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Beware of Those Lazy Days

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July makes us think of hot summer days, picnics, fireworks, family get-togethers, and perhaps water activities. Kids are out of school on their summer vacation. Adults may take time off from work to spend quality time with their kids or just to relax and do something fun instead of their daily work routine.

This is the time of the year when we need to be on the alert! The enemy of our soul would like to wiggle his way into our life and get us all messed up. Of course, he really likes to do that every day, but seemingly whenever we take a break from our daily routine, he is ready to pounce. This is not to say that we shouldn't get away or relax; we all need to do that for our physical well-being. My warning is that we don't become lax, slothful, or lazy in our spiritual walk with the Lord.

Our spiritual walk is not just about where we spend eternity. It really is more about 'What must I do to serve the Lord down here on the earth.' Hebrews 6:12 reads *"That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."* The reference to slothful here is referring to being **lazy** in following what God says you are to do. God has given us many promises, but the question to ask ourselves in this verse is 'Will we inherit the promises?'

There are two things mentioned in the above verse that can keep us from inheriting the promises: **faith** and **patience**. The verse says to not be lazy, but be followers of them who walked in faith and patience. We are given many examples of believers who learned how to inherit the promises of God. We are simply to follow their examples. Faith and patience go hand in hand but are not always easy to accomplish.

Faith means 'Because I am looking with my spiritual eyes, I see the promise being fulfilled in my life.' I may not understand the 'how,' but I do know that God is working the answer out for me. My job is to do what I am supposed to do to bring it into fulfillment. Let me give you an example: If the doctor says I need surgery; my spirit rises up in me and says I am healed! The doctor does his part, but my faith also comes into play. The doctor can fix things in the natural body; however, the doctor cannot make my body mend. I must do my part by standing on the stated truth of God's Word. Wisdom says follow the doctor's advice and limit the physical body until you receive manifested healing. This is the second part of receiving the promise . . . **patience**.

We have been introduced 'in this world' to instant gratification. We even like it! Go to the ice cream shop and instantly you can purchase an ice cream cone. You don't have to wait while they churn the ice cream by hand – it is ready at the flip of a switch. Patience in today's world seems to be a thing of the past. Everyone is saying, 'Hurry up; what's taking you so long?'

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus – Romans 15:5. God is a patient God. Aren't you glad? If He was impatient, He would give up on me when I don't obey Him and delay the fulfillment of His Plan in my life. Do I ever get impatient? Yes. However, I must learn that God doesn't get nervous. His plan for me will be fulfilled in my life if I learn to walk by faith and patience. Patience will bring the manifested (obvious) healing into my body so all can see. It is no longer faith when it is obvious. But until faith becomes obvious, I must have patience working in my life or I will hinder God's perfect plan; and thus, will not inherit all of the promises God has for me and others through me. *Father, help me walk in patience so others can receive from you through me.*

Youth Korner



YOUTH FUND RAISER

Have you seen our pop bottle? The children are having a **DIME Fund Raiser**. Our youth are raising money for their summer activities. You may place larger coins and dollars into our pop bottle if you desire.

Friday, July 14

Bake Sale at Rural King, East State Street, from **3 p.m. to 7 p.m.** It will be held outside unless it is raining. Please bring all baked goods (pies, cookies, cakes, etc.) to us by 2:45 p.m. or contact Rev. Betty Jones.

All proceeds will be going toward our Youth Activities: Youth Explosion Weekend with Queen Esther & King David, and upcoming field trips.

Saturday & Sunday, July 29 & 30

Youth Explosion Weekend!

Queen Esther & King David day for ages 5 through 17 focusing on "Preparing for God's Purpose." They will be taught about hair design, body maintenance, table manners, and have a style show. A banquet will be served to all participants.

Deacon D.A.S. will close out Saturday evening with a night of praise and music. He has shared with us several times and is a Christian rap artist from Cincinnati. **Everyone is invited to this service which will begin at 6 p.m.**

Youth Service on Sunday, July 30, will feature Rev. Robert Jeffries, Jr., from Columbus at our 10 a.m. service to conclude our fun-filled weekend.

Upcoming Youth Event: Date Changed!

Friday, August 11, field trip to visit the Newport Aquarium in Newport, Kentucky. We will be renting a van; therefore, if you would like to attend with our youth, please **sign the sheet on the bulletin board** so we know by **July 19** how many are going. Adult tickets are \$19. Youth tickets are \$13. Breakfast and supper are provided. Bring a sack lunch for the noon meal. We will be leaving the church at 7 a.m. and returning between 9-10 p.m. More info. to come.

Donations Needed for Youth Explosion

Each Prince & Princess will be receiving a "goodie bag."

- .. Ties
- .. Dresses (sizes 4-18)
- .. Nail Polish
- .. Shampoo
- .. Deodorant
- .. Perfume
- .. Hair Accessories & Oils
- .. Combs
- .. Nail Clippers
- .. Lotion
- .. Conditioner
- .. Tooth Paste & Brush
- .. Cologne

Donations are needed **by Wed., July 19**, and given to Rev. Betty Jones. Thank you.



SUNDAY, JULY 16 POTLUCK SUPPER

A time of fellowship will be held during our next book club. Each person attending is asked to bring something to share for supper and to please have all food there by **4:30 p.m.** so we can begin eating **promptly at 5 p.m.** We will also be sharing in our book, The Battle Plan for Prayer, beginning with chapter 12.

Place of potluck – Sister Theresa Eishen's home, 631 Sunset Lane, Fremont. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. See Sister Theresa for any additional information.



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

10 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Breaking Point

6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation

6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

Thursday

6 – 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.

Saturday

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Prayer



Feed your Soul every week.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Our men will be setting up a booth at the **Farmers' Market** in downtown Fremont on **Sat., July 15**, beginning at 9 a.m.

Water donations are appreciated since they will be passing out water to those who are in attendance.



ON THE STREETS

We will be having our May Street service on **Saturday, July 8**, beginning at 6 p.m.



Looking Ahead to River Events

- August 5 – Farmers' Market
- August 11 – Youth Trip to Newport Aquarium
- August 19 – Diversity Program at the Farmers' Market
- August 20 – Church Picnic at Conner Park
- Sept. 9 – Good News on the Streets
- Sept. 15, 16 – Bar-B-Que
- Sept. 23 – Youth Bible Walk Museum Trip
- Sept. 30 – Good News on the Streets

NOTE: If you have other events you would like to add to our calendar, please write them down and submit them to the office staff who will give them to the Executive Council so the date(s) can be reserved for you. Let us be busy about our Father's business. Thank you.

NOTE: Thank you for giving all **Sunday Morning Announcements** to Sister Charmaine Smith by Saturday evening. She gladly accepts texts with information. If you need her number, feel free to contact her.

Please give all announcements for the **August Channel** to Rev. Julia Schwert or Rev. Natalie Perkins by **July 25** so we can get the August Channel published by the first Sunday. Your help is greatly appreciated. With your timely information, the publication goes smoothly.



Do you like to Sing?

Your talent and interest in singing is being sought for the "Great Hymns of Faith" **Choral Festival Concert**. This is a group of people gathered together to recognize that what unites us is far greater than what divides us. Over 300 churches have been invited to participate in this concert. Michael Shirtz will be the festival director.

Rehearsal – Sat., Oct. 28 from 10 am to 12:30 pm

Rehearsal – Sun., Oct. 29 from 1 pm to 3 pm

There will be local practices a few weeks before the concert. More information can be found at the LIFT website www.liftchurches.org.

Festival Chorus Repertoire:

- I Sing Because I'm Happy
- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
- It Is Well With My Soul
- Here I Am Lord
- Then Sings My Soul (How Great Thou Art)

Concert – Sunday, Oct. 29 at 4 p.m.
at Sandusky State Theatre in Sandusky, Ohio

Interested in attending the concert? Information for ticket purchases will be coming in the fall. This is an incredible celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.