

“Veteran’s Day 2018!”

[Please keep in mind, **this is the very abbreviated version** of the Sunday sermon and much is missing, so make sure you get the Marvell/Lexa Messenger for the whole Sermon and more!] Hebrews chapter 9:24-28!

The letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus as the One who came to “*remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.*” (v. 26). He shed his own blood on the cross, once for all. Jesus was not like the high priest in the Jerusalem temple who entered “*the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own*” — that is, with the blood of a sacrificial animal (v. 25). No, Jesus offered his own blood on the cross, and his sacrifice was offered one time “*to bear the sins of many*” (v. 28). The color of the day is red. The red poppies are associated with veterans. The color red reminds us of the blood of Christ on the cross. But what is the true significance of sacrifice offered by veterans and by Jesus?

When veterans make their sacrifice, they give up their own security for the security of others. They put themselves in harm’s way to protect their family members, friends, and neighbors from danger. Following the example of Jesus, they show a willingness to “*lay down one’s life for one’s friends*” (John 15:13). But not every veteran is a fighter. Desmond Doss was a devout Christian who refused to touch a weapon or work on the Sabbath. He enlisted in the Army during World War II because he believed in the cause, offering to be a combat medic. Members of his battalion considered him a pest. They saw him as a slacker and threw shoes at him while he prayed. But at Okinawa in the spring of 1945, Doss and his company faced a grueling task: They had to climb a steep, jagged cliff and face thousands of heavily armed Japanese soldiers. Under heavy fire, Doss climbed the ridge and crawled from wounded soldier to wounded soldier, dragging them to safety. He was praying the whole time, “*Lord, please help me get one more.*” In the end, Doss saved 75 men over a 12-hour period. The soldiers who had shamed him now praised him, and his captain described him as “*one of the bravest persons alive.*” President Harry Truman awarded Doss the Medal of Honor in 1945, and more than 70 years later, he was the hero of the movie *Hacksaw Ridge*. He was, and is, an example of a veteran who gave up his own security for the security of others, both on the battlefield and back at home.

When Jesus made his sacrifice, he “*appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself*” (v. 26). Through his death on the cross, Jesus bore “*the sins of many,*” and the result is that we are restored to a right relationship with God (v. 28). Throughout Jesus’ ministry He faced opposition from the religious leaders of His day. The ones who were abusing the poor, the widows, and those we might call the least, the last, and the lost. Jesus called out these religious leaders for their hypocrisy and this earned Him a boiling pot of scorn and hatred. It was a hatred that led to His illegal arrest, unfair trial, brutal beating, and His death on Calvary. Jesus died as a voluntary offering for sin, an offering that the blood of bulls and goats could never achieve. We shouldn’t be surprised that Jesus did this. After all, he is the one who said to his followers, “*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends*” (John 15:13).

Like Desmond Doss and others who have given up their own security for the security of others, Jesus died on a cross to show us what love looks like in action. What made Christ’s sacrifice unique was that it was “*offered once to bear the sins of many*” (v. 28). The “*sins of many*” are any things that separate people from God and from each other. These sins are any unloving words or actions that drive wedges between people destroy relationships. When Jesus died on the cross, he showed true sacrificial love in action, in a way that had the power to restore broken relationships and change people forever. The cross of Christ was a kind of 11.11.11 moment — *when Jesus died, hostilities ceased*. Christ’s sacrificial act did away with the power of sin. It was also an act that removed the obstacle that blocked the relationship between God and God’s people. The death of Jesus saves us from our sins by giving us a new path for our lives, one that challenges us to follow Christ in the way of love. When we put our faith in him and really trust him to be our Lord, we are able to love God and neighbor in a new way.

The armistice was signed at a particular point, 11.11.11. Our veterans have served in a variety of wars, all of which had a beginning and an end. But the saving work of Christ goes on, and will continue until the end of time. We have been blessed with many freedoms in our country through the sacrificial giving of the many men and women who have risked life and limb for those freedoms. Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ we too have newfound freedom and life by grace through faith.

The freedom we enjoy in the United States and the freedom we have in Christ Jesus are some of the many blessings we have in this great county of ours and by faith in Christ Jesus.

Remember always, that you have been blessed to be a blessing. So be one! **Brother Gary**

Calendar for the Week

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Exercise
5:00 p.m. Youth/WOW

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Classics
5:00 p.m. Exercise

Friday

9:00 a.m. Exercise

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Lexa Worship
9:55 a.m. Marvell Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Marvell Worship

Sunday Continued

4:30 p.m. Luke Bible Study

Monday

9:00 a.m. Exercise
5:00 p.m. Exercise

Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Exercise

Acolytes - Brooklinn King/Lauren Turner

Greeter - Toney Keys

Nursery - Jennifer & Brooklinn King

Youth SS - Matthew Lambert

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2018 Budget	\$178,908
Needed each week	3,441
Received this week	2,315
Capital Improvements	125
Holiday Shop	175
World Hunger	20
Prison Ministry	20

First Sunday of Advent will be December 2. The choir Christmas cantata will be December 23.

ATTENDANCE

Lexa Worship	7
Marvell Sunday School	47
Marvell Worship	94
Youth/WOW	18
Sunday Youth	24
Bible Study	11

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Marvell Christmas parade will be Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wayne Clark - 4009 Lafayette Ln, Jonesboro 72404
Jo Hollowell - 361 Phillips 367, PG 72374
Gloria Higginbotham - 16175 Hwy 49, Marvell
Mary Ned Foster - Box 865, Marvell
Charla Sparks - 8657 Wine Leaf Ave, Germantown,
TN 38139-4443
Enicita Cantilang - %Rhea Cumberland - Box 32
Allie Gentry - 1307 Carmichael St, Malvern 72104
Neil Moore - St. Bernards, 225 East Jackson Ave,
Jonesboro 72401
Melissa Maskell - 310 N Midway, Marvell
Mildred Clatworthy - 11547 Hwy 316 S, Marvell
John Armstrong - Box 265, Balmorhea, TX 79718
Hugh Jacks - Crestpark, Box 386, Marianna 72360
Jason Webb - 3109 NE 66th Terrace, Gladstone, MO
64119
Courtney Turner - Box 1602, Marvell
Julienne Busby - 531 SFC 722, Forrest City 72335
Connie Chastain - Box 146, Marvell
Becca Campbell - 1015 Lancelot, Russellville 72801
Hubert Smith - Box 1352, Marvell
Baby Johnny Bond - 2276 Birchton, Germantown, TN
Misty Russell - Regional One, Memphis 38103
Jerry Robertson - WH
Ian Miller - 736 Fontwell Ln, Franklin, TN 37064
Frankie Broom - Crestpark #128, 116 November Dr
Vern Hamelback - %Ruby J. Turner - Box 163, Lexa
Sherry Tuminello - 1204 E 19th St, Stuttgart 72160
Louis Walker - 5733 Malone Rd, Olive Branch, MS
38654
Delores Jackson - Box 13, Marvell
Elizabeth Jones - 1151 Hwy 1 N, Lexa 72355
Jody Cook - 5819 Louisiana St, Camp Lejuene, NC
Aubree Odle - Fed Ex House, 848 Adams Ave,
Memphis TN 38103
Resa West - MS
Doris Wallace - 301 N Pine, Marvell
Alan Wildschuetz - 5 Bear Trail Cove, LR 72210
Carolyn Blake - 291 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton, TN
Velma Howell - 609 Phillips 139, Marvell
Mike Wilke - 201 Ridgemont, Helena 72342
Louis Aycock - 297 Phillips 367, Poplar Grove 72374
Billy Moore - 2371 Phillips 625, Marvell
Kevin Forrester- 1565 N State Hwy 8, New Boston, TX
Ruby Jean Turner - Box 163, Lexa 72355 (TN)
Opal Muscalino - Box 8, Lexa 72355 (LR)
Janette Griffin - Box 126, Lexa 72355
Gloria Treadaway - Box 22, Lexa 72355
Jennifer Heavner - 209 W Ash St, Brinkley 72029
Lee Scarbrough - Uganda
Landon Jones - 5460 Fox Den, Hernando, MS 38632
Sandra Myton - Box 103, Marvell
Adeline Phillips -2210 Campbell Dr, Forrest City 72335
Floyd McKee - 108 SW 98th St, Oklahoma City, OK
The Family of Julie Bonner - 13730 Hwy 49, Brinkley
72021
The Clemons Family - 594 PC 139, Marvell
Misty Bright & family - Box 2363, WH 72390
Victims of Natural Disasters
Fires & Violence in California
Travelers
Special prayers for Marvell & Phillips county
Service men & women, Police Officers, Firefighters &
Emergency Personnel & their families
Farmers

CHRISTMAS CARD

Please get your Church Christmas Card to Nina by
December 2. Take family pictures at Thanksgiving!!

UMW MEETING

The United Methodist Women will meet Sunday after
church in the fellowship hall. Bring a sandwich - all
ladies are invited. We will be discussing the service
projects (Nursing & Children's Homes) & our
Christmas UMW Brunch. Bring your World Thank
offering, your pledge & mile of pennies.

VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES HONORED

The Children's Time Kids & Ms Barbie honored the
Veterans in the service Sunday. Jimmy Davison our
oldest veteran, Scott Russell our youngest, Mickie Cox
our female, other veterans present were Shelton Guest,
Bruce Hayes, Bill Heidelberger & Gary Maskell. The
spouses & children of veterans were also recognized.
Clara Bass had a picture of her father who served in
WWI. Americans across the nation tolled bells 11
times at 11 a.m. in remembrance of those who served
& sacrificed. This was to honor men & women who
served 100 years ago during WWI, especially the
116,516 who died. The war ended by an agreement
between the warring countries at 11 a.m. on November
11, 1918. Thanks to everyone who has served & still
serving our country for our freedom.

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Marvell Church will take a special Thanksgiving
offering this Sunday. Share your thankfulness with
your church.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FLORIDA

We are collecting school supplies for the Florida
Panhandle (Suzie Fuller's home town). The needs are
#2 pencils, crayons, composition notebooks, various
color construction paper, writing paper, highlighters,
alphabet books, letter, sight word & number flash
cards, educational games, pens, post it notes, expo
markers, paper clips, staplers/staples, tape/tape
dispensors, highlighters, Lysol wipes & hand
sanitizers. Bring the items to church Sunday or leave
them at the Water Department.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Diane McMillan is doing much better
Melissa Maskell, Mildred Clatworthy, Mary Ned
Foster & Gloria Higginbotham's surgeries went well
Nina Weisberger is back home
Family & Visitors in church - Eli Polk was here
Ms Jane is 95 today, Halley Johnson is 30 & Frankie
Broom had a birthday Friday
William Warren will graduate from Army Boot Camp -
Jenny, Courtney & Thomas will be there
All of our children's time kids
Sadie Thompson participates in the worship service
Juliene Busby got a good report

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 15 - Michael Woodyard
17 - Brooklenn King, Frank McClellan
21 - Paisli Carroll

LUKE BIBLE STUDY

The Luke Bible Study will meet at 4:30 p.m. every
Sunday but the last Sunday of the month. Lannie
Travis & Brother Gary are leading this study - bring
your Bibles.

CHOIR PRACTICE

We need all choir members to be at practice on Sunday
mornings at 10:30 a.m. We will not practice on
Wednesday the next 2 weeks. Please let Kortni or Nina
know if you are not going to be at church or practice.

MEMORIALS

JERRY SCAIFE

Terry, Lisa & Gracie Fuller

MARK WAYMAN

Terry, Lisa & Gracie Fuller

HONORARIUMS

FRANKIE BROOM

Shelton & Nina Guest

SHELTON & NINA GUEST

Margie Aaron

JANE GLASS

Shelton & Nina Guest

MARY HENDERSON

Shelton & Nina Guest

TONY & MELANIE KEYS

Terry, Lisa & Gracie Fuller

THANKS

Greeter - Toney Keys, Bryan Wayman
Liturgist - Bill Heidelberg
Media Techs - Chuck Schaffhauser, Thomas Turner
Video Tech - Wesley Turner
Eggs for UMM - Katharine Harris
BP Checks - Debbie Hayes
Special Music - Ginger Hall, London Boone, Joey
Cumberland, Hailey Lambert, Sadie Thompson,
Brooklenn Wolfe & Kortni Carroll, Julian Johnson,
Donald Ray Washburn & the choir
Thanksgiving arrangement - Carrie Davison, Jennifer
& King
Food for Lay Servant Training - Mary Henderson

Acolytes - London Boone & Brooklyn Wolfe
Musician - Courtney Turner
SS Teachers - Shannon Young, Bryan Wayman
Children's Time Prayer - Hailey, Harper, Sadie
Work in choir room - Charlotte & Bryan Wayman
Ushers - Terry Fuller, Toney Keys, Frank Polk,
Scott Russell
Nursery - Mickie Cox, Kailey Hollaway, Joseph
Cumberland
Veterans Program - Bruce Hayes, Courtney
Turner, Bill Heidelberg, Children's Time Kids
Barbie Washburn
Youth/WOW Meal - Lisa Fuller

POINSETTIAS

We need to get our order in to Baddour for poinsettias ASAP. They will be \$10 each & need to be paid for before we order. The order forms will be in the bulletin Sunday.

NEW BANNER

We are making a new banner for the church with handprints of all of our church family. Please see Connie Heidelberg if we do not have your handprint & if you have a piece of fabric you would like to use for your print.

VISITORS

Andy, Marla, Katelyn, Sarah Lane Riddell & Tinsley Clark - Helena
Bill Clariana - Bartlett. TN
Tammy & Lewis Thompson
Kim & Harper Clement - Hot Springs

Christopher Cutlip - Marvell
C.J. Davison - Marion
Mollie Higgins - Helena

NEEDED

Really big boxes (refrigerator, stove, etc.) are needed for the church float. They will be wrapped as Christmas presents. They can be left in the storage building behind the fellowship hall. We are going to work on the float the weekend after Thanksgiving. Thanks to Connie Heidelberg & Lisa Polk for doing this.

LAY SERVANT MEETING/WORSHIP

The Lay Servants will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 25. There will be a Worship Service led by one of our lay servants at 6 p.m.