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The Ladies Bible Study group will meet Thursday, June 9th, at 6:00 p.m. The study is "Breathe" by Priscilla Shirer.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.



We will honor our High School Seniors, Sunday, June 5th, during the morning worship service.



Vacation Bible School will be June 12th - 16th, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Christie Georgie is director this year so let her know where you want to work.



"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Pastor: Rick Erwin, D. Min., D.D.

May 29, 2016



**Remember and Honor
 those who Sacrificed
 for our freedom.**



TODAY IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR ALL OF US GATHERED IN this place of worship as well as the millions of Americans enjoying the freedom to do other things today. We have made the choice to worship God and give thanks to Him for his grace, goodness and provision in our lives. I suppose today we look specifically to the men and women who have served, fought, defended and still gave their lives so we can enjoy this freedom.



WE CALL IT MEMORIAL DAY BECAUSE OUR BELOVED FAMILY and people we have known and loved have died for our country, our freedom and our future. Who did you lose? Was it a husband, son, daughter, grandchild, friend, grandfather, relative or maybe a neighbor you never knew very well? Yet they were someone you heard of that fought and died that you might be free today and enjoy the life you have. Take a moment today to thank God for all that these people did and for those that today still stand vigil protecting us, our children and grandchildren. God Bless America.



BEGINNING EACH SUNDAY AFTERNOON DURING THE MONTH of June we will be leading worship in one of two elderly homes in our area. This is a requested ministry of the Community Home and Oak Grove Nursing Home and we will lead worship for them at 4:00 pm each Sunday afternoon. Both have some of our church members living in them. This is an opportunity to take church to the people who cannot come. This will take the place of our evening worship time here at Procter for the summer months. You, of course, are encouraged to join us each week as we minister to these wonderful people. Our church program will have information on that days schedule so you can attend. God will bless you for helping in that hour.

To God Be the Glory,

Bro. Rick



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Memorial Day Should be Honored**

It is with some sadness that I write this article concerning the refusal to acknowledge Memorial Day as a legitimate school holiday in Port Arthur Schools. A day set aside in the history of this nation that honors the fallen men and women that willing sacrificed their lives for our freedom that we have in America. I recognize the sacrifice of men like Dr. Martin Luther King, and by all means I recognize his achievements in race relations in this country. But I also appreciate the 11,000 plus African American soldiers that gave their lives in the wars that won and now keep our freedom as we know it on battle fields around the world.

We also recognize the Hispanic and Asian cultures with holidays. We have religious holidays and all are fine but it really bothers me having a congregation filled with men and women, filled with people who have vivid memories of war, death of loved ones, children still in the service and danger of being ignored for a make-up day in school that could have been dropped or made up later. I recently buried one of our men that was at Pearl Harbor on December 7 and lived to finish the war with the memory of that day etched in his mind all of his life. The memories of gathering the bodies of his comrades and gathering belongings to send home to their families before he marched on to battle. I just can't understand WHY our veterans have to be the ones ignored at a time when our nation is so divided.

These are the days when our children should be taught the meaning of Memorial Day and respect of our country and pride for our nation. If they miss the truth that America is great because it is the land of the free, where men and women can work and achieve and get an education and vote and live in hope and build a future of personal pride the STAAR test and high scores will mean nothing. Fear God, Speak TRUTH, Have Courage, Be Strong. God Bless America.

Dr. Rick Erwin

Pastor, Procter Baptist Church



The Visitation Team has a goal to visit as many single Dwelling Homes in our area as possible and leave the Roman Road Plan of Salvation with them. Our first goal was to visit all homes bordered by Jimmy Johnson Blvd and Hwy 347 working west and north to 9th Ave. and Hwy 365. We are pleased to announce that Phase One of our goal has been reached. We had 5 persons to invite Christ into their Hearts and Lives. Our next goal is to work east of Hwy 347 and south of Merriman in the Port Neches community.

Please continue to pray for us. If you would like to join us in this Work for God, please contact Travis Hart 293-7040.