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MAY NEWSLETTER 2022

"Family Table as Sacred Altar"

By Ray Rolon Spiller

Our life, all life, comes through death. Something must die in order that you and I can live. On first thought, that is not a very pleasant idea; but if we can find the courage to follow it through, there seems to me a powerful message in it. On Easter Sunday at Morning Worship, as I listened to our pastor share his message, I was struck by some implications of his sermon on our Lord's resurrection.

That day, our family had a beautiful noon table with, among other delicious dishes, ham and beans. It struck me that for me to eat them, a pig and a bean had to die. In a sense, their sacrifice, the gift of their life, laid on the table before us. Had we humans not intervened, they might have gone on living for a long time before their life ended and they went back into the earth. But, in giving their lives, they in a very literal sense, became a part of me, of my life. They live in me. As I ate them, the very atoms and molecules of their bodies, became one with my body, with my life. They now live in me and I live through them. Through a process that is at once scientifically biological and amazingly mysterious, the very essence of their bodies is part of me and I am at one with them. They are in the energy I use in everything I do, the muscle that moves my arm, the brain I think with. In the end, there is no clear line between them and me.

It is right that I bow my head and give thanks to our creator for his creatures and the gift of life that they gave me by their sacrifice. What happens at that table is a holy, miraculous, an awe inspiring ritual. Because of this unique realization, I as a person of faith eat a meal while unaware animals only feed. How tragic it would be for me to live my life in such a way as to waste their sacrifice. What the crucifixion teaches us is that we are all persons for who someone else has died. That is at once a high honor and a great moral responsibility. Men and women of integrity do not squander that sacrifice.

At 82 years of age, I know that among the persons sitting at our family table, I will in all probability be the next to die. I am not afraid. I believe that if I live my life in myself and for myself alone, then when I die, I'm done. That hole in the ground is the end of me. But give my life to a reality beyond myself, to a force that will live on into eternity, to God Himself; then my essence, the real me, will live on in Him. In some amazingly mysterious way, I become part of Him just like the pig and the bean became a part of me. We are one thing, whole and holy. As Paul put it, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21-30 RSV)

So, I am reminded every time I sit down to a meal that my dining table is an altar, that a holy sacrifice is being performed, the great mystery of life coming out of death is being acted out right before my eyes. The circle of life – of birth, death and resurrection is the truth

Committee Meetings for May 2022

Trustees:

Monday, May 9th - 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council:

Monday, May 23rd - 5:30 p.m.

May Nursery Volunteers

May 1 - Elizabeth Pickett

May 8 - Vicki Isgitt

May 15 - Mary Ellen Freeman

May 22 - Carolyn Dove

May 29 - Cathy Troquille

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Easter Egg hunt a great experience. We had an abundance of eggs, an abundance of candy, an abundance of helpers, an abundance of church family and an abundance of fun. The children were able to learn about the true meaning of Easter and have fun playing games and hunting eggs. Thanks to all who brought their kids or grandkids, who made donations, who helped or was willing to help if needed. A special thanks to all the youth who showed up to help. I will still take donations of eggs, games, prizes, etc. through out the year to be used for next year. Thanks once again, Vicki Weaver and the Education Committee

"THE GREAT GIVEAWAY"

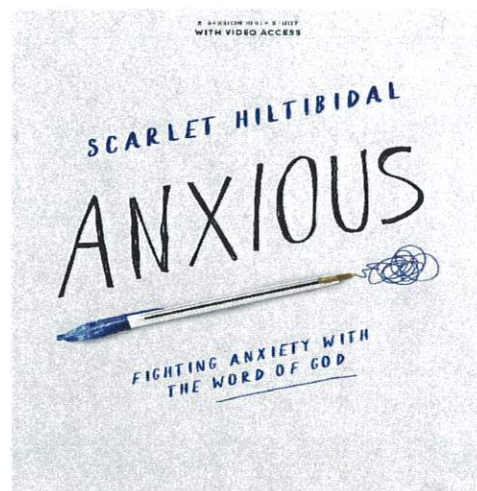
Coming in early September.

Keep this in mind when doing your Spring Cleaning. More details to come.

IN-HOME or BY-ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Wednesday, May 18th, 5:30-7:00

You can join in this Bible study at Sarah Erwin's home or via ZOOM from anywhere. The only cost involved would be if you want to order the workbook, which is available on Amazon. But don't feel obligated to purchase. You will be more than welcome to just come watch the video, fellowship, share, and pray.



For more information, please contact Sarah Erwin, Nancy Spiller, or the church office (318-256-3632).

Childcare will be provided at the church. Just please let us know how many children and how old so that we can be prepared.

"Do not be anxious about anything . . . "
Philippians 4:6

GIVING

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website fumc-many.com

We can also receive gifts through Text to Give. To use this service, simply text "FUMCM" to 22525. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449. Please call our church office for additional assistance at 318-256-3632. Thank you.

**You Are Invited to Attend
The UMW "Over Eighty" Luncheon
Thursday, May 5 at 11:30 am
The Bayou Crawfish**

**If you are over 80 we will treat you to LUNCH
Whatever your age
Come for fellowship and fun**

Select One for your lunch:
**Chef Chicken Salad or Bayou Chicken with
vegetables (served with fresh rolls, tea, & dessert),
Club Sandwich (served with choice of French fries or
chips, tea & dessert)**

Pickup service will begin at 11 am

**To reserve your place at the table,
lunch selection and pickup service
Please contact Vicki Isgitt 256 9370
OR
Carolyn Dove 590 2989**

PRESCHOOL

Spring weather brought outdoor play and Easter fun, classroom projects and storybooks smiles. These boys and girls have grown so much this year in so many ways. The older children are ready now for "big" school. The younger ones are now ready for more challenging learning activities.





Save the Date:
Vacation Bible School
July 17-21, 2022

Planning Meeting for
EVERYONE interested:
Sunday, May 15 @ 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
1 SENIOR SUNDAY	2 *Patsy McCormick Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC Ultreya - Holly Grove 6:00 p.m.	3	4 *Amy Gbin Banhill *Rose Voorheis Adult Covenant Groups - 6:00 p.m. Child Practice - 7:00 p.m. First Kids - 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Project Celebration Lo din - after Youth group Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	5 National Day of Prayer Noon at District Attorney's Parking Lot UMW "Over Eighty" Luncheon at The Bayou Crawfish - 11:30 am. Pick-up Service will begin at 11:00 am	6	7																																																																																				
8 *Brianna Damron Mother's Day	9 Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC Trustees 5:30 p.m.	10	11 Adult Covenant Groups - 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. First Kids - 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Sunshine Kids End of the Year Party - FLC Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	12 ** Chad & Ashley Ford Preschool Graduation - 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary	13 6:30 PM Women's Fellowship	14 *Nancy Spiller																																																																																				
15 VBS Planning Meeting after Worship	16 Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC	17	18 Adult Covenant Groups - 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. First Kids - 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	19	20 *Claire Henry	21 *Grace Kelsey																																																																																				
22	23 *John Migliore Administrative Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC	24 *Gary Elam	25 *Janet Elam Adult Covenant Groups - 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. First Kids - 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	26 **Chris & Susan Hill *Anna Claire Coplin	27 **Mike & Zelma Broussard Morris	28																																																																																				
29	30 Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC	31 *Colin Troha	<div> <div> Apr 2022 <table> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </table> </div> <div> Jun 2022 <table> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> </div>				S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
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PRAYER CONCERNS

May 2022

Church Members

Carrie Broussard
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna
Claire Coplin
Charles Enterkin
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Susan Giblin
John & Betsy Godfrey
John Hoagland
Grace Kelsey
Bobbie Kratz
Dean Lambert
Shirley Lee
Karen Lombard
Billie Lou Luster
Patsy McCormick
Janice Rike
Kevin Troquille

Family of Church Members

Cassity Barrett
(Shirley Lee's great niece)
Sandra Bishop
(Diann Migliore's mom)
Carolyn Brasell
(Carrie Broussard's daughter)
Scott Brosh
(Patsy McCormick's sister)
Beverley Carlson
(Chris Nolen's sister)
Jason Fluitt
(Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Ann Boudreaux (Chuck's mother)
Judy Boudreaux Jones
(Chuck Boudreaux's sister)
John Moses (Vicki Weaver uncle)
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Murlee Wilbanks
(Carolyn Gates' mom)
Robert Troha

Friends of our Community

Marie Alford
Cade Anderson
Steve Biggs
Ace Bowling
Jiles Bowling
Cathy Byles
Dudley Carver
Ivan Droddy
Joe Eschbacker (Stan & Debbie
Arthur Proforis' son-in-law
Linda Findley
Darlene Griffin
Kathy Humphries
Sally Landry
Cassie LaRoux
Dena Sue Moore
Louise Moore
Cheryl & Daniel Procell
Mike Rankin
Eddie & Nancy Richard
Tara Seals
Douglas Seegers
(Linda Seegers' son)
Kristin Sepulvado
Arlene Small
Reba Tarpley
Sissy Tatum
Nancy Tidwell