

Do You Need a Vacation?

(A newsletter of our Board for Home Outreach)



In the 1970s the Florida Department of Tourism ran a series of TV commercials that tried to convince people to make the “Sunshine State” a vacation destination. The commercials depicted people in various everyday scenes of hectic life—work piling up, kids arguing in the back seat of the car, a taxi not stopping for a rain-soaked couple—and the statement, “I need it bad” to express the frazzled person’s desire to get away from it all.

Vacations have not always been a part of our culture. Even within the past couple of centuries, vacations were something that only the wealthy could take. In the U.S., vacations became more and more popular with the increase of car ownership. Nowadays everyone *expects* to be able to take a vacation, and many jobs provide paid vacation time for their employees.

Perhaps you’re still planning on getting your family vacation in before school starts up again later this month. Perhaps you’ve already had your time away this summer and are now looking forward to

your next trip away. Vacations are a great time to leave behind all the regular cares and concerns of life, relaxing someplace away from home so that you can “recharge your batteries.”

What if you could take a vacation *every week*? That would be crazy, right? Not at all. When you go to church, that’s a time for you to relax and recharge for the week ahead. At that worship service, God comes to you and takes away all that has been weighing you down, all your sins and worries and cares. God’s Son, Jesus, came to this world for that very purpose: to give us rest. He took our sins on himself and died on the cross for us. Through believing in him, our sins are gone. We have true rest!

In that old commercial for Florida tourism, the featured line was, “When you need it bad, we’ve got it good.” How true that is about coming to church. We *all* need it bad, and Jesus gives us everything that is good. See you soon as we vacation at church together.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><i>“My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him.”</i> <i>Psalm 62:1</i></p> | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <p>6 <i>Pentecost 9</i> Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM</p> | <p>7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Colton Harrington</i></p> | <p>8 Council Meeting 5:00 PM</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Donivon Gerhardt</i></p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Rummage Sale 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM</p> </div> | |
| <p>13 <i>Pentecost 10</i> Worship 9:30 AM Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM <i>Happy Birthday McKenna Hunter</i></p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15 <i>Happy Anniversary</i> <i>Dale & Bobbie Hauck</i> <i>Happy Anniversary</i> <i>Clark & Rita Pederson</i></p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>20 <i>Pentecost 11</i> Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM <i>Happy Anniversary Robert & Sara Shepard</i></p> | <p>21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Alaina Otto</i></p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Michael Harrington</i> CLWMS Meeting 4:00 PM</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>27 <i>Pentecost 12</i> Worship 9:30 AM Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> | | |

