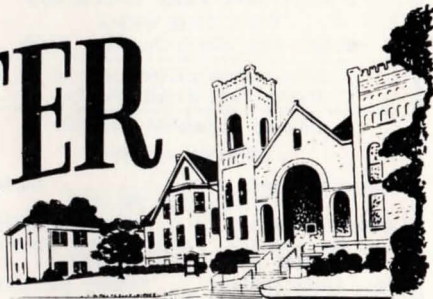


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Have The Best Vacation Ever



I. TAKE GOD ON YOUR VACATION

1. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy.
2. Attend church services every Sunday.
3. Pack your Bible and quarterlies --keep up daily family worship.

II. DON'T ROB GOD TO PAY FOR YOUR VACATION

1. Bring your tithes and offerings to church before you leave. Or, mail your gifts back each week.

III. THE WORK HERE MUST GO ON

1. Confer with your department leadership to be sure someone is secured to take your place while you are away.
2. Be sure your replacement understands exactly what to do---and when.
3. No office should be left vacant while you are on vacation.

IV. WRITE TO YOUR CHURCH

1. Every Monday, mail the bulletins or other material collected on Sunday back to your church. Make note of the good things you see.

2. Your cards and materials will be displayed on a "Vacation Bulletin Board."

V. COME BACK TO CHURCH AS SOON AS YOU GET HOME

1. Don't miss a service---you are needed.
2. Have a word to say in class, union, circle or Prayer Meeting about your fellowship with other Christians while on vacation.

VI. WHY ALL THIS?

1. Because you are Christ's and you want to be loyal to Him--all the time.
2. Because your soul needs recreation as well as your body and mind.
3. Because you do not want any "slump" in your church.
4. Because God does not take a vacation from you.

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life"

--Rev. 2:10.

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SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

This week we remember in our prayers and in our thoughts:

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Behavior In Church

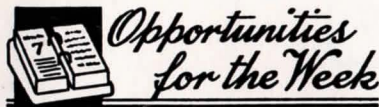
The person who said all things are relative may have a point here. Things which are quite proper on the ball field are necessarily out of place in the home. Likewise, those activities which make homelife so pleasant are quite out of order in a worship service. It all depends on where we are and why.

In Psalm 46:10 we are given some guidelines for effective worship. "Be still and know that I am God" reminds us that our efforts toward quietness are to be rewarded just as our efforts in seeking.

There are other things which each of us in the congregation may do to contribute to the gentle spirit of worship. As a denomination, Baptists are notoriously irreverent when we first enter the Sanctuary. So often we allow our joy of Christian fellowship to override our need of quietness and a prayerful attitude. Our service of worship could be made more beautiful and holy at this point.

Parents have strong obligations in the matter of passing these ideals on to their children. Furthermore, they need to guide their children in preparation for the hour that is to be spent with a minimum of distraction and moving about. Of special need is the attention that should be given those children who are sitting away from their parents.

All of these small things go to make up a situation that can do much to impair the effectiveness of our worship. Will you join with us that we may surround this sacred hour with those safeguards that assure it of being the blessing it promises for



Sunday, June 26

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Wednesday, June 29

7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, June 30

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers have been placed in the church sanctuary for this coming Lord's day in memory of Miss Ada Haymore by the Womans Missionary Union.



Helping Hands Needed For VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Volunteers Needed For Teachers, Pianists,
Office Help, Refreshment Aids, and Others.

SEE THE SUPERINTENDENT
OR PASTOR TODAY



We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mark Jenkins (nee: Sarah Shuford) who were married Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the church with the Rev. Richard T. Howerton, uncle of the bride and the Rev. Mark Jenkins, father of the bridegroom, officiating.



OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

June 19, 1966

Budget Offering-----\$1,327.01
Designated Funds-----\$30.00
Memorials-----\$25.00
Kindergarten-----\$5.00
Total Offerings-----\$1,357.01
Budget Offerings to Date---\$49,491.04
Budget Requirements to Date-\$55,288.50

Which position do you occupy in the church?

- A Power or a Problem?
- An attender or an absentee?
- A promoter or a provoker?
- A giver or a getter?
- A supporter or a warrior?
- A friend or a fault-finder?
- A helper or a hindrance?
- A campaigner or a camper?

(cont'd)

Must The Church Go On A Diet?

I enjoy watching some of you wage war on weight. You deny yourself bread or ice cream, cake or potatoes. Sometimes there is remarkable progress. A lean diet makes you look good so we all rejoice while you fast. Dieting is good for the overweight. Fat is dangerous. Doctors tell us that we dig our graves with our teeth. Beware!

Dieting for the overweight is good but I know someone I don't want to put on a diet. He is lean enough already. My lean, streamlined friend is Mr. Church Budget. We are beginning to accumulate a deficit---you can accumulate a lot of deficit but it won't spend. I don't think it is necessary that our church have a deficit. Most of us are earning as much in June as we earned in April. We are able to give. We ought to give. It's no more right to steal from God in the summer than it is in the spring. It's just more convenient. If your church attendance is more erratic in the summer than in the spring, save the Lord's part and give it the next time you are there.

We are not hurting. I am writing so we won't hurt. Mr. Church Budget doesn't need to be as lean in the summer as he is asked to be. Let's feed that old boy!

-Copied

OUR KNOWN SICK

NORTHERN SURRY HOSPITAL
Mr. Ernest Collins

AT HOME

Miss Ann Collins
Mr. J. W. Hylton
Mrs. Byron Cooke

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift has been given to the Heck-Jones offering in memory of Mrs. Will Jones by the Lena Webb Circle.

A memorial gift has been given to the church building fund in memory of MR. C. C. HAYES by Mrs. C.C. Hayes

DEVELOPING GOOD CHRISTIAN HABITS

As a Christian you have accepted Jesus Christ as your guide and example. You are eager to think and act and live as He would have you. He formed, among others, seven religious habits which you will want to make your own if you do not already have them.

THE PRACTICE OF GOD'S PRESENCE is the first. God is always with you and near you in the invisible but real presence of Jesus Christ. Christ walks with you; He is the companion of your every way; he helps and strengthens you; he promises, "Lo, I am with you always."

DAILY PRAYER is another Christian privilege you will want to observe regularly. Prayer is more than asking God for gifts or begging his help in time of trouble. Prayer is fellowship and conversation with your Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ. It is friendship with the God whose presence you feel. Pray to him in the morning as you start the day, in the evening when you have finished your tasks, and as often through the busy hours of the day as you desire.

THE READING OF THE BIBLE DAILY will bring you faith and courage. Through it God will speak to you his message for the day. In it you will discover how others with his help, lived radiant, victorious lives.

EVERY-SUNDAY CHURCH ATTENDANCE follows another habit of Jesus, who always worshipped in the synagogue, "as his custom was." God and your pastor expect you at church every Sunday unless you are ill or away from home. God gives you 68 hours during the week; he wants you as an absolute minimum to set one of those hours aside for worship in his house. The fellowship of God's people, the music of the hymns, the reading of the Scripture, and the inspiration of the sermon will help you immeasurably in your growing Christian life.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP is the name we give to the habit of sharing our time, our talent, and our income in the spirit of Christ. From the very start of his ministry, one fact stands out in the conditions Jesus laid down for discipleship: He never asked a man for less than his total life. We can do no less and remain Christian. You undoubtedly have abilities, skills, and interests that will enable you to render a splendid service to your church. While I am never the financial agent of the church, I am the undershepherd of Christ charged with your spiritual well-being, and as such I encourage each member to practice setting aside a definite portion of his income for God's world-wide work. Some of us are faithful stewards and more, which means we set aside at least ten per cent of what we earn for Christian work. It is wonderful to be in partnership with God in helping Christ extend his kingdom on earth.

GRACE AT MEALS and the making of one's home life Christian will bring God's presence and blessing to those in your family circle. From the youngest to the eldest, each can take his turn in giving God thanks for the good things all enjoy.

THE HABIT OF FAITH is the last of the seven important Christian habits that I urge you to form. Always expect the best of life. Believe that it holds for you richer gifts and greater victories than you have ever known. God is your active partner, and Christ is your comrade and helper. Live a life of eager, ardent, expectant faith, and you will be able to say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

As your pastor I am asking you to promise God and yourself that you will do your utmost to cultivate these seven Christian habits. You will make that promise, will you not? You may count on me to help you in every possible way.