

# The Covenanter

## Silverhill Covenant Church

“To work for God, God’s people, and to win souls for His Kingdom”

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November 11<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as a day to honor our Veterans. The following is an excerpt from President George W. Bush’s Veterans Day Proclamation 2007: *“Veterans Day is dedicated to the extraordinary Americans who protected our freedom in years past, and to those who protect it today. They represent the very best of our Nation. Every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Coast Guardsman has earned the lasting gratitude of the American People, and their service and sacrifice will be remembered forever. In the words of Abraham Lincoln: ‘.....let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the Nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle.....’ On this Veterans Day, I ask all Americans to express their appreciation to our Nation’s veterans.”*



### History of Veteran's Day

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World War I, then normally referred to simply as “The Great War” (no one could imagine any war being greater!), ended with the implementation of an armistice (temporary cessation of – in this case until the final peace treaty, the infamous Treaty of Versailles, was signed in 1919) between the Allies and Germany at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, November, 1918.

1919-----November 11: President Wilson proclaims, “The first Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.” The original concept for the celebration was for the suspension of business for a two minute period beginning at 11 AM, with the day also marked by parades and public meetings.

1920----- On the second anniversary of the armistice, France and the United Kingdom hold ceremonies honoring their unknown dead from the war. In America, at the suggestion of church groups, President Wilson names the Sunday nearest November

11<sup>th</sup>, Armistice Day Sunday, on which should be held services in the interest of international peace.

1921-----Congress passes legislation approving the establishment of a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. November 11<sup>th</sup> is chosen for the date of the ceremony. Accordingly on October 20<sup>th</sup>, Congress declares November 11, 1921 a legal federal holiday to honor all those who participated in the war. The ceremony was conducted with great success.

1926-----Congress adopts a resolution directing the President to issue an annual proclamation calling on the observance of Armistice Day. Throughout the 1920’s and 1930’s, most states establish November 11<sup>th</sup> as a legal holiday and at the Federal level, an annual proclamation is issued by the President.

1938-----Congress passes legislation on May 13 making November 11<sup>th</sup> the legal Federal holiday, Armistice Day. The United States has no “actual” national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own holidays. The Federal government can in fact only designate holidays for Federal employees and for the District of Columbia. But in practice the states almost always follow the Federal lead in designating holidays.

1941 – 1953-----World War II and the Korean War create millions of additional war veterans in addition to the World War I veterans already honored by Armistice Day.

1954-----On June 1<sup>st</sup>, President Eisenhower signs legislation changing the name of the legal holiday from Armistice Day to Veteran’s Day.

1968-----Congress passes the Monday Holiday Law which established the fourth Monday in October as the new date for the observance of Veteran’s Day. The law is to take effect in 1971.

1971 – 1975-----The Federal observance of Veteran’s Day is held the fourth Monday of October. Initially all states follow suit except Mississippi and South Dakota. Other states changed their observances back to November 11<sup>th</sup> as follows: 1972 – Louisiana and Wisconsin; 1974 – Kentucky, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, South Carolina, West Virginia; 1975 – California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

1975-----Legislation passed to return the Federal observance of Veteran’s Day to November 11<sup>th</sup>, based on popular support throughout the nation. Since the change to the fourth Monday in October, 46 states had either continued to commemorate November 11<sup>th</sup> or had reverted back to the original date based on popular

sentiment. The law was to take effect in 1978.

For those of us who are confused or have never thought about the difference between Memorial Day (observed the last Monday of May) and Veteran's Day (observed November 11), the difference is Memorial Day honors those killed in a war and Veteran's Day honors all our men and women in uniform – past and present.



Oct 31 – **Family Fun Night** - need donations of wrapped candy and small toys. See Tonya for more details.

Nov 11 – **S.W.A.P.**

Nov 16 – **Christmas Shoeboxes** returned to Church. If you have not picked up a shoebox to fill for a child, there are a few left in the foyer. See Tonya for details.

Nov 19 – **Thanksgiving Potluck** in the Christian Center with Greenwood Community Covenant and New Covenant (Foley)

Nov 23 – **Community Thanksgiving Service** at Silverhill 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church.

Nov 27 – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** - Give thanks for our many blessings.

Nov 28 – **Christmas Decorating Party** – 3:00 until – Come join the fun!

Nov 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Dec 5 – **Silverhill Christmas in the Park & Parade**

Dec 6 - 3rd **Annual Down Home Christmas** in the Christian Center

Dec 8 – **Ladies Salad Supper** – Secret Sister revealed.

Dec 14 – **Sunday School Christmas Program**

**LADIES** – Remember to keep Jan 31<sup>st</sup> free.

Keep watching for information about the day.

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might. So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might!

Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain. Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the weary mind: (He will do it every time)! "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time and it hasn't moved." Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that

he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man.

Satan said, "Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time just giving the minimum effort and that will be good enough."

That's what the man planned to do, but decided to make it a matter of prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord. "Lord," he prayed, "I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to me with your strength spent thinking that you have failed. But is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back shiny and brown; your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock, but your calling was to be obedient, and to push and to exercise your faith, and trust in my wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my friend will move the rock."

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what he wants when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in him. By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know it is God who moves the mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong.....  
Just.....P.U.S.H.

When the job gets you down.....  
Just.....P.U.S.H.

When people don't do as you think they should.....  
Just.....P.U.S.H.

When your money is "gone" and the bills are due.....  
Just.....P.U.S.H.

When people just don't understand you.....  
Just.....P.U.S.H.

- P = PRAY
- U = UNTIL
- S = SOMETHING
- H = HAPPENS

*The best two money managers in the Bible were Noah-----who was floating his stock when everyone else was in liquidation-----and Pharaoh's daughter who went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.*