



Romans 15:13 ~

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as your trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

May 2023

- ◆ **Monday, May 1 ~** Deacon's Meeting 6:00 PM
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 2 ~** Building & Grounds Meeting 6:00 PM
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 3 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Thursday, May 4 ~** National Day of Prayer 12:00 PM Brookshire Convention Center
- ◆ **Sunday, May 7 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Evening Service 5:00 PM
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 10 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, May 14 ~** **Mother's Day** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, No Evening Service
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 16 ~** WFC 10:00 AM
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 17 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, May 21 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Business Meeting 5:00 PM
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 24 ~** No Prayer Meeting
- ◆ **Sunday, May 28 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, No Evening Service
- ◆ **Monday, May 29 ~** Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 30 ~** Senior Fun Day 10:00 AM
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 31 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM

From The Pastor's Pen

Max Lucado shares a strange story in one of his books. He tells of finding a man on one of his flights — sitting in a robe and slippers on the plane. His plane seat was not the usual type but one of fine leather. When he saw Lucado looking at him, he began to “show off” his chair.

Imported leather from Argentina. Inlaid stones in the armrest. The stones were rubies from Africa. He had spent a fortune on them!

He had a mahogany fold-down table to eat off of and a TV next to the windows, and a tiny ceiling fan with a globe light under it.

“Why did you spend so much time and expense on an airline seat,” Max asked.

“I live here,” the man told him. “I make my home on the plane.”

“You never get off?”

“Never! How could I deboard and leave such comfort?”

Incredible, Max commented. The man made a home out of a mode of transportation. He made a residence out of a journey.

However, all of us have seen something like this in life! How many people have we known who acted like they believed they would remain forever right on earth, doing “business as usual”? They forgot that old song, “This world is not my home, I’m just passing through”! Now, there is nothing wrong with making our lives comfortable, but remember that this is NOT where we will remain for eternity. Hey, few of us will spend a century here!

Do you recall the account of the farmer who had a great year? His crops were so good that he planned to build an enormous barn. [There’s nothing wrong with that except that he never thought of anything else!]

Luke 12:16-21 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have

plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." [NIV]

Most of us understand this. We know that we are passing through this world. And we realize that the Lord expects us to live with our thoughts on what we are doing and what He wants us to do in relation to His Kingdom. But many need help understanding this. Be a messenger of the Lord. Tell them and show them how to plan for the departure.

Pastor Calvin



May Birthdays

Cheyenne Lightford	May 6
John Boyes	May 8
CeCe Mendoza	May 11
Brenda Gideon	May 17
Dewey McMillan	May 26
Mike Atkinson	May 30