

Summer Sabbath Resources for Adults

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Our Highest and Best!

Bible Text: Please read Philippians 1:3-11 aloud from your favorite translation.

Devotional Thought

The first week in June the church where I grew up celebrates 107 years of ministry. We closed the church about 45 years ago because of changing demographics, yet we still get together. My memories are full of joy because of how this family of faith prayed for me and nurtured me. There is no doubt in my mind that I would not be the person I am if not for those people.

Paul had wonderful memories of the church in Philippi. Paul knew they consistently held him in their hearts and shared in God's grace with him and others. He was confident that God would continue and complete His work through the people in Philippi. What a blessing to encourage others and fulfill God's purpose this way! With each relationship, we have two opportunities. First we can create an impression

of the gospel by how we live each day. Second we can create an impression of God. O, that with each encounter we would create a memory that is joyful because of the way we shared God's grace. As we mirror Jesus to others, may they clearly see our relationship with Him. May they see that we have fully embraced His love. May their memories of our times together be filled with a recognition of Christ's guidance in our lives as we lead them to experience His grace.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Do those who live and work closest to me see God's pure love in how I relate to them?

Consider the people you encounter who live on the outskirts of your life.

What impression do they have of God because they have "bumped into" you (the grocery clerk; others driving in your way; some who are rude to you; a teacher who

has been hard on your child)?

What needs improving in our life so that God can complete the good work He began in you?

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

O God, may my love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help me determine what is the highest and best service I can offer.



An Invitation to Become Involved

Life is full of people who irritate or annoy us. Most of the time it is because of something going on in their lives. It would be good to identify at least three people a week to whom we can go out of our way to show God's love and grace. Then we will be living our highest and best.

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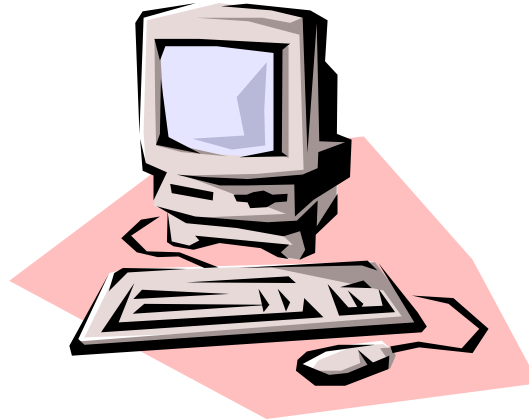
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First Baptist Church of Christ

Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

We're on the Web!

example.com



Organization

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

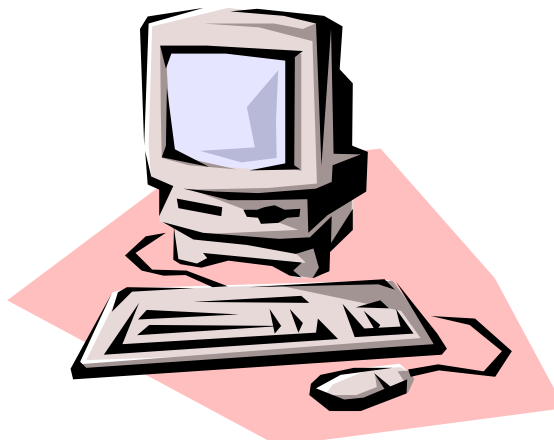
If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your

readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind

readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.