



The Baptist Bulletin

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To Sabbath or Not to Sabbath?

This is a question that many Christians have asked. How do we handle the Sabbath? We studied the Lord's command for the Israelites to observe the Sabbath in our Sunday morning message from Exodus 31:12-18 on May 5th. If the Israelites broke how they were to observe the Sabbath day, they would be put to death. The Lord explained that they were to work for six days, but the seventh day of the work was holy to the Lord. They were to rest and be refreshed through intentionally being in relationship with the Lord.

Through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, we are no longer required to follow the law. He has fulfilled the requirements of the Law of the Old Testament (Matthew 5:17). We looked at this in detail in last month's newsletter article. Each law was given by the Lord to protect His people from sinning and also to provide a path for relationship with Him.

Even though we, as Christians, no longer live under the authority of the Law, it is still valuable. With this truth in mind we therefore know that the practice of a Sabbath is valuable for the life of Christian. Exodus 31:17 states that the Sabbath is a sign between the Lord and His people declaring in truth that the Lord created the heavens and the earth in six days. Then He rested on the seventh day. This was a model for the need that we have as humans.

We need to rest to be refreshed, refocused, and replenished. If we constantly go without resting we break down; mentally, physically, and spiritually. The last part is the worst one of all. When we become spiritually weak, that means we are failing in the part of us that is eternal. So, we need a Sabbath.

During Jesus' ministry, the Jewish religious leaders attempted multiple times to paint Jesus as a fraud because He and His disciples didn't follow the Sabbath in the way they wanted Him to. One of these incidents is recorded in Mark 2:23-28. They accused the disciples of breaking the Sabbath because they plucked heads of grain and ate them. By plucking the grain they were doing a work on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was no longer what the Lord intended it; about relationship with the Him, but instead was about being "good enough" to check that box of self-righteousness and then to move onto the next box.

Jesus called the religious leaders out and explained what the Sabbath was truly about. He said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). A simple explanation. The Sabbath was never to be a work that man did for God. It was to be a time in which a person rested in the Lord. To actually take time to separate from the stresses, the commitments, the phone calls, the text messages, social media, and everything else that contends for our time; and just be present with the Lord. To (continued on page 3)

Missionary of the Month ~ Spencer & Kayla Ewert

Final Phase of Orientation

We are excited to be moving into a remote location to complete our last part the New Tribes orientation program, tomorrow! This 'bush orientation' time will be around 2 months where we will continue learning the pidgin language, be immersed in remote village life, and serve the local church. At the end of our time, elders of the church will evaluate our family .

We are starting into teammate conversations with two other couples and are excited about where God is leading all three of our families. Thank you for praying for us and standing behind us! As we think back over our 8 months in PNG we are grateful of how God has led us, continually provided and protected, and is giving us assurance moving forward.



Pray for us learning language while in bush orientation.

Pray for us to walk humbly with the Lord, and that our ministry would continue to be an overflow from our relationship with God – showing people His love and loving people well.

Pray for our family during this bush orientation two months. That it would be a sweet time of growing closer as a family, that we would model a Christ centered family unit well, and that our kids would enjoy the time of making new Papua New Guinea friends.

Spencer & Kayla Ewert

Ethnos360

**God loved us enough to save us from sin's past penalty.
God loves us enough to save us from sin's present power.
God loves us enough to save us from sin's future presence.**

Josh Weidmann

Financial Report ~ ~ ~

Budget for the Year: \$172,415.00

Fiscal Year ends 2/28/25

Offerings Received for 3 months:
\$ 32,864.71

Expenditures Paid for 3 months:
\$ 41,445.32

Birthdays ~ ~ ~

June 1	Carolyn Scofield
June 2	Holly Ballmer, Rose Findlay & Helen Johnson
June 5	Titus Coleman
June 9	Mya Peterson
June 13	Jack Kniss
June 14	Kailynn Mercer
June 15	Matthew Keith
June 22	Steve Linegar
June 28	Lane Peterson

Anniversaries ~ ~ ~

June 1	Bob & Marla Fattig
June 2	Aaron & Sara Coleman
June 6	Michael & Laurie Viter
June 12	Greg & Julie Czochara
June 18	Ken & Kelli Beck
June 27	Tim & Becky Gibbons

Greeters ~ ~ ~

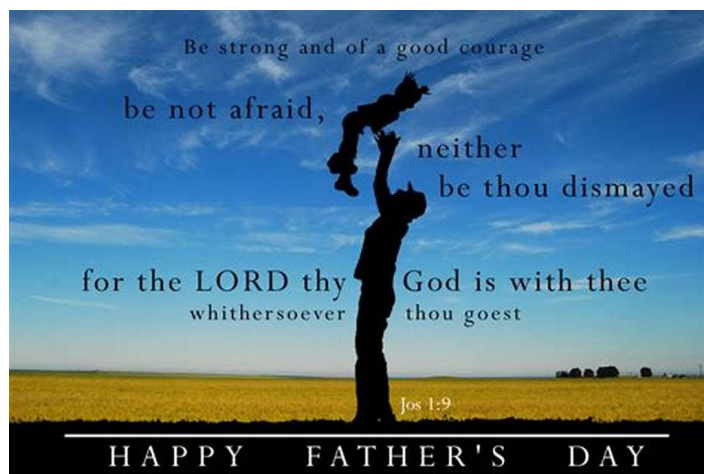
1st week	Jim Flesch / Alissa Urman
2nd week	Marsha Weeks / Joyce Sabin
3rd week	Kim Crisman / Kelli Beck
4th week	Val Parsons / Connie Sitorius

(See Marsha Weeks to volunteer)

Nursery ~ ~ ~

June 2	Kelly Peterson
June 9	Cor Peterson
June 16	Jody Nelson
June 23	Marsha Weeks
June 30	Alisa Crown

(See Kelly Peterson to volunteer)



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spend uninterrupted time in prayer and worship. This will look different for each us, but it should be a time in which we are quiet before the Lord.

We know what to do now, so when should we do it? Often. The Lord commanded His people to do this once a week. We are not under that command, but we should cling tightly to the principle of that commandment. We need time with the Lord to refresh, refocus, and replenish. It may not be a full day, but we need to take as much time as we can every week and rest in the presence of the Lord in an uninterrupted way.

Let's work on this together. Let's encourage each other to spend time with the Lord. To separate from the noise of this world. To be present with the Lord.

The Christian life is a pilgrimage from earth to heaven, and our task is to take as many as possible with us as we make this journey.

Warren Wiersbe

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

June 1	Living Light Women's Event
June 2-5	Pastor Dan Gone
June 2	Christian Ed meeting—12pm
June 10	Management Finance 7:30pm
June 10	Elder Board - 8 pm
June 16	Candidate Caleb Kinnaman
June 16	Potluck Dinner
June 17-19	VBS—6-8 pm
June 23	Special Business meeting

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

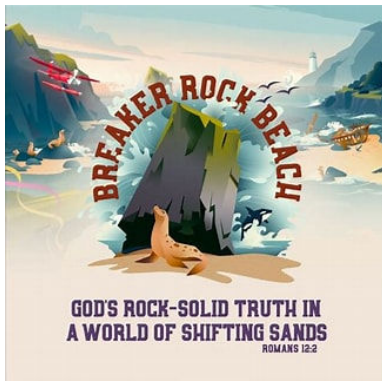
<u>Sun.</u>	Worship Service—9:45 am Sunday School—11:00 am Youth Gathering—6:00 pm
<u>Mon</u>	Ladies Bible Study—6:30 pm
<u>Wed.</u>	Men's Bible Study—6 am at Hospital
<u>Thurs</u>	Prayer meeting—5:15 pm

VBS 2024—Breaker Rock Beach

"God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sand".

Be transformed by the renewing of the mind,
Romans 12:2.

June 17-19 from 6:00-8:00 PM



Craft Need by June 9th: plastic jars & bottles with lids (mouthwash, small mayo, peanut butter, etc.) and small seashells that fit the openings of the bottles.

Pastoral Candidate Sunday

June 16th with Potluck

Caleb Kinnaman & his fiancée, Morgan, will be with us for the morning. Caleb will lead our worship playing guitar. They will both share their testimonies during Sunday School. A Potluck Dinner will follow at noon with a Q & A session.

A brief bio is available at the Welcome Center for you to review. Pray for God to reveal to them and to our church the plans he has for us and make every effort to attend & meet them.

Special Business meeting will be held on June 23rd for members to discuss and vote on calling Caleb as our Associate Pastor of Worship and Youth.