

The Tanner St Church of Christ meets each Lord's Day beginning with Bible classes at **9:30 AM**. We continue with our worship at **10:20 AM** and again at **5:00 PM**. We also meet each Wednesday evening at **7:00 PM** for Bible study and worship. Our meeting place is located about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from I30 at 1512 Tanner St in Malvern, AR.

If you have questions about what we believe and teach, please visit our website, tannerst.com to listen to sermons or read past articles from our bulletin. Or you can contact us and we will be glad to find a convenient time to study with you.

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Consider: **1Peter 3:20-21** **Needed News**

Joyce Venable has been doing better this past week. **Dolline Fain** is not able to get around very well. **Kimber Gray** had some test done at Children's this past week.

Conrad Harris continues to have mobility issues and is still taking cancer treatments. **Judy Robinson** (Venable's daughter-in-law) continues cancer treatments also.

The **Keislars & Thelma Echols** will be returning from their trip to Alaska this week. This is the time of year for travel so keep travelers in your thoughts and prayers. If you will be gone, make sure your responsibilities will be covered in your absence.

As always, talk to these families to see if any help is needed. Pray for God's will in all things.

The men need to make sure they are prepared to meet after services next Sunday evening (June 7). Let us each step up and do everything we can do in service to our Lord and God's Children at this location.

Seeking His Righteousness

"...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.." Matthew 6:33

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I Want To Get Away

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Though the lunar cycle and science tell us there is still almost a month of spring left, we all know that Memorial Day is the recognized beginning of the Summer season. In days past it was a notice that school was out and the time for summertime activities had arrived. Now it is a welcome reminder that school will be over very soon. Certainly Memorial Day means much more than the beginning of summer. It is a time to look back and remember those who sacrificed their very lives for our freedom. On this designated day we, as a nation, should take some time to think about such sacrifices. But this is not the venue for expounding upon such things. The focus of this writer is on eternity, not our nation's past.

Even though most of us have responsibilities at our places of employment all year long, summertime is traditionally the time to take a break. Whether we take a few days off for a long weekend or multiple weeks so that we can get away from it all, each of us seem to look forward to the opportunities summer provides. Maybe it goes back to our farming roots. Maybe it is because summertime was when we got the crops settled in and ready for growth and there were a few weeks of waiting before the harvest was ready. Maybe it is because of the average school calendar in our

nation that allows about two months for play and relaxation before entering into the rigors of study for the next set of tests. Whatever the reason, we all seem to look forward to summer and the opportunity to get away.

Be careful though. There are some things that must always be close to us. As those who have chosen to "lose our lives" for Christ, we can never leave God behind. God expects each of His children to remain close to Him at all times. God has promised "never to leave or forsake" those who put their trust in His Word. With this in mind, consider a few things with me.

Is God with you when you plan your summer outings?

When deciding where to travel on that summer vacation we ought to consider what God thinks about our plans. There are some very attractive destinations in our own country and across the world. Nature's beauty is evident in our parks and forests. Entertainment can be found at any number of theme parks. Water seems to be a very popular destination for summertime travels. Lakes, rivers, oceans, water parks, and their associated beaches seem to attract millions each year. One question for the Christian might be, "Will such a destination shine a light on my service to God or will it shine a light on my worldly desires?" Another, "Will I be in danger of enticement or desires leading to lust, or will this destination bring me closer to the Creator?"

When deciding how long you will be "away from it all" each Christian should keep in mind the obligations service to God entails. Opportunity to worship with those of like precious faith can be limited by lack of local congregations in many areas of this country, and this is even more true in

other areas of the world. Where will you be when it comes time to remember the sacrifice of our Savior with your brethren? Will you be able to "come together" to fellowship in this remembrance? Will your mode of travel allow for such fellowship with brethren?

When packing for your summer excursions we also need to keep God close in our thoughts. Sometimes when we think about getting away from it all we also look forward to getting away from the eyes of those who know us, and our weaknesses. If your suitcase was searched, would they find things that you would not want your brethren to know you wore? Would your Bible look out of place beside your vacation attire? Would it seem to the one looking into your bag that you loved God or the pleasures of the world?

No matter where you go, there God is! We might be able to find time to get away from our job for a short time, but God is always near. Once you decided to follow Jesus, you decided that He would always be with you. When Jesus said "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" he made no exception for vacations.

While Memorial day is especially for the remembering of those who died for our freedoms, we understand that we should remember such sacrifice always. The same is true, yet much more important, regarding our Lord and Savior. It is not sufficient to keep Him in mind on Sunday, we must keep Him in our mind, and in our plans, everyday and always. Since He will never leave or forsake me, I ought to ensure that I do everything possible to keep myself near Him always. Make sure your focus is always on God and His Son and when your work here is finished you can rejoice with them for all eternity in Heaven. DLH