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The Need To Get Away



On the seventh day, after six days of creating all that exist, God rested. His work was complete and resting declared He was finished. God did not rest because He was tired or weary. The scriptures declare of Him that He neither sleeps or slumbers. God rested because His creating work was finished, but also by way of example, established a pattern for His creation.

Hard work can be physically draining and rest becomes necessary in order to replenish strength to the body. The fact that we live in a fallen world increases this need for rest. A divine curse upon the earth and it's inhabitants requires toil and sweat in order for the earth to produce. Time plus the exertion of physical strength can take its toll on the strongest among us. No one can work indefinitely. The body requires rest.

Rest is a good thing and

a necessary thing.

Even Jesus after times of long intense ministry withdrew to places of solace. At other times He invited His disciples after long hours of work to come aside and rest.

In the old Testament we find the divine establishment of times and seasons of worship and celebration. These were definite times that gave rest to both man and to the earth. The need to replenish is created into the divine order of things.

During world war two, Hitler was sending his Luffwaffes to bomb England into submission but one little old lady would consistently sleep through these raids. When asked how she could do this, her reply was classic. "Well, God said He neither sleeps nor slumbers. So there's no use in both of us being

awake." She had a firm grip on the truth that our God is king and in complete control of the universe. The very fact that we need rest and God does not, proves who is supreme.

So as you take your vacation and get away from the routine and demands of life, be sure to rest. Don't make your vacation so hectic that you need a vacation from your vacation. The mind and the body need to be replenished because God made us that way. Jesus said, "come aside now and rest."

Pastor Ricky



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Thank You!

Dear Church Family

I praise God for the people in Christ you are. Bryan, Terry, and I thank you so much for all the prayers, concerns, cards, letters, food, and financial support that you provided during the last 12 weeks. We are so fortunate to have a Church Family like you. Each of you are very dear to our hearts and don't know how we could have made it through the last couple of months without your encouragement and sup-

port. We know that this journey is not completely over but with God's help and our Church Family He has blessed us with; we know we can persevere through this. We know that God has blessed us in so many ways and He has a purpose for all things, and that good will come for the trials we face. We ask that you continue to pray for Bryan's complete healing. We know God is the divine healer and if it is His will Bryan will heal and not need

a bone marrow transplant. If he does need the transplant, we know God can heal through that also.

Words cannot express the gratitude that we have in our hearts for each of you but with the love of Christ we sincerely thank each of you.

Bryan Pfeifer and Family

The Affect of Preaching

Billy Graham spoke to a group of pastors prior to a crusade in Anaheim, CA a few years ago. Among his comments:

A few years ago I was flying from Chicago to Charlotte. Directly in front of me sat a rather large man who obviously had been drinking before the flight. Once we were airborne he immediately rang the flight attendant and asked her to bring him a drink. She said that she would not be serving drinks for another few minutes. He was upset at her excuse and began

to curse the situation.

After a few minutes, the cart came along and he bought a number of drinks. The more he drank, the louder he became, the rougher his language grew, and the stories he told grew cruder by the minute. Those of us seated near him were more and more annoyed by his behavior. He continually embarrassed the flight attendant by his continual flirtation. The tension in the air could have been cut with a knife.

One gentleman having made the decision to take matters into his

own hands rose from his seat, and said to the drunken man, "Sir, do you realize that the great preacher Billy Graham is seated right behind You?"

At that, the bleary-eyed man struggled to his feet, slowly spun around, and leaned over the seat right into my face. He stuck out his hand and said, "Billy Graham? Put 'er there, and shake my hand. I'm really glad to meet you. You have no idea how much your sermons have helped me!"

Happy Hearts

Last month on our trip to the cup house, the bus broke down and we had a picnic lunch in a local business. We decided to go to the cup house this month. The bus is scheduled to will leave at 9:00 AM August 9. Bring a picnic food to share and a couple bottles of water or your favorite beverage.

VBS News

Vacation Bible School starts Sunday July 31 – August 5, 2011!

Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in this summer's edition of VBS! It's called The Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city of New York, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus – sharing the message of Jesus Christ with their world.

Set amid the sights and sounds of New York City, youth will follow the stories of encounters and opportunities people have as they go about their everyday lives.

In Transit: Maximize your Moments is the Middle School and High School edition. Youth will study Bible stories about people who stepped out in faith and connected with Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. Youth will learn that you too can step out in faith by trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord and then by connecting their lives with Him and with their world as they share the message of salvation.



IN TRANSIT

MAXIMIZE YOUR MOMENTS

We will be serving dinner this year for VBS attendees from 5:30-6:00 pm. VBS events/rotations will be held from 6:00 until 8:30 pm. If you are not assisting with VBS this year, you can still help by praying that God will do great work in the lives of our VBS leaders as they prepare, as well as in the hearts of children and youth who attend and have an opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ, our Savior!

Awana News

August 31st is the Kick-Off for AWANA!

AWANA helps our church and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children and youth who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Our programs offer a proven approach for evangelizing and discipling kids in the church and community.

As a ministry leader I 100% support AWANA, because it is making an impact. A recent national survey found AWANA to be as important to our core spiritual foundation as all other church activities combined. Among spiritual core who participated in our programs for at least six years, 92.7 percent still attend church at least weekly as adults! I myself came up through AWANA's and my spiritual life was deeply rooted based on the lessons, the memory verses, and the leader's testimonies. AWANA has impacted not just my life, but countless lives here at River View both student and leader alike. Each week, more than 30 kids ages 2 to 13 participate in AWANA. Remember AWANA! Get involved with AWANA! But most importantly pray fervently for AWANA! WHY? Because AWANA programs change young lives through biblical truth.



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River View Baptist Church is prayerfully focused on Christ, our community, and the people of the world with the mandate to reach and equip individuals for spiritually healthy lives.

We're on the Web!
www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org

We are a conservative Baptist church committed to serving God and the needs of you and your family. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, at Riverview View Baptist Church you will find a supportive community with a wealth of opportunities for personal growth.

We aspire to strengthen each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ-at every point in their life, and encourage personal and spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study and active service in our church and community.

We invite you to come and worship with us and allow God to work in and through your life by leading where He would have you to serve.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Evening Worship 6:PM

Wednesday Evening @ 6:30 PM

Awana

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Adult Prayer & Bible Study

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