WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE IT IS THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ALREADY! THE OFFICIAL START OF THE SUMMER SEASON. AND BEING UP NORTH, WE REALLY KNOW WHEN THAT SEASON GETS UNDERWAY AS THE ROADS ARE MUCH BUSIER.

THIS WILL BE OUR SIXTH SUMMER TO BE BROADCASTING OVER WPVM 88.5 STURGEON BAY. AND, AS YOU KNOW, DOOR COUNTY GETS A FAIR AMOUNT OF TOURISTS EACH SUMMER. THERE ARE MANY 'SUMMER PLACES' HERE IN THE NORTHWOODS OF WISCONSIN WHERE PEOPLE SPEND THEIR WEEKENDS AND VACATION TIME. THAT TRANSLATES INTO LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE AS THEY SEARCH FOR A RADIO STATION TO LISTEN TO. PRAY THAT GOD DIRECTS THEIR RADIOS TO LAND ON WRVM!

THIS IS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. FOR MANY IT'S BECOME JUST A 3 DAY HOLIDAY FROM WORK AND THE USUAL ROUTINE. THERE'S A LOT THAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY. HERE ARE JUST A FEW TIDBITS OF INFORMATION I FOUND INTERESTING.

SINCE THE LATE 1950'S ON THE THURSDAY JUST BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY, AROUND 1200 SOLDIERS OF THE 3D U.S. INFANTRY PLACE SMALL AMERICAN FLAGS AT EACH OF THE MORE THAN 260,000 GRAVESTONES AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

ON MEMORIAL DAY, THE FLAG SHOULD BE AT HALF-STAFF UNTIL NOON ONLY, THEN RAISED TO THE TOP OF THE STAFF UNTIL SUNSET.

IN THE YEAR 2000 THE NATIONAL "MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE RESOLUTION" PASSED. AT 3PM ON MEMORIAL DAY, ALL AMERICANS ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTARILY AND INFORMALLY OBSERVE IN THEIR OWN WAY A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE AND RESPECT BY PAUSING FROM WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE OR LISTENING TO TAPS.

FROM THE PRACTICE OF DECORATING GRAVES WITH FLOWERS, WREATHS AND FLAGS, THE HOLIDAY WAS LONG KNOWN AS DECORATION DAY. THE NAME MEMORIAL DAY GOES BACK TO 1882, BUT THE OLDER NAME DIDN'T DISAPPEAR UNTIL AFTER WORLD WAR II. FEDERAL LAW DECLARED "MEMORIAL DAY" THE OFFICIAL NAME IN 1967.

WHATEVER YOUR PLANS I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND. THANKS FOR LISTENING AND FOR SUPPORTING WRVM WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.