## WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Announcements

- For all our ladies: We will have a bridal shower for Jayna Winchester (Matthew Newcomer) on January 19th, 3-5 pm, here in the fellowship hall.
- Please sign up for Microsoft Teams to help us communicate and share information more effectively. Contact Eric or Jessie for details.
- The nursery is empty and ready for remodeling. We will be repairing walls and painting. Volunteers are needed.

## Why We Remember, John 15:12-17

## Introduction

- Should we celebrate this holiday? Galatians 5:19-23; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 2:14, 4:8; 1 Corinthians 10:31; James 1:5.
- Today's text, John 15:12-17

## Self-Sacrifice Is Admirable

- In this context:
  - Speaking of the disciples loving one another. John 13:34-35.
  - O Speaking of his own death for them. John 10:11.
- But it is a legitimate broader application to say that sacrificial service to your fellow human is pleasing to God. Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 19:19; John 15:13.

• We glorify God for all good that comes through human agents. See James 1:17; Romans 2:14-15.

# **Remembering Is Honorable**

Philippians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; Hebrews 11.

# **Remembering Is Wise**

Romans 1:18; Psalm 2; Romans 3:19-26.

## Invitation

- Give glory to God.
- Pray.
- Consider these things.
- Be a living sacrifice.

#### Notes

- A useful article on whether or not Christians should celebrate holidays is found here: https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-holidays.html
- O Notes with hyperlinks to the scripture references can be found at whitesrun.org/blog

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