

Ashland Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

Gone on Vacation

June 2017

It's the first of June, the meteorological beginning of summer, the astronomical being is June 21st. So it is time for vacations, a time to recharge, a time to be with our families or friends. A time to enjoy our beautifully created world. It may even be a time to spend being the hands-and-feet for Christ or more time with God. God wants us to have time to rest. God even rested, while he was creating the earth.

Genesis 2:2-3

² On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.

Even Jesus even had moments of rest. He would go into the mountains to take time to get away or to visit friends, like Mary, Martha and Lazarus (Luke 10:38-42) or get away from the crowds (Matthew 14:22, Mark 6:45, Luke 4:42, John 6:15, etc.). So it is good for us to have times of rest.

But does God take a vacation from us and of course the answer is no. He is always on duty, waiting for us to talk with him. He is there even when we may not know it. As in the Poem Foot Prints in the Sand. "But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.

The LORD replied, my precious, precious child, I Love you and I would never leave you! During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." Carolyn Carty, 1963

How true all of this is as God is always there, God does not take a vacation. But there are times we may take a vacation from God. We may even go months without praying to God or having a conversation. But God is there waiting for us, take time every day to be with God even while you are on vacation.

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Month of June

- No Gathering for June. We will have the July Gathering as usual, on the 21st. Worship at 6:30 with fellowship and refreshments to follow.

August Gathering

- Reminder the August Gathering will be the 18th and a covered dish picnic on the Green Area of South Ashland UMC. Barbecue by Larry Kirkpatrick, drinks provided by AAEC. So bring your chairs, favorite picnic dish and desserts to share. We will be in need of volunteers to help set-up tables, so those that can help be at the church about 5:45. If inclement weather we will meet in the Family Life Center.

Covered dish dinners return in

September

- At the May Board meeting it was approved to return covered dish dinners beginning with the September Gathering. Dinner at 6:30pm and Worship at 7:30pm no fellowship after. We will though be in need of persons to be at the church early to help setup the serving tables, prepare drinks and tableware. To that Melanie Herr will be coordinating the volunteers as she will be in the board meetings during the setup time. This would be a great opportunity for the various Group Reunions to participate in service to the AAEC. So those that can help please contact Melanie Herr via e-mail at, Me_herr@msn.com or phone 304-736-2057.

Fall Teams

- The Fall Teams are currently being formed and will begin team meetings in August, so please keep them in your prayers. Also pray for the Pilgrims that will be on their Walk to Emmaus and those that as yet have not said yes.

Prayer Concerns

- Kamilah Asafa and family regarding the death of her mother, **Betty Gay Burke** on May 18th. Lisa Smith as she continues her battle with cancer. Prayers for our cities, state, country and world.

Prayer Vigil

- The 72 Hour Prayer Vigil will soon be on-line. So check this website to find your times to pray during the Fall Walks. www.3dayol.org



PSALM 57:10 NIV

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

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