



Spend Summer With the Lord

From the Pastoral Team

"Here comes summer. School is out. Oh, happy days!" This is the title to a song that was popular during the 60's that romanticized the carefree time of summer. Nothing to do but play all day and have fun. All of us know that life is really not like that at all. All of the daily tasks are still there; however for our children, there are some aspects of the statement that are true. How do we approach these "carefree" days of summer?

In years past, in Alleluia we al-

ways started out the summer months telling everyone that you need a plan. If you're a mom, what do you plan to do with those little ones who will now be home for an additional six or eight hours? If you have teens at home, what do you plan to do to burn off that excess energy or keep those inquiring minds occupied? You can't just let things happen on their own. You need to take charge and have a positive approach to what you want to do.

be engaged in work projects, and how much time they could have for fun. It was a sliding scale based on the ages of the kids. We surely are not that directive in this, our 41st year. Nevertheless, we do feel that every parent should plan for the months of summer vacation.

We do have something new for parents that has been added just recently from the school and that is our 60-40 plan of curriculum. This is another area that parents need to consider when scheduling out their time for the summer. What is educational and can be considered as part of the new school program; e. g. trips to the library, visiting historical sites, reading books, etc.?

In those olden days of community when all of us were raising children, we even put out guidelines for parents to use in determining how much time the children should

What about those of us who fit into that category we call "empty nesters"? We can fall into the tendency that the community schedule is somewhat relaxed, and it is now time



God's Wonderful, Incredible Love and Mercy

By Sue Alzheimer

I attended the Healing & Miracle Team Meeting on Monday, June 9th having been encouraged to do so by my Older Woman and another person. My husband Steve concurred. I had decided to go over the weekend, but had forgotten until Dan Almeter called to remind me of it on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

That morning the Lord gave me a very personal word. He said, "Sue, I want to spoil you with my love and grace today." I sat and soaked up that word. I had been having very bad back problems for about three weeks and had been to two doctors, had been prescribed medications and told to rest my back with as much ice ap-

plication as I could stand. They thought it was a pinched nerve or sciatic nerve issue of some kind, but couldn't be sure. So, I was on sabbatical from work for my back, as sitting long spells in a chair just made it hurt more. Over the weekend, I had some very troubling issues with back spasms and wasn't sure what to do next. When I was reminded to go to the H&M meeting, I was pretty sure God was going to do something.

It was glorious sitting in the presence of the Lord with these brothers and sisters. Some words were shared that confirmed to me what God had said that morning in my prayer time. I started crying for the clear evidence and confirmation of His love for me. A sister came over and I think she must have thought something was wrong. As is her nature, she gave me a hug. When she gave me that hug, it felt like a huge person with incredible strength had hugged me. She is a very small person of about 80 lbs. I felt a very sharp horrible pain and felt a pop in my back and cried out. She was so shocked that she had caused me pain and immediately asked my forgiveness. I didn't know if she had damaged more in my back but immediately forgave her if she had. I sat there praying in tongues and in seconds the pain went away, and so did all the spasms and tightness in my upper back. I felt like her "hug of love" healed some portion of my back right then.

An hour or so later Mark Wilby asked if any one present needed

prayers for healing. I raised my hand. When the group gathered around me to pray, I felt an immediate sense of being ushered in on their prayers to the throne room of grace and healing and power. I saw bright lights and smoke around the throne, and I felt I was in the presence of God. I was being given a healing, and all I could do was submit myself to His mercy and receive. When my brothers and sisters finished praying for me, several started commenting on feeling a lot of heat on me. I jokingly said, "That was the light around the throne. Did you smell the smoke too?"

With all joking aside, I believe in God's wonderful, incredible love and mercy, and I believe He chose to heal me out of that love and mercy.

Thank you, God, and thank you, brothers and sisters, for your loving sacrifices and prayers for me. God will return to you abundant goodness, blessing and mercy for your faithfulness.



Sue and Steve Alzheimer

Healing Received

A note received after the Awakening the Church Conference in Virginia.

Dear Ania:

My praise and thanksgiving first to the Holy Trinity and second to the Prayer Teams of Alleluia Community.

On Saturday night of the conference I was healed of fibromyalgia. Thanks for your faith that overrode my doubt!

Thank you so very much!

Terry Hughes
New Creation Community

Spend More Time With Jesus

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to kick back and to take our ease. There used to be a saying in those early days of community, "we don't take a vacation away from Jesus."

This is why we put on our monthly calendar a personal retreat. You may have noticed that Saturday, June 14 was set aside for a retreat. What we had in mind for these days is for everyone to think about taking some personal time and spending it with our Lord. It doesn't have to be the whole day... just carve out a few hours to sit and be still before our

God. You could do this in your own home or maybe go to a special place — your church, the park, our chapel, etc. Regardless of where you choose to go, the point is to spend some time alone with God.

There is so much happening in our world today, and our life is so fast paced that we need these times to recharge ourselves and focus on the important things of our life. Summer is a time when we seemingly have more time. Let's use that time to draw closer to Jesus. Before you know it,

September will be here. Don't let the time go by without having a plan for how you want to work on the relationship you have with Jesus.

Rev.3:20 says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he will eat with Me." Jesus is there. He is waiting for you to open that door each day and invite Him into your life. This summer you have a little extra time to do this. Don't lose that opportunity to spend more time with Jesus. Jesus is all you need for your life. Seek Him with all your heart.

The End of One Season and Into Another

By Sue Alzheimer

Recently, while at a conference in Norfolk, Virginia, I realized how beautiful and full my life is. Because of our life together, so much comes out, flows around and imparts joy, friendship, support and love inside Alleluia and to those outside our community.

Sometimes we get caught up short by *the busy*. I certainly can, and I know what it takes to live out the *busy* in our lives. We can have tunnel

vision, I think. I came here in 1979, and Alleluia was growing very quickly at that time. Steve and I raised our five children in Alleluia, and we know what raising our kids here and sending them to our school costs in time and money and energy. We have witnessed marriages, deaths, births and friends leaving us. We have seen the second and third generations being called forth by God. We can give witness to the faithfulness of God through all these things. Can you?

Please, this summer, don't focus on the *busy*. Look at the glory of God in our midst. Now we are growing out of what the Holy Spirit has put into our lives together for 41 years. Everything, and I mean *everything*, is used by our loving Father to build us up, change us, make us love

The Pastoral Team consists of Elders Bob Nestor and Dan Almeter, Pastoral Coordinator Chuck Hornsby, Handmaids Carolyn Clark, Kelly Dolin and Joanne Paulos, Support Group Head Tod Densmore, and Full Covenant members Kevin King and Vanessa Milligan. Their mission is to develop the monthly teaching themes for the prayer meetings, men's and women's meetings and retreats and the Alleluia Dove Newsletter to aid community members in living out their call to growth in holiness in covenant, charismatic, Christian and multi-denominational community.

deeper and draw closer to Him and others, evangelize souls, and probably most importantly, help us die to self so we can live for and with HIM!

Seasons come and go but we must be Alleluia in season and out. For the sake of His name, let us be *busy* doing His work when the Master comes back.

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2014 Activities Schedule

The following information is provided to help you plan to celebrate with us.

ACTIVITY	PLACE	TIME
Thursday – July 3		
1. Patriotic Prayer Meeting	Center Circle	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
2. Family Ice Cream Social	Center Circle	Immediately following the Prayer Meeting
Friday – July 4		
1. Games, Water Park, Concessions For Children of All Ages	Center Circle	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
2. Family Picnic	Center Circle	6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
3. Entertainment	Center Circle	7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
4. Ultra Volleyball Games	Center Circle	After “Take Down” – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday – July 5		
1. Lazy, Hazy, Casual Family Day at Lake Planned activities Air-conditioned shelter, 2 outdoor shelters, swimming area, paddle boards, kayaks, board games, etc.	Mistletoe State Park	9:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

(More information coming soon)