

Two Washington politicians had locked themselves out of their car, and unfortunately some important papers they needed for a meeting were inside. "Let's use a coat hanger to pull up the lock," suggested the first.

"Oh, no," argued the second. "Someone might see us and think we were trying to break in."

"Then we could use my pocketknife to cut away the rubber around the window and stick our fingers through to pull up the lock."

"No, no! People would think we're too stupid to know how to use a coat hanger to open cars."

"Well, we'd better do something fast. The top's down and it's starting to rain."



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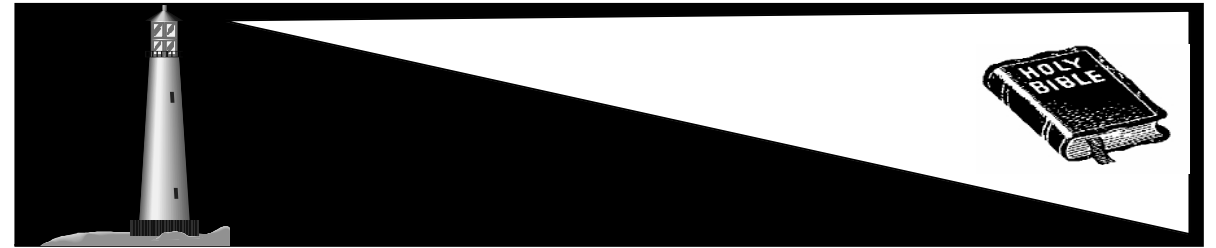
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7 Steps to Having a Super Summer

Step One: Faithful Attendance

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

Step Two: Active Participation

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Ephesians 4:15-16

Step Three: Greater Effort

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Step Four: Intensified Visitation

“And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” Luke 14:23

Step Five: Renewed Concern

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”

John 4:35

Step Six: Regular Giving

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. I Corinthians 16:2

Step Seven: Continued Growth

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

II Peter 3:18

Coming Events

Junior Camp: August 4th – 8th

Cost \$75.00

(See the church's website to download camp forms)

Church Picnic: July 18th, at Boardman Park. We are looking forward to our first Church wide picnic of the year.

Young Married Picnic: July 25th, at the church the young married couples will have an evening of fellowship.

Classic Car Day: August 24th will be our 1st Classic Car Day. We will be giving out prizes and enjoying a classic lunch. If you have a classic or fancy car make sure you plan to be with us on this day. We look forward to seeing all of these special cars.

Revival

September 7th-11th

Everyone will want to mark their calendar for a wonderful week of Revival. We are excited about Chaplain Alan Farley being with us for this great week to focus on the Lord.

Vacation Bible School Report

What a great week of Vacation Bible School that the Lord gave us. Every time we turn around, our theme "Do Something Great In 2008," keeps coming true. For starters, the Lord saw fit to allow 7 young people to accept Christ as their personal Savior. Secondly, over \$1,100.00 was collected to help the 2 mission projects. That is 110,000 pennies brought through our church over the week of VBS. Finally, we averaged around 110 in attendance each of the 5 evenings. God has truly been at work at Bible Baptist Temple! We are so looking forward to the rest of the summer schedule and what the Lord is going to do each and every week. Please pray for BBT as we continue to do great things for the Lord.

Thank You, Pastor Ferguson

Forgetting God

I Forgot my Lord in the Summertime
When I was needed the most;
I was not away, but each Lord's Day
I failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the Summertime,
As I lazily lay in bed;
While the faithful few had my work to do,
And I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my tithe in the Summertime,
When He needed it most of all;
While my cash was spent I was pleasure bent,
"Off duty" for God until fall.

If my Lord should come in the Summertime,
When from duty to God I'm free,
Oh, what would I do when my life is through
If perchance my God should forget me?

- Selected

The speediest days in all creation, must surely be those in a two – weeks vacation.

- Norma Trimble Ashley

FEELINGS, by F.B. Myer

Our feelings are very deceptive, because so easily wrought on from without. They are affected by the state of our health, changes in the weather, the society or absence of those who love. When the air is light, and the sun shines, and we have slept well, we are more likely to feel disposed toward God than when the dripping November fog drenches the wood lands. The Father who made us and knows our frame, understands this; so much so, that when Elijah, after the strain of Carmel, his swift flight, and his disappointment at Jezebel's continued obduracy, threw himself beneath the juniper tree and asked for a swift death, God sent him sleep for his exhausted nervous system, and food for his hunger.

As a rule, Faith fruits in Feeling. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God . . . and not only so but we joy in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." "Believing we rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory." When the prodigal returned, the father bade them slay the fatted calf, saying: "Let us eat and be merry." There is relief from a heavy burden of sin, the ecstasy of pardon, the light of the Father's face, the sense of rightness, the calm outlook on the future. When the King comes to His own the bells ring out their peals on the waiting air, as though intoxicated with delight.

Happy and blessed feeling is the effect of the Spirit's work on the soul . "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace." He is the earnest of our inheritance, and though in our minority we cannot expect to enter on the fullness of our heritage, we are privileged to enjoy its first fruits. There are prelibations of the river of His pleasures, and stray notes from the full chorus of bliss. When the Holy Ghost reveals the Bridegroom, the loving heart is glad, even though the nuptials are not yet celebrated.

But the lack of feeling does not always indicate we are wrong. There may be causes, as we have seen, which account for our depression. It may be that Christ would teach us to distinguish between love and the emotion of love, between joy and the rapture of joy, between peace and the sense of peace. Or perhaps He may desire to ascertain whether we cling to Him for Himself or for His gifts.

Children greet their father from the window, as he turns the corner and comes down the street. He hears the rush of their feet along the hall as he inserts his key in the door. But one day he begins to question whether they greet him for the love they bear him or for the gifts with which he never forgets to fill his pockets. One day, therefore, he gives them due notice that there will be no gifts when he returns at night. Their faces fall, but when the hour of return arrives they are at the window as usual, and there is the same tramping of little feet to the door. "Ah," he says, "my children love me for myself," and he is glad.

Our Father sometimes cuts off the supply of joy, and suffers us to hunger, that He may know what is in our hearts, and whether we love Him for Himself. If we still cling to Him as Job did, He is glad, and restores comforts to His mourners with both hands.

Seek feeling, and you will miss it; be content to live without it, and you will have all you require. If you are always noticing your heart-beats, you will bring on heart disease. If you are always muffling against cold, you will become very subject to chills. If you are perpetually thinking about your health, you will induce disease. If you are always consulting your feelings, you will live in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is. He that saveth his soul shall lose it.

Be indifferent to emotion. If it is there, be thankful; if it is absent, go on doing the will of God, reckoning on Him, speaking well of Him behind His back, and, above all, giving no signs of what you are suffering, lest you be a stumbling block to others. Then joy will overtake you as a flood. He will make you sit at His table, and gird Himself to come forth and serve you.



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