



## A Call to Prayer

*“Pray without ceasing.”* - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 ESV

When my oldest son, Jon, crossed the bridge from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts we got him a phone. Ed and I knew he would need it since he would be away from us at camp or outings. It was a way for him to keep in touch with us if he needed anything. No matter where he was or what he was doing, he would have the ability to reach out to us. We would be there, ready to listen and help if he needed it.

This is the kind of relationship we’re called to have with our Heavenly Father. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Paul encourages us to “pray continually.” This doesn’t mean we should spend every moment in formal prayer. Rather, it means maintaining an ongoing conversation with God throughout the day, involving Him in every aspect of our lives.

Prayer is more than just asking for things; it’s an expression of our relationship with God. It’s acknowledging His presence, seeking His guidance, expressing our gratitude, and pouring out our hearts to Him. It’s realizing that He cares about every detail of our lives and wants us to share them with Him.

Whether we’re experiencing joy or sorrow, facing challenges, or celebrating victories, let’s remember to turn to God in prayer. Like our sons who even now as adults can stay in touch with us at any time, let’s cultivate a habit of continual communication with our Heavenly Father, confident in His love and care for us.

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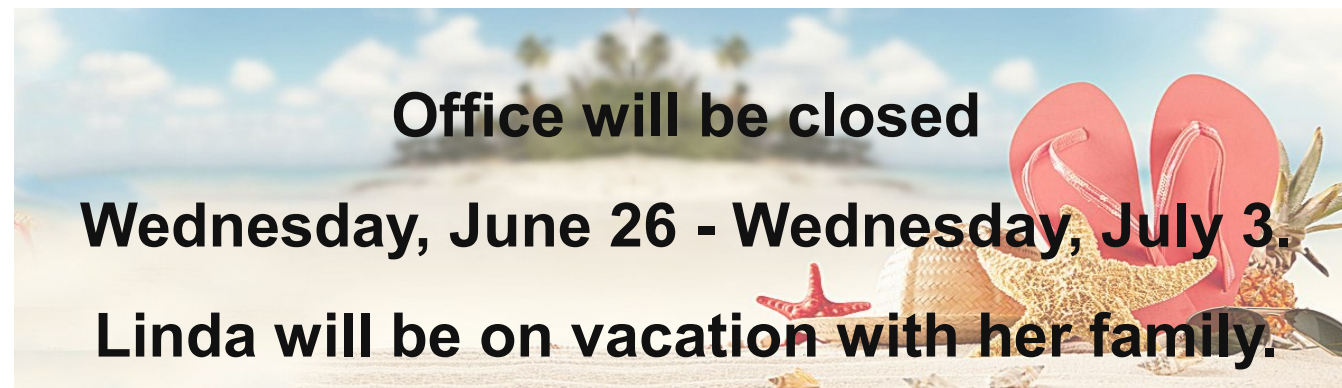
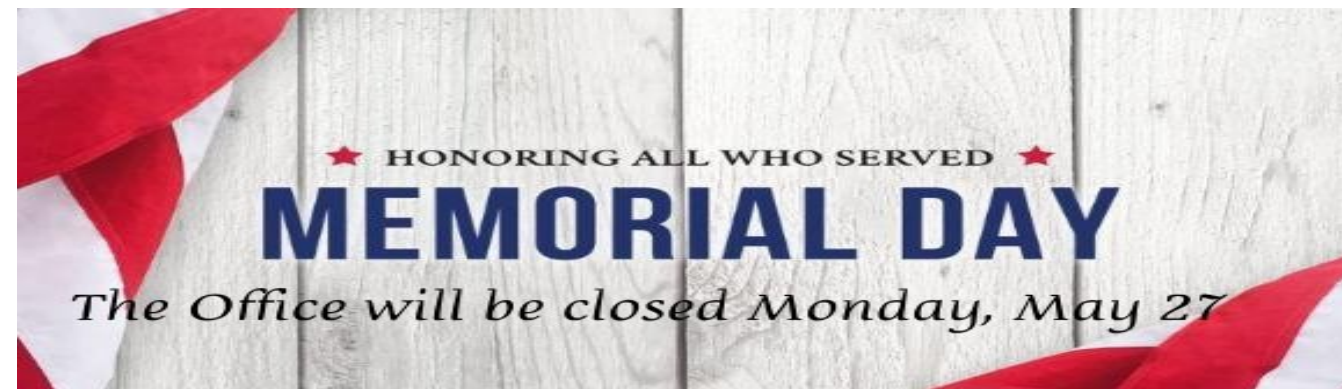
## Upcoming Meetings

May 2—National Day of Prayer

May 9 - Executive Board Meeting & Luncheon

May 15 - Administrative Team Meeting

May 22 - ADOM Search Committee Meeting





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Would Your Church be Willing to

**HOST AN EVENT?**

For a **GBA Annual Meeting** 2024, 2025 or 2026 – normally the last week in  
September

Please contact the GBA Office if you would be willing to bless the member churches.