

Summer Sabbath Resources for Adults

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Work Out Your Own Salvation!

Bible Text: Please read Philippians 2:12-24 aloud from your favorite translation.

Devotional Thought

When I first saw the words "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," I thought, "Whoa, Jesus, You worked that out for me. What is this now? Your grace was *conditional*?!" I did not finish reading verse 13 before I had moved on to 14, all ready to murmur and argue. It seems that my running inner conversation with

God was to argue, then beg forgiveness, praying for His help to drive my will in a way that would honor Him. It was fear. I was afraid of being a backslider. Have you heard about them? I don't remember a time that I didn't believe I was saved, but I have had a horrible time bowing to temptations, of not completely putting my trust in God. It is that mistrust of

myself for which I seek God's help, looking to Him as my daily - no hourly - constant, that I am able to walk and work with joy, to pray that I, as a Christian, can show His light to the world.



Questions for Reflection and Discussion

- How can we be "saved" but not trust that we will work for God's good pleasure always?
- There are many people in the Bible who argued with God.

- Did it work out for any of them?
- Paul wants us to be glad and rejoice with him. He is sending Timothy so that he will send news back of the Philippians' good works in the name of Jesus, not their own selfish interests. Do you agree that serving God through serving others is our work? If so, what work does He drive you to do?

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray for self understanding, recognizing that it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Choose a prayer partner who will help you see the murmuring and arguing that you do without even thinking of it.

An Invitation to Become Involved

You can be of service by praying that we have continual leadership for the children of our church in GA's and RA's. If you feel moved to service or to help with our children, please call! A service opportunity is a mission opportunity.



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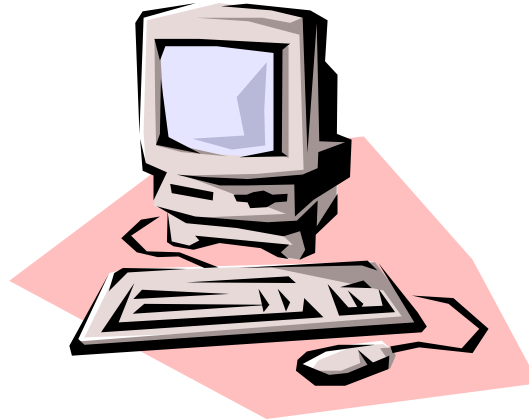
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First Baptist Church of Christ

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.

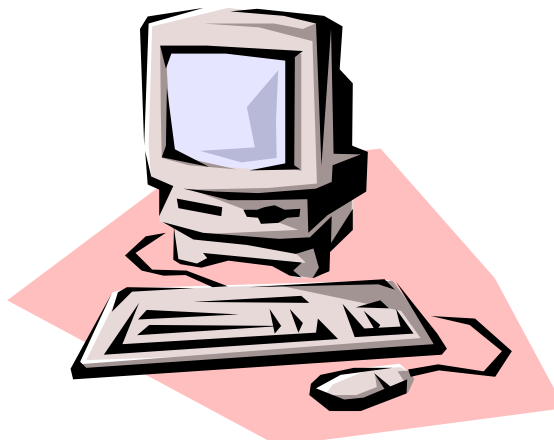
If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your

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.