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Confidence to Enter His Rest

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Have you ever planned some type of vacation before? What was your motivation for going? Perhaps you just needed to get away; to have some rest and relaxation from the toils of everyday life. As the day to go away drew nearer, did you become filled with a sense of joyful anticipation? By the time the day to leave was upon you, couldn't you already see yourself at your destination spot? Whether you were going to a beach somewhere in the Caribbean, or out on a boat fishing in the middle of a lake, or just to a nice quiet place in the country, in the days preceding your departure all you could think about is getting to your destination.

I'm sure that most of us would say that when we left for our vacation we never once doubted if we would arrive at our destination. Regardless of how we were getting there – by bus, train, car, boat, or airplane – or how long it was going to take – from a couple of hours to a couple of days – we were extremely confident that we would get there! Although we may realize that it is possible for our plane to be delayed, or our luggage lost, or that we may end up in some really bad traffic, these things do not deter us from going on our trip. These situations may discourage us, but usually they won't stop us from continuing our trip. In fact, we may be even more resolved to reach our destination despite the various obstacles and so we persevere through them, knowing that our vacation will be worth it and the enjoyment we'll experience will make us forget all about the trouble it took to finally get there!

In the same way, brothers and sisters, when we were baptized into Christ we set out on our way to the greatest vacation spot ever – Heaven! How awesome it is to know that our trip has already been paid in full by the blood of the Lamb! (1Pt 1:18-19) Our reservations are non-refundable and have been guaranteed by the Holy Spirit with whom we have been sealed. (Eph 1:13-14) With everyday that goes by, we come closer and closer to our destination: our final resting place with the Heavenly Father and Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Doesn't that fill you with an incredible excitement and give you an anticipation of joy unlike anything the world can offer?

In the same way that you don't give up on your vacation because of delays at the airport or traffic, so also brothers and sisters we have to persevere through all the obstacles that might come on our journey. In this world we may go through all kinds of troubles, trials, and hardships, and the only way we are going to make it through is if we focus on where we are going – the beautiful and lovely Paradise Valley! We must also "Fix [our] eyes on Jesus who for the joy set before him endured the cross.....Consider him.....so that [we] will not grow weary or lose heart." (Heb 12:2-3)

Remember this, brothers and sisters: just as no one rests until they are on vacation, we too cannot look to rest while we are in this world. We are here to give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord. If we are obedient to our Father in Heaven and submit ourselves to His will and not ours, then we will have confidence to enter His wonderful rest!

Heb 4: 9-10 – “There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us therefore, make every effort to enter that rest...”

“Speaking about what we have seen and heard...” *Mark 5:19* *Family Matters*

A New Beginning

by Ladi Davies

“...and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.”

1 Thess 3:12

Well it’s that time of year again; quiet campus, heads down, much studying. Yes, finals time! This is the period when the Campus year comes to some sort of conclusion. Even though we will be continuing our Bible Classes and attempting more outreach activities during the summer period, for the most part the increasingly international student body disperses and a certain void seems to prevail.

It has been a good year of growth for our students. A year filled with deeper bonds, effective Life Talks sessions, campus fellowship events, the new Thursday evening Bible class on 1John (which seemed to eclipse the noted Life Talks discussions in attendance), and our annual retreat. This year certainly posed some challenges due to the smaller crop now present on campus. Over the past few years we’ve been blessed in that many of our students have moved on to the working field, but this also changes the dynamic of the ministry. However, God gave us a New Beginning this year, and His work was evident in the campus ministries!

A couple of our students will again be leaving us to join the workplace. In their own way, each have been a blessing and joy to work within the Ministry: JacqIn Odle, Wenyla Williams along with Candace Payne, who will be completing her Masters program in August. We truly wish them all the blessings, peace and joy of the Lord in His blessed new venture for their lives!

Finally, this year has seen some of my responsibilities transition to Jeff Jones, who has done an outstanding job: leading the Life Talks bible discussions, assisting with me with Campus fellowships events, mentoring the new disciples, song leading – the list goes on! Please pray that God may continue to help him along with the others on-campus to increasingly reflect Jesus, and bring in *zealous* young men/women who can faithfully assist in growing our Lord’s ministry. May our great Lord continue to be glorified in His people and may His great love continue to be made known to countless more in our generation! God bless you all.

“The Lord added to their number...” *Acts 2:47* *Baptisms*

DATE	NAME	TOWN
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5/16/09.....	Abraham Bioachie	Stony Brook, NY
4/23/09.....	Joanne Rodriguez.....	Briarwood, NY
4/12/09.....	Tyrone Gilberth	Queens Village, NY
3/8/09.....	Nicole Malcom.....	Baldwin, NY

“They first gave themselves to the Lord...” *2 Corinthians 8:5*

Weekly Budget: \$ 9,000		
DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
5/3/2009	290	\$9,201
5/10/2009	299	\$6,211
5/17/2009	267	\$11,429
5/24/2009	228	\$6,308
5/31/2009	287	\$7,748

Sing Through Life

Phil 4:4 says **Rejoice in the Lord always and I say it again, Rejoice.**

This world needs a witness of a people who are joyful no matter what life brings; people who sing through life and are thankful in all circumstances. We are the ones that God has called to bear this testimony, because we have so much to sing about.

For starters, this world is not our home. We're simply just passing through. Whatever challenges we face are only temporary. We are not stuck here. We're on our way home! Jesus says that we should **rejoice...because our names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20)**. We will one day live with Him in glory! He has given us the full assurance that when we close our eyes in death, we will open our eyes to see Him face to face! Wow! Isn't this reason to sing? I've made a commitment to talk more about Heaven with my children and in my conversations in general. I want it more on my heart and on my lips. I encourage you to do the same, if you don't already. Let's not be so earthbound. Heaven is real and we know we're going there.

Also, look for the blessings in each day. **Lam 3:22-23** says that **His compassions never fail. They are new every morning.** Each day is filled with brand new goodness from God. Let's not take that for granted. When I open my eyes in the morning, I thank God for the blessing of a new beginning, a new day. As I spend the day with my boys, I no longer get overwhelmed at the task of training and caring for them. Instead, I thank God for allowing me to be here to care for and teach them. As I make dinner, I no longer whine about how mundane the tasks of the household are. Now, I thank God that we have enough food to eat and to share with others. Let's be more intentional about seeing God's handprints and blessings in our day. It will make our hearts sing songs of praise.

There is also joy in service. If you're not doing so already, *do everything to make your life a blessing to others.* Be there for those that are going through trials that you can relate to. Let them know that this too shall pass. Pray with them and for them. If you can't relate to what they are going through, call them anyway! Let them know that you love them and are praying for them. If you're crafty, make a card of encouragement for someone. If you know how to cook, make a dish for a new Mom or a physically ill sister. If you're good with kids, volunteer to babysit to give Mom and Dad a date night together. If you notice a sister that sits by herself at services, go and sit next to her and get to know her. Open your life and home to her. Let's look to be there for one another. I find that the more I look to serve, the more encouraged I am. I used to be someone that got overwhelmed easily – my husband can attest to that! However, now I realize that the more I give of my time to serve or use my talents to encourage others, the more productive and encouraged I am in my own walk. The scripture is right! **He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed! Pr 11:25.**

As we sing through life, the world can't help but notice a God who loves and is near to His children. One of the ladies in my library play group asked me how I'm able to be so stress-free in caring for two little boys all day long. It was a great opportunity for me to tell her about God and how He refreshes me through His word, prayers, and the love of the saints. I got a chance make God look good and I believe it's because I'm learning to sing through life. Our God is so good to us and He is so worthy to be the song of our hearts.

There is joy in living only for God's purpose. **Psalm 89:15-16** says **blessed are those...who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long.** When we live only to be in God's presence, when God's agenda is our agenda, He will fill our hearts with songs of praise. Our joy will not be based on our temporary circumstances, but on the goodness, the bigness and the nearness of the God we serve.

“For the building up of the Body...”

Ephesians 4:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 📖 **Bible Class:** We will not meet for Wednesday night Bible class on June 17th (Long Island and City).
- 📖 **Devotional Services:** June 12th and 26nd at 8:00 PM. Please come early to fellowship and encourage one another.
- 📖 **Harvest Saturdays:** June 13th, 20th, and 27th. Please see our brothers Rob Young, Victor Quaye, and Ladi Davies for more information.
- 📖 **LICOC BBQ:** Mark your calendars! The LICOC Church BBQ will be Saturday, July 18th (Rain Date: July 25th) at Belmont Lake State Park from 11:00AM - 5:00PM. Lunch will be served from 11:30AM - 1:00PM.
- 📖 **Video Library:** If you have any items taken out from the video library, please make sure they are signed out or return them if you're done with them. Please see Rob Dixon in the back foyer Sunday after services for more information.
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 We are now reserving the front two rows for people who wish to be prayed with, during the song of invitation. Please try to find seating elsewhere. Thank you!
- 📖 All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- 📖 Address/telephone changes can be e-mailed to directory@licoc.org.
- 📖 **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

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- ✝ Apologetics Press.....International
- ✝ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✝ Ron Clayton.....India
- ✝ Oswaldo Sanchez.....El Salvador, Central America
- ✝ Doug & Lucy McDougle.....Ukraine, Russia

“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”

1 Thessalonians 1:8

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert(347) 732-2101
Individual House Churches

Spanish Ministry.....(Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Charlie Gómez.....(631) 772-2889
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Willie Tolison, and Bill Oden. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

We Care Campaign Itinerary

2009	Location
Aug 23 - Sept 6	Chattanooga, TN
Sept 16 - Sept 27	Chattanooga, TN
Nov 8 - Nov 22	Whitney, TX