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Bible Class: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Retreat

In Ephesians 6:12 Paul describes the Spiritual life as a struggle “not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” To retreat is to make space in my life for God alone. Retreats are specific and regular times apart for quietly listening to God and delighting in his company. Retreats remove us from the daily battle into times of refreshing, retooling, renewing, and unwinding.

We must regularly retreat from the front lines of attack and spend solitary time with God. Many times today, instead of going on retreats that slow us down to listen and focus on God alone, we go on “retreats” filled with lectures, late nights, constant activity, and interaction with all kinds of people. This sort of retreating is not a bad thing. It is simply not a retreat from the busyness and distractions of life. It is not time set apart with God alone.

Retreating, in a traditional sense, is not about gaining more information. It is not getting away to get things done. It is not a way to catch up on our reading or email. Retreats are ways we pull back from the battle and truly rest. We take naps and go to bed early. In the presence of the holy One we enter into the silence and solitude and rest in God. Resting gives us the energy it takes to build our relationship with God one on one. When we are rested, we listen better. When we are rested, we notice desires as well as lies buried in our souls. The benefits of retreating often are not seen until we re-engage in the battle again. Go away and trust God with what happens in your soul.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams
Danielle Harmon
Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)

Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Kay Kinnamon
Ryker Berens
Betty Peptone (David’s Sister)
Maverick Riegel
Katie Rosenbaum

Clay Mason
Miguel Devore
Ubaldo and Maria Cardona
Helen Coffey
Janet Feril
Clint Kinnamon

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

We will **NOT** have youth group tonight. But we will have things for them at the Young Family Ministry.

Young Family Ministry [Tonight]

Join us tonight for our monthly Young Family Ministry at 5 PM here at the church building. Dinner and childcare are provided!

Bible Hour [Wednesday]

Bible Hour will meet Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. Ladies

City-Wide Garage Sale [Saturday]

We plan to participate in the city-wide garage sale on Saturday, April 18. If you have any items that you would be willing to donate please have them to the church before the 18th.

Save the Date:

May 10 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
May 31-June 6 - SMC Early Session
June 13 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
July 5-July 11 - SMC 1st Session
July 12-July 18 - SMC 2nd Session
July 19-July 25 - SMC 3rd Session
August 5 and 12 - VBS

Birthdays

Dominic Rogers - April 12
Jayce Feril - April 13
Ned Marks - April 15



Giving Link



Right Now Media

Worship Order

Welcome Table: Orrin & Meagan Feril

Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Shawn Batten

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #71 - As the Deer

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: JW Like (Ephesians 2:18-22)

LTC Awards: Zeb Carter

Sign Language: Kapri & Emry Like, Aliya Carter

Song: #364 - Come, Share the Lord

Communion: Gary Hornbaker (Darrel Bauer, Jayce Feril, James Harmon)

Song: #77 - Glorify Thy Name

Puppet Show: Zoey, Jayce, Kapri, Emry, Aliya, Talley

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #66 - Doxology

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #290 - Shine, Jesus Shine (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Joe Cornwell