdom of God is near." It is this same Jesus who lived, died, and was raised from the dead who now sits at the right hand of God.

And because he is the same, his message, nor his call has changed.

Second, the fact that Jesus reigns on from the right hand of God relative to all claims others might make to the title "ruler of the world." As far as the church is concerned, this means that we serve only on Lord on earth. Jesus Christ is indeed "Ruler of All."

Third, this same Jesus, who lived, was crucified, dead and buried, who ascended to the right hand of God, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. This means that the story of this world is narrated through the person of Jesus. No matter what other stories we may try to tell ourselves about what this world is all about, what makes life meaningful, who we are and what our purpose is, the only story that matters is the one God reveals through Jesus Christ.

We sing "Jesus is Lord of All," but Jesus is more than Lord of "my thoughts and my service each day," he is Lord over creation, he is Lord over all of life.



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Week of May 12 2024



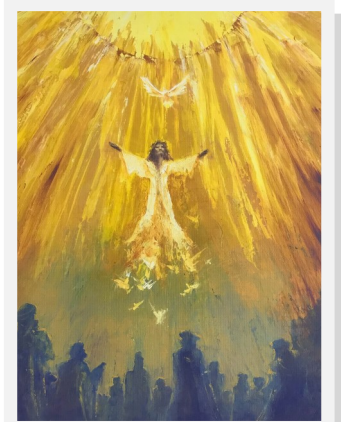
This past Thursday Christians throughout the world celebrated *Ascension Day*, an event in the life of Jesus narrated by Luke at the end of his Gospel and at the beginning of the book of Acts. In the longer narration of this event in Acts 1, Jesus has spent the forty days after his resurrection teaching the disciples about the Kingdom of God and telling them that they would be baptized by the Holy Spirit in the days to come.

On this particular day, as Jesus is teaching about the Kingdom of God, the disciples begin to ask, "Lord is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" After admonishing them that it is not up to them to worry about the exact time or seasons set by the Father, he tells them that they are going to receive power from the Holy Spirit, enabling them to be witnesses to the Kingdom of God throughout all the earth, beginning in Jerusalem.

As Jesus is giving them these instructions, Luke tells us that he was lifted up and taken by a cloud into the heavens. As they stand there, with their mouths hanging open, admonish them: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

We modern-day Baptists, at least we modern-day Baptists in the United States have never done much with the *Day of Ascension*. Perhaps that is because we have been uncomfortable with things that seemed to "Catholic." But this has not been the case for our ana-baptist (re-baptizer) cousins, e.g. the Mennonites and Amish.

Recently someone asked me why the Mennonites close their businesses on Ascension Day. Not being aware that this was a normal practice, I had to do some research. Initially I was surprised that these ana-baptist groups would take Ascension Day so seriously, but as I looked into the matter, I realized that I





May 12

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May 19

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May 26

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GIVING REPORT

	5/05/24	YTD
Tithes & Offerings Given	\$ 4,860	\$75,156
Tithes & Offerings Needed	\$ 4,500	\$81,000
Variance	\$ 360	(\$ 5,744)



**Friday
May 17th**

11:30am—1:00pm

Come and Share the things that bring you joy and express your creativity

May's Lunch & Learn is going to be a special treat as we will get an opportunity to experience some of the activities that give each other joy. Participants are encouraged to bring examples of their hobbies, creative endeavors, etc. and share them with the others.

If you have not made a reservation, please let Laurice know by Wednesday, May 15th.

Showcase of Talents and Hobbies



Monday, May 13

9:00 a.m.—Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, May 14

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group
12:00 Noon—Healing Friends @ Cheddars
1:30 p.m.—Al Anon Group

Wednesday, May 15

3:30 p.m.—Administrative Team
5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
6:15 p.m.—Prayer Service

Thursday, May 16

9:30 a.m.—Joyous Singers Rehearsal

Friday, May 17

11:30 a.m.—Lunch & Learn

Saturday, May 18

9:00 a.m.—Korean School of Louisville

Sunday, May 19

2:00 p.m.—Joyous Singers Concert

Monday, 20

9:00 a.m.—Mary Adkins Quilters

Tuesday, May 21

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group
1:30 p.m.—Al Anon Group

Wednesday, May 22

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
6:15 p.m.—Prayer Service

Saturday, May 25

9:30 a.m.—Korean School of Louisville

Monday, May 27

OFFICE CLOSED—Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

9:30 a.m.—Al Anon Group
1:30 p.m.—Al Anon Group

Wednesday, May 29

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Dinner
6:15 p.m.—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



SCRIPTURE READERS

May 12

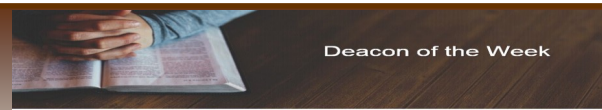
Jack Rogers

May 19

Vera Ruwe

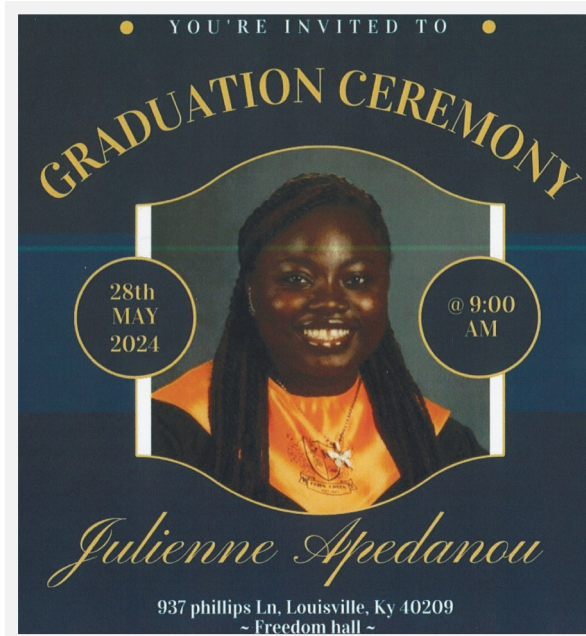
May 26

Ruth Holladay



Deacon of the Week

Gary Hicks
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May 15

Fish & Chips
Mixed Vegetables
Cole Slaw

May 22

Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad

May 29

Chicken Fried Steak
Broccoli
Fries
Cole Slaw



- Emmanuel Flemister—May 12
- Sandy Hoover—May 12
- Betty Monheimer—May 15
- Noemi Parroco—May 16
- Judy Lee—May 17
- Darlene Newlin—May 17
- Jim Holladay—May 23
- Betty Radford—May 25
- Anna Spurgeon—May 27
- Doris Omerod—May 30



SUNDAY

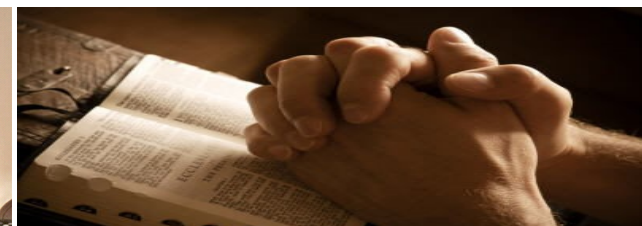
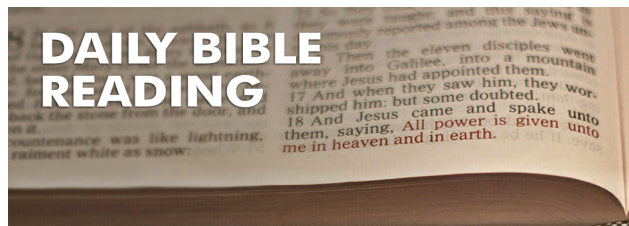
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Morning Worship
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& YouTube®,

PRAYER GUIDE

May 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday** – Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29 – 38; Philippians 1:3 – 11
- Tuesday** – Psalm 115; Numbers 8:5 – 22; Titus 1:1 – 9
- Wednesday** – Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5 – 15; John 16:16 – 24
- Thursday** – Psalm 33:12 – 22; Genesis 2:4b – 7; I Corinthians 42b – 49
- Friday** – Psalm 33:12 – 22; Job 37:1 – 13; I Corinthians 15:50 – 57
- Saturday** – Psalm 33:12 – 22; Exodus 15:6 – 11; John 7:37 – 39
- Sunday** – DAY OF PENTECOST
Psalm 104:24 – 34,35b; Acts 2:1 – 21; Romans 8:22 – 27; John 15:26 – 27; 16:4b – 15

PRAYER FOR MISSION PERSONNEL

Pray mission personnel serving in locations where civil unrest, poverty, drought, and famine are daily realities.

Pray for opportunities to share gospel with unreached people groups.

Praise God for opportunities to transform and empower lives through the Amani Sasa shelter in Uganda.

Pray for opportunities to respond to needs through the Food Bank of Macedonia.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH
6:15 P.M.
GOLDSBY HALL

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

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4228 Bayberry Drive, 40216

Marvin Conn

1713 Millgate Road, 40223

Dickie Cox

Forest Springs Care Center, Room 401
4120 Wooded Acre Lane, 40245

Ken Dorton

136 Dorton Circle, Castlewood, VA 24224

Donna Douglas

4003 Pacelli Place, 40245

Aya Embury

7607 Nannatte Court, 40258

Shaunna Hoover-Gragg

1031 Willow Springs Drive, 40242

Liz Hornback

8484 Grand Trevi Drive, 40228

Doris Omerod

1706 Roosevelt Avenue, 40242

Noemi Parroco

Vitality, Room 112
4501 Springdale Road, 40241

Libby Reynolds

9808 Neuquay Circle, 40241

Ann Sturdevant

3604 Breeland Avenue, 40241

Maria Sturdevant

7623 Celebration Way, Crestwood, KY 40014

Pam Wright

3907 Yardley Court, #102, 40299



Prayer for Family and Friends

John Angle

Friend of Ruth Holladay

Rylan Applegate

Grandson of Steve and Ann
Sturdevant

Liz Aulino

Friend of Lindsey Harris

Kyp Bellinger

Family of Jim and Ruth
Holladay

John Biesel

Father of Lindsay Harris

Mike Borders

Former Member of Lyndon

David Brinkley

Nephew of Jane Hasty

Brian Bullock

Friend of Barbara Whitley

Paul Christiansen

Family of Madge Garwood and
Merri McDonald

Billy Compton

Son in Law of Dickie Cox

Cathi Farris

Niece of Jack and Laurice
Rogers

Randall Ford

Family of Marty Hamilton

Kevin Frantz

Family of Barbara Whitley

Ronald Furguson

Father of Addie Brownell

Lisa Gilmore

Friend of Derek Harris

Nelson Gruppe

Cousin of Diana Flemister

George Hicks

Grandson of Gary and Victoria
Hicks

Ray Hicks

Son of Gary and Victoria Hicks

Forrest Morehead

Brother-in-Law of Sharon
Wood

Kyoko Okumura

Friend of Hisae Embury

Donna Prim

Friend of Gary and Victoria
Hicks

Trudy Romanoli

Mother of Peggy Romanoli

Forrest Morehead

Brother-in-Law of Sharon
Wood

Sean Ruwe

Son of Vera Ruwe

Judy Settle

Friend of Ruth Holladay

Wendell Smith

Friend of Nita Martin

Mark and Amy Snyder

Family of Sandy Hoover

John Taylor Webb

Family of Becki Sikes

The prayer
of a righteous
person is
powerful and
effective.

JAMES 5:16b