

## Is Rest Biblical?

God and God's word emphasize the importance of rest for us humans. Here are four examples of God calling His children to unwind and relax. Clearly these verses assume our diligence, hard work, and faithfulness at other times.

**Daily Time of Rest** - "... the LORD gives His beloved sleep" (Ps. 127:2).

**Weekly Day of Rest** - "Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD..." (Ex. 31:15).

**Periodic Vacation Rest** - "And Jesus said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while...'" (Mk. 6:31).

**Sabbatical Rest** - "During the seventh year the land must have a Sabbath year of complete rest. It is the LORD's Sabbath. Do not plant your fields or prune your vineyards during that year." What is good for the soil is good for the soul.

Work hard and then rest easy, my friends!

Les

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, July 5

7:00 p.m. - Youth Games & Fireworks

### Thursday, July 6

6:30 p.m. - Christian Ed Board Meeting

### Sunday, July 9

9:00 a.m. - Missions Speaker

10:05 a.m. - Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. - Worship Service

5:00 p.m. - Picnic and Swim

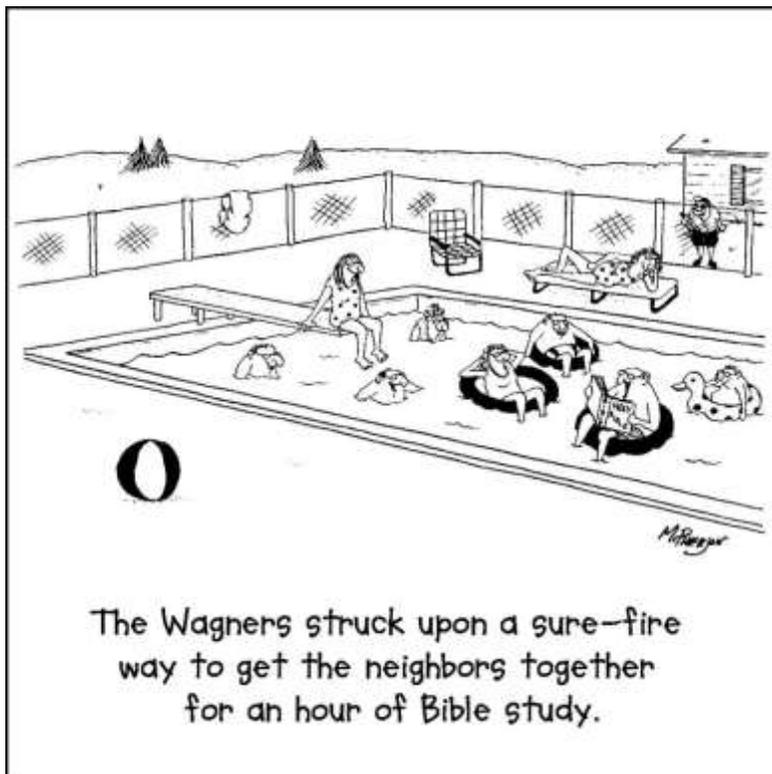
Teachers This Sunday

#### Nursery

Evalyn Fate / Alexis Collins

#### Kids' Time

Holly Zoll / Angie Bynum



## This Sunday!



Mykayla Rodenbeck will invest a year in East Asia where she will reach people for Christ, build them up in their faith, and send them out to reach others. She is going with CRU, the US branch of Campus Crusade for Christ. She will share more details with us this Sunday from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. All are invited to come listen.

## All-Church Picnic & Swim

Remember the picnic and swim is this Sunday at the Wells Community Pool and adjacent picnic area. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. and begin eating at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Thanks to the Christian Education Board for sponsoring this event and providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, water, lemonade, and table service.



## Pastor Vacation

Pastor Les and Debbie will be on vacation July 11 - 17. There will not be a Link newsletter next week and the church office will be closed on July 12 and 13. On Sunday, July 16, please welcome Jon Jenkins, Bluffton YMCA Director, as our guest speaker. Les and Debbie will both return to the office on Tuesday, July 18. Thank you!



## Youth Pizza

Wednesday, July 26 – Meet at the church kitchen at noon where you will make your own pizza. After we eat, we will do a short service project at the church. Please note that this is a week later than the original date we set. Plan ahead and please RSVP to Debbie by Monday, July 24.



## Assume Your Kingdom Position

On Sunday mornings we are in the midst of a series of messages on the Bible book of Esther. This past Sunday we discussed what is probably the most well-known verse and likely the most important statement in Esther. Her older cousin and respected father figure Mordecai made this statement to Esther in 4:14.

*"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

I stated that we must all assume our assigned positions within God's kingdom. Not all stations are glamorous or receive a great deal of recognition. Yet all kingdom posts are vital. To illustrate this concept of assuming and keeping a position, I mentioned how football linemen hold an essential role on their team. But they rarely get the MVP recognition. I also told how the little boy who had his finger in the dike held a valuable position in preserving his entire community.

Sometimes a worn out parent might feel like she is useless to God and God's kingdom. Especially when she hears all the "amazing" things other people are doing for the LORD. Yet, she holds a powerful place. Perhaps an hourly worker in a manufacturing plant occasionally feels insignificant by the monotonous labor. But he too maintains an essential post as an example and witness. What about the person whose youthful strength has dwindled? She can barely get around. Does she still have a purpose for God and God's kingdom? YES! Her prayers, her encouragement, and even her physical presence preserve a piece of territory that God's enemy cannot occupy.

Assume your kingdom position and serve your King well!

Les



## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Joan Sills – Room 222  
Mildred Huss – Room 219B

### River Terrace

Phebe Edington – Room 134  
Mary Ellis – Room 107B  
LaVera Krummen – Room 116

### Signature Healthcare

Bonnie McAfee – Room 403B

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Barbara French – Room 216

As we co-labor with other churches  
in our community,  
this week we pray for:  
Liberty Center Baptist Church  
Pastor Aaron Westfall

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Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
9:50 a.m. – Coffee/Tea Time  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service