

Vacation From God?

Memorial Day has come and gone which means that summer vacation season is officially in full swing. The weather is warm, the kids are out of school, and opportunities for fun and relaxation abound. For so many of us, summer vacations, family getaways, and leisurely summertime activities are an important part of this time of year. We look forward to getting away from work, responsibilities, and the routines of life for a few days of rest and relaxation. There is certainly nothing wrong with taking this time away to spend with family or friends or just to relax. In fact, it can often be therapeutic, bringing renewal and rejuvenation to our minds and bodies. However, we must be careful that we do not allow that concept to be taken too far by taking a vacation from our commitment to God. When caught up in the busyness of summer, it can become easy to put our faith and service to God on the back burner while focusing our time and attention on other things. As we all make our summer plans, may I suggest that we make a firm commitment and deliberate effort to maintain these important areas of our spiritual lives:

- **Commit to gathering with the church for worship.** Whether you are at home or out of town, if at all possible, make sure that you take time out on the Lord's Day to give God the worship and praise that He deserves and to remember our Lord's death.
- **Commit to giving back to the Lord as He has prospered you.** Remember all that God has blessed you with and return a portion of those things to Him with thanksgiving. Also, keep in mind that your local congregation depends on your regular contribution to carry on their work whether you are there or not.
- **Commit to spending personal time with God through prayer and Bible study.** No matter where you may be, there is always time to spend with God. In fact, think of your vacation as a time to reconnect with God through prayer and Bible study.
- **Commit to a life of faithfulness to God.** Don't allow your surroundings or activities to cause you to compromise your faithfulness and obedience to God by sacrificing modesty, morality, or decency.

Rusty

To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



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It is official! School is out and summer fun is in! I always look forward to the end of a school year so I can spend more time with my family and, of course, the Chase Park Youth Group!

This summer promises to be an active one for our teenagers. It is my hope that our awesome CPYG parents will not only encourage their teens to be active but will be active themselves! In this article I plan to give you an outline of what we have going on in the month of June.

Today, June 4, and Sunday June 18, after p.m. services, we'll play softball at Central School. Anyone who wants to play is invited (skill level is not a concern as this is all about having fun!). Bring your own bat (if you have one) and glove. Even if you don't want to play, come and enjoy the fellowship and time together.

Wednesday, June 7. The teens and I (and anyone else who is interested) will hit up Sonic on Winchester Road after church. Come grab your favorite ice cream or milkshake and enjoy each other's company.

Thursday, June 8. The teens are invited up to the church building at 11:00 a.m., for E.A.T. (Eat and Talk). We will hit up a local fast food restaurant and then come back to the building for Bible study and fellowship time.

June 11—16. Indian Creek Youth Camp. ICYC holds a special place in the hearts of many of our teens and my family. We are looking forward to another great week at ICYC! If you have a teenager who has not signed up but would like to go, see Andrew to find out if there is still space!

Thursday, June 29. Totally Neat Thursday (9:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.)! A fun day for our kids (and their friends)

in grades 3-6. Our CPYG teens will be hosting a morning designed completely for the younger kiddos. We will have games, sing silly songs, a Bible lesson and more. TNT'ers are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch!

Friday, June 30. Our annual family trip to Lake Winnie Amusement Park! Come and enjoy a day with your family and our Chase Park family at Lake Winnie! It is a Coca-Cola Friday so tickets are buy one get one half off with a coke can.

Tired yet? I hope you are as excited as I am for a fun summer!



Evangelism Made Personal—*Success*

Mark Copeland presents several perspectives for success in evangelism. Consider these points over the next few Sundays as we strive to maintain a positive attitude in our evangelism.

It is important to maintain certain perspectives while engaging in the enterprise we call "evangelism." Many people start out with great enthusiasm, but often get discouraged and in some cases become apathetic. This happens even to those who are highly skilled in teaching others. Armed with the wrong perspectives (or way of looking at things), many personal workers eventually lose heart. Before long, evangelistic efforts dwindle and in some cases stop altogether.

What follows are some perspectives that have helped me to keep a positive attitude about doing personal work.

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD IS AT WORK!

In nearly every example of conversion found in the Book of Acts, God

worked in some way to create the opportunity for the person to hear the gospel. For example, Philip was sent toward Gaza where he would meet the Ethiopian Eunuch (**Acts 8**). The Lord saw to it that Saul and Ananias would get together (**Acts 9**); likewise, that the household of Cornelius would have a chance to hear the gospel from Peter (**Acts 10**). The evangelization of Europe that started with the conversion of Lydia and the Philippian Jailor occurred after the "Macedonian Call" led Paul and his companions in that direction (**Acts 16**).

Granted, these circumstances are in keeping with the miraculous events in establishing the Lord's church, but I believe they illustrate a principle that is just as valid for us today. That principle is this: The Lord, who knows the hearts of all men and seeks those who are seeking Him (cf. **2 Chr. 16:9**), will make sure that those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness" will somehow be "filled" (**Mt. 5:6**).

This is where the "providence of God" comes in. When the Lord knows there are people who would be receptive to the gospel (e.g., those in Corinth, **Acts 18:9-11**), He will "open doors" to give those who are seeking the truth the opportunity to be reached by those who are prepared to do the teaching. It may not happen immediately, but I am persuaded that if there is someone who is "asking, seeking, and knocking" for the truth, the Lord will see to it that at some point in that person's life they will have an opportunity to hear the gospel.

It encourages me to know that we are not alone in our efforts to lead the lost to Christ. God will see that every soul who has an honest, good, and seeking heart will one day come across someone who is prepared to explain the Gospel to him or her. Indeed, when we engage in evangelism, we are "God's fellow workers" (**1 Cor. 3:5-9**).

Your Elders

News Of Interest

Sick

Huntsville Hospital
Sarah Irwin

Crestwood Hospital
Dwight Steele
Bennie Jacks

Home: **Jim McLaughlin, Joe and Gladys Parker, Don and Diane Cox.**

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of **Margaret Reeves** in her death.

Balance Class

No Balance Class, Tuesday, June 6, or Thursday, June 8.

Pantry Item

Canned Green Beans



Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.
 Speaker: **Barry Todd**
 Song Leader: **Rick Rosenblum**

Hospital Visitation

Team #1 (Atchley), please pick up your assignments today following evening worship.

Family Care Program

Team/Section E and F will meet today for potluck lunch, dining room. Section E Team Leaders: **Eric Corder, Barry Maples, Jon Rosenblum, Bob Williams**; Section F: **Justin Gransky, Joel Heady, Greg McCreless, Jared Olbricht.**

Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 24.
 Work Session: Today, 2:30—4:30 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, June 7. Will go out to eat.



♪ *Diana Singing* ♪



Friday and Saturday
June 9, 10
7:00 p.m.

Questions from the Master Teacher

2017 Midweek Summer Series

June 7

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

Matthew 16:13

A question about how the world views Jesus

Guest Speaker:

Ron Williams



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Who was Jesus? A good man and influential teacher? A prophet sent from God? A heretic and enemy of the Jews? A mythical figure with no bearing in reality? Or was He, as He claimed to be, the one and only Son of God who left heaven to come into the world to show us the way to God and to pay the price for our sins with His own blood and life? From the time that He walked this earth, there have been many different opinions and theories as to who Jesus is. From this lesson's text, it is revealed that many of His own day believed that He was possibly one of the prophets of old or maybe even John the baptizer come back from the dead. Throughout the centuries, the insinuations and assumptions concerning Jesus have continued, and there is still much confusion in our world about who Jesus truly is. I hope that you will be here this Wednesday night as Ron Williams leads us in a period of study on this text and the question of how the world views Jesus.

Statistics

Sunday, May 28, 2017

AM Worship	354
Month Average	381
Bible Class	292
PM Worship	249
Wed., May 31 Bible Classes	238
Regency Ret. Worship	37
Offering	\$14,972
Budget	\$18,000
Average '17	\$17,856
Under Budget for year	-\$3,164
Building Fund	\$235.00

Services

Sunday

Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class 10:15 a.m.
Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Super Seniors 10:00 a.m.
Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

Web Site Home Bible Studies

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