

TIMELINE

The Best Vacation Ever

PASTOR RICK CROOK

Ah summertime; that time of year when students exchange the rigors of school for more playful pursuits and that time when families load up the family vehicle and take what we commonly refer to as a vacation. A vacation by definition is: a respite or a time of respite from something; a period spent away from home and or work for the purpose of travel or recreation. A vacation is something individuals and families schedule in order to escape the exhausting pace of their daily lives. Vacations offer people the opportunity to: relax, unwind, clear their minds, recharge body, mind, & spirit, and make some good memories along the way. Vacations are wonderful things... when they go according to plan.

Over the years, Hollywood has made millions of dollars depicting on the big screen what happens when vacations go wrong. Like that movie where the family accidentally leaves their young son home alone. Or the various movies where the plot revolves around a dad, the driver/navigator, claiming to know where he is going only to get the family horribly lost resulting in the entire vacation becoming a series of misadventures. People find such movies entertaining because at some level they are reminded of some of their own vacation misadventures.

Every vacation comes with an expectation. People have an expectation of escape. The thought being that for at least a few days they can escape the stress and hectic nature of their daily lives at home and work. Such vacation expectations are sometimes met with a host of challenges. Somebody gets sick. The weather fails to cooperate. The car breaks down. The resort bears little resemblance in person to the pictures on the internet. The airline loses the luggage. Any one of these challenges can turn what was suppose to be a restful

stress reducing time into a frustrating stress inducing event. The end result – you return home from the vacation needing a vacation.

There is; however, a source of rest that is not subject to the described vacation set-backs. Jesus says, in Matthew 11:28, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” It isn’t an overpriced resort Jesus invites us to in order to find rest; it is the throne room of the Most High God. It isn’t some long arduous and perilous journey we have to take to find such rest. Jesus really is as close as the mention of His name. You don’t have to worry about an airline mishandling your suitcases, though Jesus is very proficient of ridding us all of unnecessary baggage. With these simple words recorded in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus invites the exhausted, the stressed, the frustrated, and the burnt out to come to Him and find rest. With these few, but powerful words He invites the overwhelmed, overworked, and overloaded to come into His presence and exchange a heavy burden for a light one.

God never takes a vacation. He doesn’t need to. He never gets tired. Isaiah states it this way. “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?” (Isaiah 40:28) He doesn’t get tired, but we do. We get physically tired, emotionally tired, mentally tired; even spiritually tired. Where is the best place for tired people to go? No, not Disney World. Not a high dollar resort & spa. Not even a majestic national park. No, the best place to go when you are tired is to someone who never tires in dealing with tired people. Isaiah goes on to say, “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

The Best Vacation Ever continued...

Earthly vacations may not always be everything they are cracked up to be, but when you vacation with God it always works out great. Find your rest in Him daily. That's the surest way to get refreshed and stay that way.

Happy Vacationing,



Pastor Rick

WEEKLY MEETINGS



- Men's Breakfast -

6:00am each Tuesday morning at the Regency Cracker Barrel

- Ladies Coffee Chat -

9:00am each Friday morning at the Regency Chick-Fil-A

- Prayer Meeting -

10:00am each Tuesday morning

- Evangelism Explosion -

6:30pm each Tuesday evening

- Wednesday Services -

5:30-6:30pm Grocery Distribution

7:00pm

Adult Bible Study

Emerge Youth Church

Royal Rangers (Ministry for Boys 5yrs & up)

MPact Girls Club (Ministry for Girls 5yrs & up)

Rainbows (Ministry for Boys & Girls 3 & 4 yrs)

- Sunday Schedule -

9:00-10am - Grounds for Fellowship Breakfast Club

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Morning Worship Service

6:00pm - On & Off Campus Small Groups

CLASSES START SOON!



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Class preview
Tuesday, August 30, 2011
here at AAG

Back to School Party

Sunday Evening
August 14, 2011 5pm

Everyone is invited to AAG's Big Back Yard for a great night of fun including games, prizes, a cookout, and our annual 40ft. Banana Split Building Competition!

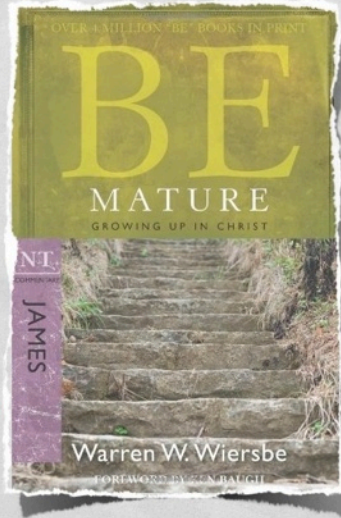


Contact Pastor Pam if you would like to be on the Banana Split building teams (adults only)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 † 6:00AM Men's Breakfast † 10:00AM Women's Intercessory Prayer	3 7:00PM Prayer & Bible Study, Emerge Youth, Royal Rangers and MPact Girls Club	4 † 7:00PM Pure Praise Rehearsal	5	6
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28 † 9:30AM Sunday School † 10:30AM Worship Service 6:00PM Guest Speaker: Michael Chowning (Sanctuary)	29	30 † 6:00AM Men's Breakfast † 10:00AM Women's Intercessory Prayer	31 7:00PM Prayer & Bible Study, Emerge Youth, Royal Rangers and MPact Girls Club	<h1>August 2011</h1>		

SUNDAY EVENINGS ON THE
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Motor Heads

Men's Department
Mechanical Small Group

Meetings are held Sunday nights @ 6pm
@ STEVE'S MAN CAVE
9984 ARNOLD ROAD
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