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Bruce McQuigg, pastor of New Beginnings Church and former Marine, talks about the highest calling during his keynote speech at Monday's Memorial Day service.

Service members who gave all remembered on Memorial Day

May 24 marked the 11th anniversary of the death of PFC Jeffrey "Jeffro" Wallace, of Hoopeston. PFC Wallace, 20, died in Baghdad, Iraq when an improvised explosive device exploded near his Humvee.

Last weekend, the 11th annual Jeffro Jam was held - a two-night party dedicated to PFC Wallace and a way to raise funds for a memorial scholarship that honors him.

On Monday, some of those who partied hard over the weekend - and scores of others - gathered at Floral Hill Cemetery to remember PFC Wallace, along with other Hoopeston men who gave their lives in service to America.

In his keynote address, Bruce McQuigg, who served as a Marine and is now pastor of New Beginnings Church, said those who have died for their country realize "there was something more important than their physical life."

McQuigg said people ask what those who have died might have accomplished had they lived. "That question is easily answered," he said. "They have answered the highest calling possible. They have offered their lives for each of us that stand here in the light of freedom this day. Of this one thing we can be certain: there is no higher calling than the cause of a free nation; there is no vainglory in it, there is nothing more valuable or more precious than having paid the ultimate price for liberty."

McQuigg read from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every purpose under heaven—

A time to give birth and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.

A time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

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Anita Reuter, kneeling, directs the Hoopeston Community Children's Choir at Monday's Memorial Day service.

Memorial continued from other side

A time to weep and a time to laugh;
 A time to mourn and a time to dance.
 A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;
 A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing
 . A time to search and a time to give up as lost;
 A time to keep and a time to throw away
 A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;
 A time to be silent and a time to speak.
 A time to love and a time to hate;
 A time for war and a time for peace.
 "It's always the right time for peace, he said.
 In closing, McQuigg quoted Gen. George Patton:
 "it is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died.
 Rather we should thank God that such men lived."
 Performing for the first time at the annual event
 was the Hoopeston Community Children's Choir. A
 ministry of Hoopeston First Christian Church, the
 choir is also directed by Ruth Neathery. Rebecca
 Sadler accompanied the youngsters during their per-

formance.
 Further music was provided by the Hoopeston
 Area High School band and chorus.
 The Rev. Tom Cici, newly-named pastor of Hoop-
 eston First Christian Church, gave the invocation and
 benediction.
 Mayor Bill Crusinberry served as master of cere-
 monies for the service, welcoming guests and thank-
 ing those who participated, including Hoopeston
 American Legion and VFW's joint color guard and
 honor guard, and the service members who attended
 the ceremony.
 Crusinberry also noted the Hoopeston Historical
 Society and the Barbara Standish chapter of the
 Daughters of the American Revolution who gave
 special honor to Vietnam era veterans inside the
 cemetery chapel.
 The service was followed by a free lunch at the
 VFW post.

Milford youth group to serve up New Orleans on a plate

Pastor Karl Gibbs and the members of Our Savior Lutheran Church invite all to come enjoy a culinary journey to the "Big Easy".
 To raise funds to attend the National Youth Gathering of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, to be held in July in New Orleans, La., members of the Senior High Youth Group will work under the direction of a professional chef to prepare and serve a New Orleans-style meal.
 The meal will be served from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, June 5, featuring jambalaya (seafood and non-seafood options), blackened fish, blackened chicken, salad, sea-

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11 a.m. Monday at the Maple St. rail crossing. Police said Sarah B. Compton-Livingston, 39, of Hoopeston, was crossing the tracks when the activated gate came down, striking and damaging the windshield of her 2001 Dodge truck.
Harrington Matherne, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an accident at 3:51 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East McNeil.
 Police said Matherne, in a 2009 Ford Explorer, backed from a driveway into a fence, a parked 2001 Chevrolet Suburban and a neighbor's house.
 He was ticketed for no valid driver's license, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper backing, failure to wear a seatbelt and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Obituaries

COX - Philip James "Phil" Cox, 59, of Wellington, died at 11:31 p.m. Thursday, May 26, 2016, in Greenfield, Ind. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Weather

Thunderstorms likely today. High 83. Tonight, chance of storms. Low 62. Tomorrow, sunny. High 79, low 58.

soned vegetables, and King Cake and Beignets for dessert. Coffee, water, lemonade, and non-alcoholic Hurricanes will be available.
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