



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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**Sunday**

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Worship Service 10:45 am  
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## Memorial Day

Memory is an important part of the human experience. God created our minds in such a way that we can store information regarding past events and recall that information in the future. These facts range from the mundane tasks of life, such as brushing our teeth every day because we learned the necessity of doing so in the past, to more profound concepts, such as the sacrifices made by American soldiers throughout history who fought and died to protect others in our nation and world.

On Monday, our country will remember those valiant soldiers who donned the uniform of service to their fellowman, and gave their lives for freedom, a cause they deemed greater than themselves. We remember their great sacrifices, and acknowledge the biblical precept of laying down our lives for others (**John 15:13**).

On Sunday, Christians will gather to remember the One who taught us to sacrifice for others. Jesus lived a life of service, spending His time on earth doing good (**Acts 10:38**), teaching truth (**John 6:63; Eph. 4:21**), and ultimately giving His perfect life as an atonement for our sins (**John 10:18**).

There are many memorials man observes throughout his days. But there is none so important as the one commanded by God: 'The Lord's Supper' (**Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-26**). Let us not fail to remember the supreme sacrifice, and let us proclaim His death until He comes!

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# On Remembering Faithful Soldiers

Bradford Freeman was just 18 years old when he dropped out of Mississippi State and enlisted in the U.S. Army to become a paratrooper. He was assigned to be a mortarman in Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. The company name rings a bell from the work of author Stephen Ambrose in his bestseller work, and later miniseries, Band of Brothers. The story of Freeman's unit, Easy Company, has become well-known not only for being paratroopers in the Normandy invasion, Operation Market-Garden, but also for their service in the Battle of the Bulge. It is notable as his death marks the passing of the last of the original members of Easy Company.

The Christian life is described as warfare and all of us soldiers (**2 Tim. 2:3-4**). The Christian life involves weapons and hardship (**2 Corinthians 10:3-6**). The Christian life involves holding the line and standing in the might of our Commander (**Ephesians 6:10-18**). Yet, in the light of Bradford Freeman's service, it is right for us to think about remembrance of deeds. We might know or remember some of his exploits, some of his fellow-soldiers, and some of the good, but who remembers all he and his brothers did?

We can appreciate that the news media, even with all that is going on, did not fail to give honor to the last American hero from this renowned company. Over time, the stories and service of many who have sacrificed so much, like this man, are lost to time, to records, and are washed away in the ocean of war and duty. Who, indeed, can recount every tale of every soldier who has ever served nobly and given all for the sake of country (**John 15:13**)?

This thought alone drives me to thankful praise of our God who remembers His faithful servants, not as the media does, but as One who always remembers every faithful soldier and every faithful work (**2 Tim. 2:19**). Our God-who-sees knows our selfless sacrifices in hard places (**Gen. 16:13**). Our God who loves us knows every aspect of our faithful service and will reward us with a crown of life once our battle is over (**2 Tim. 4:7-8**).

I am grateful to those soldiers, who I do not know, who meekly gave themselves so I can live free as an American. However, I am eternally grateful to my Savior who died so I can live free as a Christian. He is the God who knows and does not forget (**Rev. 2:8-10**)!

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