

Welcome!

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Please help us get to know you by providing the requested information and placing this tear off tab in the offering plate during the Worship Service.

May 27, 2012

I would like to receive the church mailings

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Birthday _____

What brought you to us today?

New to town

HPU student

Looking for a new church home

Website

Yellow Pages

Invited by a friend:

Are you a member of a church? Yes No

Church name _____

City _____ State _____

Did you attend a class today? Yes No

Which class _____

Best time to contact you:

Day _____ Time _____

Names and birthdates of children living at

home:

Our Pastor would love to meet you today. He will be at the center door as you exit the Worship Service. Please introduce yourself to him before you leave.

Today's Worship Music

Come Thou, Almighty King • Hymn #247

If Ye Love Me

How Great Is Our God

How Great Thou Art • Hymn #10

Before the Throne of God Above

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated • Hymn

#277

Doxology

Today's Scripture Readings: John 15:26-27 16:8, 12-14

FBC Children - Summer Fun

Family Fridays (6:30-8:30p.m. monthly)

Families gather to enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. Games and activities are planned for the whole family to enjoy together.

June 1 - fun challenge July 20 - swimming August 24 & 25 - overnight

Terrific Tuesdays (9:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m. bi-weekly)

Grade school children (completed 1st-6th grade) spend the day giving to others through mission/ministry projects and then having fun together through recreation and activities. No charge - just bring a lunch!

June 5 & 19 July 10 & 24 August 7

Preschool Play Parties (9:00 - 11:30 a.m. bi-weekly)

Parents of young children can enjoy adult conversation while their preschoolers play together on the playground or in the gym. We will provide some activities and a safe place for play-time!

June 14 & 28 July 12 & 26 August 9 & 23

Wonderful Wednesdays (6:00-7:00 p.m. weekly)

Each Wednesday preschool - 6th grade children will explore a country to learn about the culture and how God is at work all around the world just as he is in our lives. We will hear from the Bible, have fun activities, and explore our creativity. It's like VBS all summer long!

Play Days at the Park - TBA

How to unite with the First Family

At First Baptist Church, Brownwood, we welcome you to become a part of our family of faith. We invite you to visit one of our Sunday School classes & Bible Study groups, as well as the worship choir, student & children's groups.

Membership in the church is offered to anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Savior and follows Him in believer's baptism. One of the ministers will be glad to visit with you during the invitation or make an appointment to discuss this or any other questions you may have about FBC at your convenience.

If you have a decision to make or wish to talk or pray with someone, we invite you to come to the front of the Sanctuary during the invitation hymn, immediately following the sermon, and speak with one of the ministers.

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Senior Pastor

For most people Memorial Day has become little more than a three day weekend. Stores have sales on outdoor furniture and the grocers run barbecue specials. It's a day for being outdoors with family and friends. It did not begin that way.

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day, began near the end of the American Civil War. The first known Memorial Day observance occurred in Charleston, SC in 1865. Union prisoners of war were held at the Charleston Race Course. Over 200 died there and were buried in unmarked graves. Former slaves, black ministers and a few white missionaries, organized a memorial service. It was reported in the New York Tribune. The former slaves cleaned and landscaped the area, constructing an archway over the entrance. It read, "Martyrs of the Race Course."

Many more wars have been fought since. We remember the sacrifice of soldiers who died defending the freedom of their fellow citizens. It is right that we remember them.

I am also reminded of another war veteran who gave His life for us. He was memorialized by poet Francis Thompson in these words:

O CAPTAIN of the wars, whence won Ye so great scars?
In what fight did Ye smite, and what manner was the foe?
Was it on a day of rout they compassed Thee about,
Or gat Ye these adornings when Ye wrought their overthrow?

'Twas on a day of rout they girded Me about,
They wounded all My brow, and they smote Me through the side:
My hand held no sword when I met their armèd horde,
And the conqueror fell down, and the Conquered bruised his pride.' ...

What is Thy Name? Oh, show!—'My Name ye may not know;
'Tis a going forth with banners, and a baring of much swords:
But My titles that are high, are they not upon My thigh?
'King of Kings!' are the words, 'Lord of Lords!'
It is written 'King of Kings, Lord of Lords'.

Today we remember the sacrifice of veterans who died in defense of our country. But we do not worship them. We worship the One who purchased our eternal freedom by His sacrifice. I am glad to serve Him with you. I am glad to be

Your Pastor,

