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- What is Memorial Day?
- A day off
- Unofficial beginning of summer
- Instituted after the Civil War
- A day to remember all who died in military service

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- Sometimes all we want to do is forget
- And then there are things that we choose to remember!

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- We often have selective memories
- Only the good
- Only the bad
- Forgetting everything because today is great or awful
- Being a people of God means we are to have good memories

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Joshua 4:1-3 (English Standard Version)

¹When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ² "Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, ³and command them, saying, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.'"

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- “When all crossed over”
- All made it
- No one was left behind
- God had purposed to physically save all of these people
- That’s His prerogative!
- Isaiah 14:26-27 & Job 42:2

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- “Stones from the middle of the Jordan” ~ why?
- We build multi-million dollar edifices to remember



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- God had something different in mind
- River rocks are smooth, rounded, shaped by nature
- “Stone” = A stone to build with; significant size



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Joshua 4:5-6 (English Standard Version)

⁵And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, ⁶that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?'

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- “Serve as a sign” = A flag; a beacon, evidence
- “Tell your children” = What are we telling our children?
- We often tell stories from one extreme or the other:
 - God is great & nothing scary, difficult or threatening ever happens to believers
 - Life is all hard & difficult & involves sacrifice & God’s grace is always hard to see
- Tell your children all of it!
- From slavery to walking across the dry river bed!

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- Why a memorial at all?
- Every modern method of improving memory includes association

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- We must set up memorials to remember to NOT forget:
- God's faithfulness
- The faithfulness of the people
- Places
- People
- Memories of the past...hopeful memories
- **Joshua 4:24 (English Standard Version)**...²⁴so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.“
- That all may know

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Joshua 4:19-20 (English Standard Version)



¹⁹The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. ²⁰And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.

- Gilgal – “Shame/blemish has been rolled away”
- The stones reminded them that as they responded faithfully God had rolled away their guilt
- In the New Testament ~ it’s Jesus!
- The Garden Tomb stone has been rolled away, & so has our guilt & rebellion

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- Do you remember when God moved, saved, provided, delivered, etc?
- Let's tell our children & the watching world!
- Take your "Memory Cards" & write it down
- Write down a time when God was there!

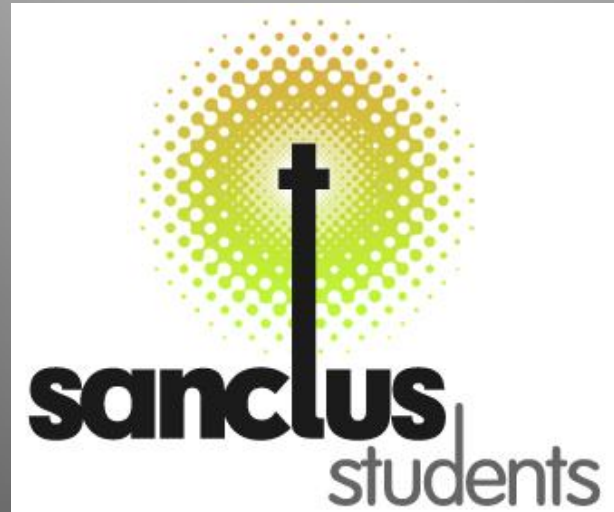
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- Do you have any walk with God to remember?
- Sartartia can be your Gilgal!
- Tell your children!
- Let's tell our children!

Sanctus Summer Mission Trip

Mc Allen, TX ~ June 6th-11th



- **We leave in one week...please turn in all outstanding fees today.**
- You **MUST** be at the Parent/Student meeting **THIS** Wednesday, June 2 @ 6:30 PM at the Greatwood Rec Center.
- Register online at the sanctuaryfellowship.com

VBS ~ Mission Event

- WHEN?
 - June 28 – July 1
- WHO'S IT FOR?
 - The trailer park @ Jenny & Clay Road in Rosenberg
- HOW CAN I HELP?
 - Canvas the neighborhood on Sunday, June 20
 - Help with refreshments, crafts, or hands-on with the children during VBS
 - Donate the following by June 13:
 - Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, small wash cloth, lotion (in travel sizes)
- HOW DO I SIGN UP?
 - Contact Dede Murff



WOMEN'S PREGNANCY CENTER

BABY BOTTLES

You can make a difference! Simply pick up a baby bottle (or 2) & fill it with spare change, cash or a check. Just \$50 will pay for an ultrasound to show an expectant mom the baby growing inside of her. This greatly increases the chance that this mommy will choose life!

Bring it back on Father's Day, June 20





Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Please join us as we host a “Thank You/End of the Year” Luncheon for the staff of Sartartia Middle School on
FRIDAY, JUNE 4th.

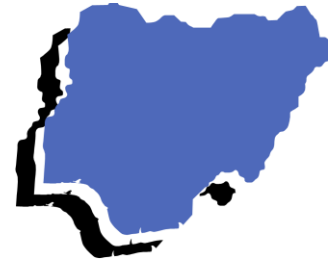
You can volunteer to serve or bring baked goods. Please contact Leilani Morris at leimorris@sbcglobal.net.

DAY OF WORSHIP

Be sure to join us next
Sunday, June 4,
as we celebrate the Risen Lord
through prayer, worship and communion.



Africa Jewelry



Please visit the table in the foyer to purchase handmade jewelry made by the poorest of the poor in Africa. **All proceeds go directly back to the families.** Buy one for yourself or as a gift...\$10, \$15, \$20