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Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM 6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

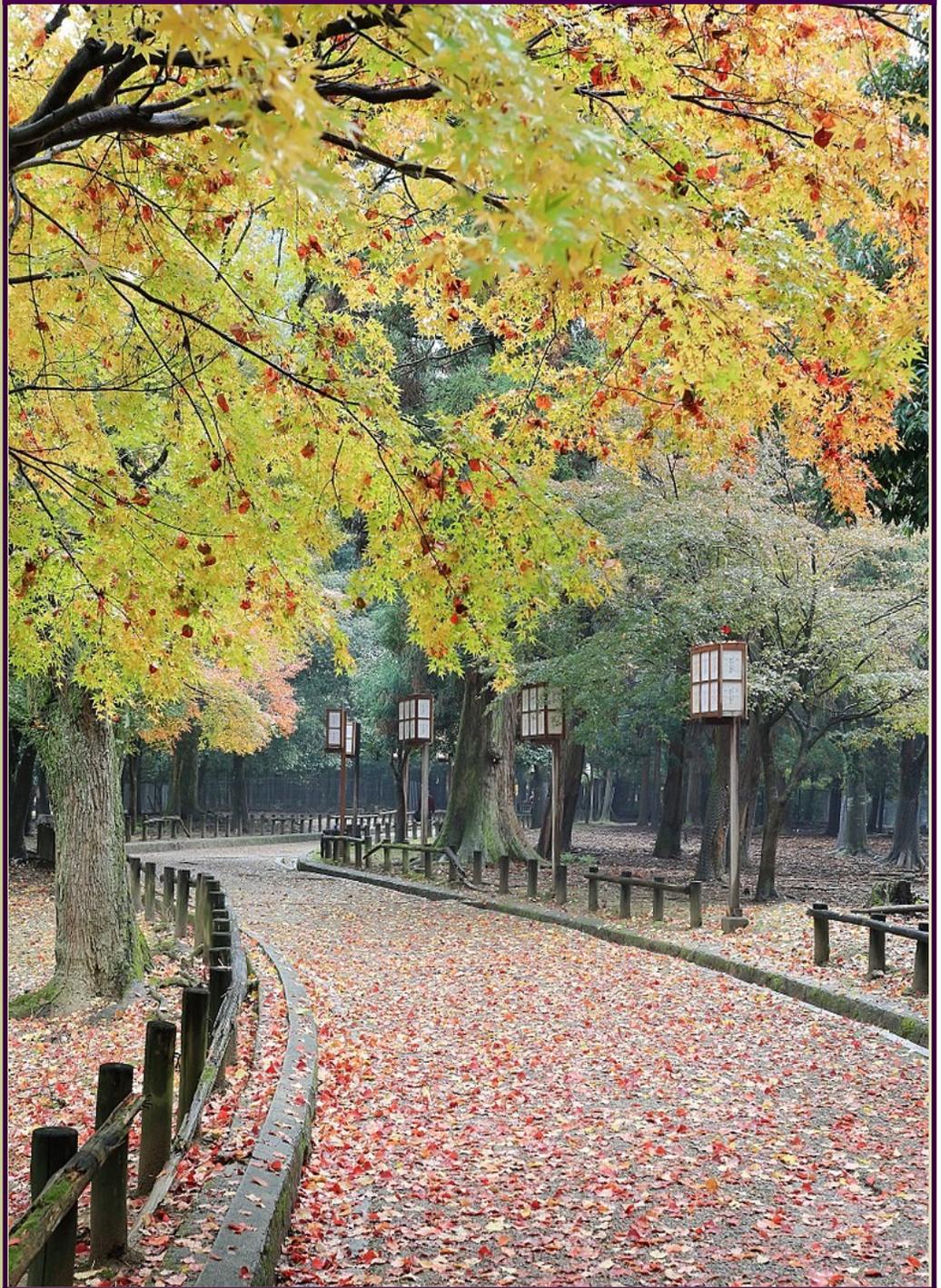
OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11 AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7 PM

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SOME GAVE ALL, ALL GAVE SOME

Alan Judd

Today, our nation commemorates Veterans Day. It coincides with other days of remembrance set aside in other countries marking the end of major hostilities in the first world war. This conclusion was said to have occurred at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 when the armistice with Germany went into effect. Thus, this is the one-hundred-year anniversary of this significant moment in history. Veterans Day is often mistaken and considered to be practically the same as Memorial Day, but we must note the crucial difference. Memorial Day is a day set aside to honor all who have died in service to our country in the Armed Forces. Veterans Day honors the service that all U.S. military veterans rendered to our nation. The cliché that serves as the title for this article captures in a memorable fashion what we should recall: *Some gave all, all gave some*. I want to examine those words more closely and see if we can see some spiritual principles that align with this sentiment.

“*Some gave all*” are the words that remind us of the tremendous sacrifice made by those who lost their lives while in service to our nation. While an exact number is probably unable to be known and due to the fact that some might lose their life between the time, I write this and you read it, I simply note the general estimate that more than 1.1 million service members have died in service to our country according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. This equates roughly to the combined populations of Nashville and Memphis, our state’s two largest cities. Even then, I am unable to really fathom what a large number of men and women this figure represents. President Lincoln captured what we should realize when we ponder the sacrifice made by military members when looking over the Gettysburg battlefield remarked: **“It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain.** Please note the underlined phrase and let us remember with gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion, but let us never fail to remember the One who came and lived among us and died for our sins demonstrating His devotion to be our Savior—read *Romans 5:6-11*, *2 Corinthians 5:14-15*, *Philippians 2:6-11*. Jesus Christ is the only one who could die for us as a perfect and sinless sacrifice—“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift”—*2 Corinthians 9:15*. This is how we feel when we understand what He did for us!

“*All gave some*” is a phrase that accurately describes how all who served under the banner of our flag offered service. To be sure, some were drafted or conscripted into service, but the vast majority entered voluntary. My father, uncles, cousins, and other relatives served stretching back to the American Revolution. In total, more than 42 million men and women have worn the uniform of the United States and gave some of their time and talent to the military effort they were assigned. As Christians, God expects all to give some. If you have attended our Sunday morning adult Bible class this point has been driven home repeatedly as we have examined the words of *Romans 12:4-8*, *1 Corinthians 12:12-31*, and other passages that stress every Christian should give some of their time and talent to help carry out the work of the church.

To all our Veterans, today we say thank-you, but this seems so insignificant for what you have done for us. As Christians, we remember Him who gave all for us and we show Him our gratitude by trying our best to give some of our best to Him and His church!

THE CHURCH OF TODAY

Joshua Kennedy

Many have heard the statement, “You are the church of tomorrow.” While this is a good sentiment, it is not exactly the mindset that we as Christians should have. Most of the time, this statement is said to young Christians during a youth event or maybe in a sermon, but is this what God thinks about the young Christians in the church? In 1 Timothy 4:12 the apostle Paul writes to the young preacher Timothy to let no man despise his youth. Paul is telling Timothy to not let the other members of the church make him doubt his ability just because he is young.

Teens have a natural energy that can't be matched when they are passionate about something. This energy can be used as a wonderful tool to further the gospel of Christ in this present world. There is a whole world of people that may not be reached by adults, but they may very well be reached by teens their age.

I want you to think about something for a minute. Would you feel uncomfortable if you went to the White House? I'm sure that we all would feel a little out of place in the home of the most powerful man in the world, so imagine how someone in the world feels when in the presence of the greatest being in the universe: God. Now imagine if you went to the White House and you went with someone just like you, but he knew the President; it would be a little different, would it not? We would still feel uncomfortable, but at least we would be going with someone who is just like us.

The same is true for teens. In 1 Corinthians 9:22, Paul said that he became as these different people so that he might save some of them. People tend to flock toward those of a like mind, and if there are some in the church that have the same interests or are the same age, then they have something in common and are more likely to listen. We must never forget the ability that young Christians have to further the kingdom of God. This ability is one that we may not know we have until we are encouraged.

In the Great Commission—Matthew 28:19-20, the Lord commanded the apostles to teach every creature. Not only were they to teach them the gospel, but they were also to teach them to observe everything the Lord commanded them. This also included the command to go and teach. Teens are a part of “every creature,” which the Lord talked about; therefore, we have the same responsibility that every other member of the church has.

If you are a teen reading this article, then never underestimate the impact that you can make. Never sell yourself short. If you are an adult, encourage the young Christians around you to start being active. Let us all be like Jeremiah in Jeremiah 20:9, who could not help but talk about the Lord because God's Word was like a fire in his bones. Let us always remember who we are and what we can do through God.