



"THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
JULY, 2019

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

July! Summer has begun, Independence Day, the year is half over, it's vacation time! Vacation time! Something many have waited for since last July. The dream is for a week or two of rest and recreation. For many the anticipation is so great that the reality is disappointing.

God, in His infinite wisdom, knew that we human beings would always be striving to accomplish more and more. He knew that without some guidance our seeking the things of this world would overwhelm us. To prevent that, and to enrich our lives, He gave the fourth of the Ten Commandments:

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do not work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." (Exodus 20:8-11)

On the seventh day rest and spend some time on the only thing that is really important. All the things that occupy your time on the six days will all pass away. A line in a poem by C.T. Studd reads: **"Only one life, twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."** Is a day of rest and focusing upon what God has done, something done for Christ? In my humble opinion, "Yes." It will enable us to begin the week rested, energized, and ready to be a witness to the love and grace of our Savior.

However, one day of the week will never be sufficient to equip for a life of service and praise, so we are commanded in Scripture to: ***"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Pray without ceasing... Take some time to turn to God in prayer and find the rest and peace that Jesus promised. Jesus also commanded that one ***"go into your room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place..."*** (Matthew 6:6)

We need a day of rest, and frequent times of prayer if we are to be healthy and effective servants of our Savior.

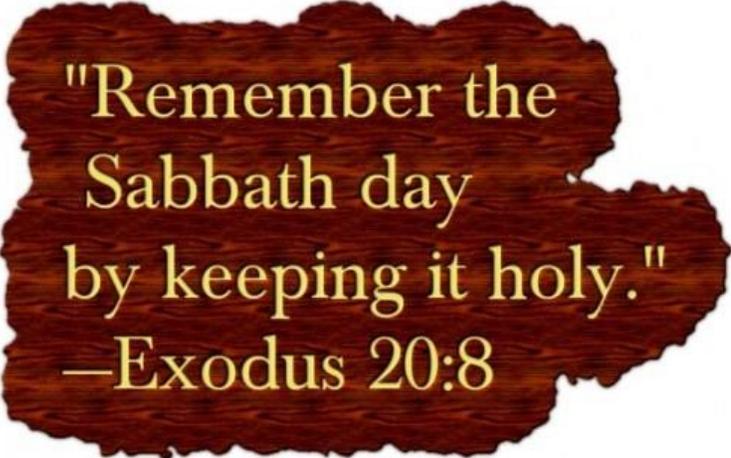
I would carry it a little further and say that we need times of sharing with our families and our church family. It warms my spirit to hear Sandy sharing about sitting around a campfire in an evening sharing as a family. There's no particular reason, just sharing as a family. Matt sharing that his family camps overnight down by the river. Families need those times of rest and sharing. I feel blessed when the church family shares in a potluck or a hayride and campfire. That's what life should be about!

Re-creation shouldn't be about a week or two in the summer. It must be about a Sabbath rest; a life of prayer, and sharing in the things that matter as a family, earthly and heavenly family.

It's July, a time of seeking for re-creation. Don't wait for that special week or two. Make re-creation your pattern for life.

Have a great summer!

Shalom, Pastor Bill



**"Remember the
Sabbath day
by keeping it holy."
—Exodus 20:8**

4th of July Parade

IT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



11:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

Our church will once again have an entry in the parade.

The float committee is organized and work has begun. Assembly is taking place. Think about how you can help. Volunteers are always willingly accepted!!!!

SEE KATHY MERRILL IF YOU CAN HELP.

MEMORIAL PAVILION BUILT

1ST Picnic planned



The memorial pavilion is nearly complete. Anyone interested in donating to the pavilion in honor of someone may do so. A plaque will be hung in the pavilion to remember those who have gone before us. If you wish to donate, please add your gift to the offering plate designating how the money should be used. The first planned gathering for the pavilion will be Thursday, July 11, at 5:30 p.m. The picnic and games will be to celebrate children who have attended Bible School. This is for everyone--- young and old alike! Food is provided.

"The way you store up treasure in heaven is by investing in getting people there."

Rick Warren

Invite someone to the picnic



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE.....



New Sunday school class brethren beliefs

In the fall a study of Brethren beliefs will be held during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Bill will lead a class in the basic disciplines of the denomination which includes the history behind those tenets. Class size will be limited. The study will be held for three months--October, November, and December. Please see Pastor Bill for more information and to discuss your intentions to participate.

What are your prayer requests?



Join Us

Sunday

July 7

7:00 p.m.

gathering of friends

time for instruction

prayer for each other

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

***** **Outreach cup offerings for May, June, July and August** are designated for School Supplies (Teacher gift cards)

***** **Birthday Sunday**, July 7, worship service

***** **Prayer meeting**, Sunday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.

***** **Vacation Bible School**, July 9 - 11

***** **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 & 7:30 p.m.

***** **Coffee and doughnuts**, Sunday, July 14, 10:00 a.m.

***** **Gladwin County Fair**, July 15 - 20

***** **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, July 21, 6:00 p.m.



Outreach cup Fund raiser for schools

During the months of May, June, July, and August cup donations will be used for gift cards that will be given to all teachers -- Kindergarten through 6th grade. This annual gift has been given by the Church of the Brethren to help our students, teachers, and community. Once again this year, please prayerfully consider your gift. Together we can make this happen!! Any donations can also be added to the offering plate during worship service. Please designate your offering for "school supplies."



In June the women traveled to Shepherd for lunch and shopping at Tammy Whitmer's antique shops. Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. Bible Study has been cancelled on July 3rd and 10th because of conflicts with the holiday and Bible School. We'll be back in the swing of things on July 17th. All women are welcome.....a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!



FUNERAL DINNERS—a ministry of this church.

Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need.

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