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"Worship * Grow * Send"

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Summer is decidedly my favorite season of the year.

Each season has its perks:

*Fall: College Football, reasonable weather.

*Winter: Snow (sledding and skiing) and fires in the fireplace.

*Spring: the end of the bitter cold (the kids can finally go outside and burn energy instead of tearing up the house).

But summer is especially distinct and special for my family. It is a time of physical, mental, and emotional renewal and rejuvenation. As a teacher, my wife is on her summer break and the pace of all our family's life seems to slow down a bit from its typical frantic pace that seems to leave us frazzled and tired.

It's the summer that affords us time to get away from the routine and take a vacation (or even a "stay-cation," ie, visiting the mother in law's pool every day).

While summer has the potential to revive the body and mind, it also has the potential to bring spiritual renewal because of the time-margin and energy rejuvenation a lesser intense schedule can bring.

I contend that most of us want to grow closer to God, but we don't often find the necessary time it takes to cultivate a rich spiritual life because we're too busy and tired. In fact,

according to James Bryan Smith, author of "The Good and Beautiful God," *the number one enemy to spiritual formation is exhaustion.*

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I was reading in 2 Chronicles 29-32 about a king named Hezekiah who brought about great spiritual reformation and sweeping revival to the nation of Judah.

Previous to Hezekiah, Judah experienced a mediocre (at best) and downright pagan (at worst) spiritual culture. Some kings worshipped other gods and generally ignored the "God who brought them out of Egypt."

My Life Application Bible notes provides a good summary of the sweeping reforms and renewal that were made:

- 1) He remembered God's compassion (30:9)
- 2) He kept pursuing spiritual renewal even when people ridiculed him (30:10)
- 3) He aggressively removed evil influences from his life (30:1, 31:1)
- 4) He interceded (prayed) for people, asking for the Lord's pardon (30:15-20)
- 5) He was open to spontaneity in worship (30:23) (the worship and celebration was so good for seven days, that he extended it another seven days!)
- 6) He contributed generously to God's work

There was great revival in the land because of Hezekiah.

I contend that the reason Hezekiah was able to make these changes in his life and in the life of the nation of Judah (apart from the grace of God) was because he had the time, the emotional,

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the physical, and the energy-related margin in his life that was necessary for him to accomplish anything significant.

2 Chronicles 29:1-3 says "In the first month of the first year of his reign, he opened the doors of the temple of the Lord and repaired them." Before the work of the Kingdom began to overwhelm him and the daily grind of living began to wear him down, Hezekiah was afforded the necessary margin of energy and focus to do the great spiritual work that God desired for him to do.

This principle is true with you: spiritual formation (or reformation) will most likely happen when you are fresh, energetic, and rested. *The number one enemy to spiritual formation is exhaustion.*
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The time afforded to you this summer (or whenever your less-stressful time of life is) is invaluable to strengthen and catalyze your walk with God. I want to encourage you to take advantage of your less busy seasons of life and consider the potential that those times might have at cultivating a rich, spiritual life.

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There are several important dates on KingsWay’s calendar that I want you to be aware of:

***August 7:** Food walk to support the South Lebanon Food pantry. The pantry serves approximately 131 families a month and have 28 families on a waiting list because food supplies are consistently low. This is a great way for our church to get out in the community and engage the community in serving each-other. We will also serve the community by offering to pray for homeowners and will give them a prayer request magnet (see picture) that they



can hang on their fridge if they want to ask for prayer at a later date.

***August 8:** The first day of our backpack and school supplies giveaway! Thanks to everyone who has donated school supplies! The giveaway will happen at South Lebanon Elementary School (where we meet)

from 11:00am-Noon and will serve those who have registered. PS. If you still want to donate school supplies, bring them to KingsWay by August 1st!

***August 15:** The second day of our backpack and school supplies giveaway.

***August 20:** Movie night in the park



(Planet 51). We are partnering with Deerfield Township in providing snacks

and refreshments for a family movie night at Landen-Deerfield Park (They are providing the movie, we are providing the snacks). We'll need several people to hand out bottled water and to pop some popcorn that night! We'd love to have all of our families out that night to watch the movie (Some families might want to serve popcorn, others may just want to come and enjoy the movie!). Wear your KingsWay t-shirts!

September 19: Our fall kick-off at Kingsway. We're going to introduce a brand new message series (that might be a bit controversial and thought-provoking) and we'll invite the community through direct mail. This would be a great day to invite your friends to church.

September 30-October 3: Big Creek Missions Trip (Appalachia). A group of us will be headed down to Bear Branch Kentucky for a weekend mission trip—the perfect opportunity for people not able to take an entire week’s vacation like our trip to Biloxi, MS. While exact ministry opportunities will be made known closer to our date of departure, possible work might include assisting low-income residents with construction needs, (Deck building, installing windows, weatherization, etc) providing assistance to various local ministries like clothing centers, food distribution or community service centers or Providing love and simple visits to provide prayer, hope and encouragement to local nursing homes and adult care centers.

I challenge you to choose one, two, three or more of these events to take part in as we strive to **Worship** God, **Grow** in our faith and are **Sent** to love and serve others.

Adam

Prayer Morning
Saturday, August 14
10:00 AM

Adam’s recent sermon series has been centered around David, a man after God’s own heart. In response, Ann Kelly is hosting an all church *Prayer Morning* at her farm, 2394 Columbia Road, Lebanon, on Saturday, August 14th. We want to seek God’s heart for KingsWay’s future. Please join us Saturday, August 14th!

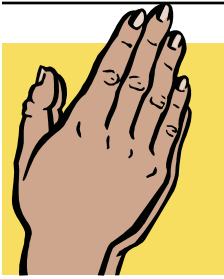
Biloxi Mission Trip





Becky's Shower July 10, 2010





Pray With Us...

Health: Juanita Ansteatt, Debbie Hughes, Jeff & Becky Gardner, Candice Spring-Kaiser, Jerry Miller, Diana Welchons, Bonnie Nitzsche, Cathy Ball, Sister Mary Grace Burg, Pat Edwards, Katie & Marilyn Eppert, Dan & Kenny Evans, Dave & David Grubb, Steve Hall, Becky Haun, Garry Haun, Scott & Sharon Huston, Maryanne Miller, Carey Pierson, Sandy Pugh, Mary Schutte, Terry Thuney.

Other: Adam & Tonya Metzger, Erik Nystrom, 2010 Church Council, Prayer Team, our volunteers, our nation and Military Personnel,

Answers: Outreach events, Biloxi Mission Team, South Lebanon Elementary School, 2010 Council, New attendees, the Metzger family, the Rahmes family, Outreach Team, willing volunteers, unity in Spirit, and God's abundant opportunities for KingsWay and His miraculous financial blessings for the ministry.

Did You Know?

Did you know on August 18th, a KingsWay elf will deliver "Teachers and Custodian Treats" to our wonderful staff at South Lebanon Elementary School! Coolers filled with soft drinks and water along with baskets of snacks and treats will hopefully brighten their day and allow them to know that the Lord loves them, and so do we!!

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Happy Birthday!

August 4 - Dan Emerson

August 11 - Isabella Emerson

August 11 - Lilianna Emerson

August 15 - Brady Evans

August 16 - Caleb Emerson

August 18 - Addison Rahmes

August 26 - Ken Kelly

Do you see your birthday listed? If you're having a birthday this month, please let us know so we can update our list.



KingsWay Swim Party Sunday, August 29th

Sharon Click is hosting an all church swim party and luncheon on Sunday, August 29th. After the morning Worship Service, we'll reconvene at her home, 6444 Liberty Fairfield Rd. for a carry in luncheon, swimming, games and great fellowship. Look for the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.



Appalachian Mission Trip September 30—October 3



Another contingency of KingsWay missionaries will travel to Big Creek Ministries in Eastern Kentucky in the fall. At the latest count, 10 people have responded and said "yes" to being sent. They will choose between construction projects, children's ministry, nursing home visits and kitchen duties during the first weekend in October. Spots are still available. Call the church office or email marlene@mykingsway.net to reserve your place on the team.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Guest Speaker Dennis Evans School Supply Deadline	2	3 Evans' Growth Group 6:30 PM	4	5	6	7 Food Walk 1:00 PM
8 Guest Speaker: Justin Rahmes Back Pack GiveAway	9	10	11	12	13	14 Prayer Morning 10:00 AM
15 Back Pack GiveAway	16	17 Evans' Growth Group 6:30 PM	18	19 Council Meeting 6:30 PM	20 Movie Night In The Park	21
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29 All Church Swim Party and Luncheon	30	31				

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