

# Pastor's Corner

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June 2013 – Rev. Eric Lane

Greetings,

By the time you receive this newsletter, the family and I will be off on vacation. We all need to get away for a while and rekindle our relationships with family. Beth and I have been planning this trip for some time, and we are grateful for this opportunity. Life passes way too fast, and before we know it, the children are grown and we wish that we had spent more time together.

The same can happen with our spiritual life. Too often we become so busy and pre-occupied with life's activities that we fail to live. We focus on those things that we believe will bring us happiness and satisfaction, but often the reality is that they only lead to discontentment, stress, and worry. Later, we reflect back, and wish that we had been more involved and focused more on the things that are truly important.

What we need is a vacation from the world and the world's pressure and stress. But where do we go, and where do we turn? Jesus says, "Come to me ALL who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." Now that is the vacation that we all need; one where we can cast aside our burdens and worries, and find peace and rest.

That ship sails every Sunday. The one place that we can go and put all our worries, cares and concerns behind us, and freely worship and praise God is the church. I encourage you to give it a try; not just once, but try for a period of time, and get involved. There is much to do, and many ways to become active. Unlike the vacation that our family is taking, this vacation is free and the benefits are endless.

We may not be able to completely escape the world and the pressures and stress that it brings to our lives; but we can escape for a short time each week and go on a vacation with God. I can promise you that, if you decide to take the trip, your life will begin to change. You will find the strength to make it through the week, and you will begin to look forward to your next vacation which starts every Sunday morning.

I hope that you and your family will take time this summer to get away as a family, and just enjoy being together. I also hope that you will take advantage of our church services to escape from the world and spend time with God each and every week. I see this as a time of preparation for when we will be praising God for eternity.

Blessings, and see you soon,

Rev. Eric Lane

