



First Southern Baptist Church

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LOOKING FORWARD...

July has a party atmosphere to it. It reminds us of picnics, fireworks, family reunions, baseball, the beach or the mountains. Of course there is always the vacation and a fishing trip or two. It is supposed to be a time of relaxing and renewing of our lives. Actually it becomes an exhausting journey that sets us up to return to the routine of the fall season. The sunburns, the ant bites and the flat tires add frustration to an overly scheduled summer. We think school is out when in reality we fill up the summer schedule with as many or more demands than we have just finished. We find it hard to relax. Our business distracts us from the more important things in life.

One of the first things that suffers is quality time with family and friends. I hope you include other church members in the category of "friends". We become so busy doing things, we don't have time for relationships. Secondly, we struggle to keep a vibrant relationship with God. Again the activity distracts us. It is hard to focus on more than one thing at a time. Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." There you have it. God has provided 2 events at 1 time. It always amazes me how we overlook the wisdom of God. When 2 or 3 or 4 etc... God is present. This does not just mean a church service. It means that people of faith have fellowship with each other and with God at the same time. Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

July is an opportunity. Don't let it cover you up with activities that will drain your physical and spiritual strength. Remember you will be meeting many people through the course of the month. Some of them may need for you to stop and spend some time with them because you have the words of life, Christ in you the hope of glory.

Invite someone
to FSBC

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A Stewardship Moment



Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.
Malachi 3:8-9 ESV

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
Proverbs 22:1 ESV

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.
Proverbs 11:28 ESV

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
Acts 20:35 ESV

Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.
Proverbs 13:11 ESV

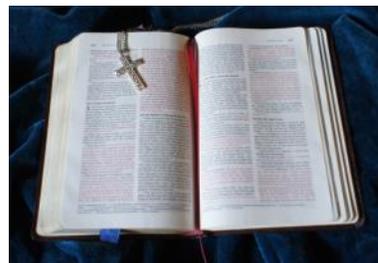
Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.
Proverbs 23:4-5 ESV

A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him.
Proverbs 28:22 ESV

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.
Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV

The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.
Proverbs 10:22 ESV

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
Matthew 6:33 ESV



July Events



Joy Club –July 14

Business Meeting– July 27

Prayer Meetings....Wednesday's 6,13,20,27



July Birthdays



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Seek His kingdom
first. Matthew 6:33

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Bring them in

The Times-Reporter of New Philadelphia, Ohio, reported in September, 1985 a celebration of a New Orleans municipal pool. The party around the pool was held to celebrate the first summer in memory without a drowning at the New Orleans city pool. In honor of the occasion, 200 people gathered, including 100 certified lifeguards. As the party was breaking up and the four lifeguards on duty began to clear the pool, they found a fully dressed body in the deep end. They tried to revive Jerome Moody, 31, but it was too late. He had drowned surrounded by lifeguards celebrating their successful season.

Although Christians are a minority, there are times that it seems we find ourselves in the same situation as the lifeguards of this story. Sometimes we surround someone who is lost and we have the opportunity to lead them to the Lord. We want to be sure that we are not too busy celebrating our success to notice someone in need of the Lord. Ask the Lord to lead you to a lost person this summer. Both of you will be blessed.

No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone.