



SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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Taking a Vacation: Vacating the Premises Tim Dooley

Vacations are important times in all of our lives. They allow us to get away from the daily grind of our busy lives and spend some much needed time in rest, relaxation, and recreation. Whether it is time spent with family, enjoying some new adventure or activity, or just staying home and recuperating from life's toil and tear; it is an absolute necessity. Even Jesus took time off to rest and reenergize.

That being said, a vacation from the weekly wrangling of life doesn't justify a vacation from daily Christian service and devotion. Many clock out of work to leave for vacation and also vacate the household of Christ. After a long winter and spring in which I completed five full-time college classes in addition to all the other responsibilities I have, and a week at camp with fifty-eight teenagers, I need to get away. However, I want to share with you some of the things in which I will not be taking a vacation from:

I will not be taking a vacation from daily Bible study. I will be spending time each day searching the scriptures (Acts 17:11). I will be studying the Word of the Lord in order to better understand His will for me in my life.

I will not be taking a vacation from daily prayer. Jesus spent most all of His restful time in prayer with the Father. Daniel and David made it a habit (Daniel 6:10; Psalm 55:17). I need to remember that praying without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) includes while I am on vacation.

I will not be taking a vacation from assembling with the saints. I want to worship God and deem it a great privilege to do so. I will be in Bible Study and worship with fellow Christians Sunday and Wednesday because I need to be with my spiritual family for edification through fellowship.

I will not be taking a vacation from creating opportunities to share the gospel of Christ with others. As Christians we are to be seeking to share the gospel with all that will listen, both with our words and our actions (Matthew 28:19; 1 Timothy 4:16).

I will not be taking a vacation from encouraging others (1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14).

I will not be taking a vacation from helping someone in need (Galatians 6:10).

I will not be taking a vacation from the physical, mental, and spiritual responsibility I have toward my family.

In short, I will not be taking a vacation from loving my God. I will put Him first in my life every day (Matthew 6:33). I will not be vacating the premises of the household of Christ.

Food Committee July - August- September

Chairwomen: Linda Morris, Faye Venable

Helpers: Dorisa Joyner, Janet Taylor, Brooxie Carnal,
Carol Crouse, Lana Ghimpu, Panda Green, Lisa Thompson,
Doris Crow, Shelia Greer, Sharon Turner

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Freddie Callis,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Jerry Crabb, Karen Chance,
Mary Lewis, Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - Marion Thomas Speaking

PM - Ron Clouse Speaking

Happenings

South Jackson

July 18-25

Ray will be on Vacation
AM Speaker - Marion Thomas
PM Speaker - Ron Couse

July 27

Men's Business Meeting
Following AM Services

Cards to Send

Roberta Donaldson
123 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Sammy & Shirley Puckett
144 Shadow Creek Lane
Medina, TN 38355

Weekly Record

6 AM	0
Bible Class	38/13
AM Worship	70/26
PM Worship	44/18
Wed Bible Study	47/11
Contribution	4474
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

July 20 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Marion Thomas

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

July 27 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Smith, M. Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer:

Jeff Dove

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Eddie Anderson

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Ron Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ronald Clouse

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Greg Long

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Mike Wages

July 23 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Marion Thomas

July 30 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM