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Break Time is Over

by Zac George

I come from a long line of hard workers. In fact, growing up I was not thought of as a hard worker because it was impossible to keep up with my family. Then I married a hard worker and the struggle continues. But, I like to take breaks. I love a vacation, I love to have fun for fun's sake, and I love to play hooky whenever I get the chance. I know that isn't looked highly upon by a lot of people, but I have learned there's a time for everything, and working yourself to death is not a value of mine. Taking a break is important.

It seems to me that over the last year or so, a lot of us have been on a break from church. We spent about 4 months in 2020 not even meeting, and we still see some effects of that. Bible classes ended, church programs fell away, volunteerism everywhere is down, and especially here at West Side. A lot of us were burned out from church activities. Having to teach classes, or work in the nursery, working in KFC or children's ministry. The system burned us out, then we got a break and realized how much we needed it.

I am sure you are all aware of the Newtonian principle, "a body at rest, remains at rest." Sure, this is a physics principle, but I believe that this is what a lot of churches, including West Side have experienced. We've been at rest. We hit the pause button and are having trouble getting in motion again.

Christianity is not a consumer sport. It's not something meant to be observed, or watched, and it's not something that can be done sitting down. I think a lot of us enjoyed the break we got. I also believe that church systems need to be changed in order to prevent our volunteers from burning out.

But Church, a lot of us are still at rest. While I believe breaks are good. Break time is over!

It's time to get involved again. It's time to get our hands dirty, to teach a class, to work in the nursery, to lead a prayer, to volunteer with the youth group, to see what's going on in Celebrate Recovery, to start something new. Not just at church, but a lot of us have been taking breaks with our spiritual lives. We don't pray like we should, we aren't in the word at all, we are not sharing our faith, we aren't discipling or being disciplined. We come to church for an hour, check the box, and get on with our lives, and this creates a shallow, consumer based faith that is not who we are called to be.

West Side, I encourage you to get back in the game. To not just make time in your life for God, but to dedicate your entire lives to Him and His mission. Make sacrifices; take a look at your life and see what needs to go. Cover it in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you. Ask God to lead you and you can't even imagine where He will take you.

May God continue to bless this congregation and the work you do for His glory.

Zac George

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Hello my West Side Family!

This past week has been of "thankfulness" in almost every home in this country. And the tradition has been that one day long ago, a group of people, a group of migrants, gave thanks to the Lord, for the good that they had received. Being away from their land, looking for a better life not only for them but for their offspring as future generations. Those who came from afar, found themselves in a big need, and a big uncertainty about their future. But it was that moment in time, that they understood being thankful for what and how God had provided for them. They started a journey full of peril and impossibilities, uncertainty and unknown, but with determination, hope and persistence to achieve the goal of settling themselves as a group of people that will reach for the better, for the freedom and for preserving lives. Pilgrims, they were pilgrims in transition and for just a little while,. Spiritually, we are somehow in the same boat. All of us came to this point in life, from different backgrounds; different cultures and different life in the past. But now, we have found a "new world" full of hope, expectations and promises for a better future! We have found the Way, the Life, the truth, the salvation, the family, the blessings and the eternity! Are we feeling thankfulness? Is gratitude in our hearts? Are we happy to be part of that place? New life and new family? My hope is that all of us can show to the Lord our heart full of gratitude for how much love He has given to us until this day. Let's be thankful everyday that the Lord has made! Blessings my West Side Family.

Gathering Times

Sunday Morning 10 Am Worship
& Kids for Christ
ages 1yr-5th grade

In- Person Adult/Teen Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:30pm - Room 3 & Cornerstone

Friendship Cafe and Conversational Christianity
Sunday Mornings at 8:45

In- person Adult Bible Study
Sunday Mornings at 9am

West Side News

Info for Sunday December 5th

9am Bible Classes for all ages will begin

Sunday December 5th!!

Friendship Cafe will reopen at 8:45!

KFC will return during worship for ages 1yr - 3rd grade!

Cookbooks for those who ordered will be available to pick up in
the foyer immediately following worship!!

Camp Caudle Christmas!! Saturday Dec. 4th

This is a fundraising event for Camp, so there is a cost per child coming to participate - \$15 for the first child, \$10 more for a second child, and register three for \$30!

We are also still looking for volunteers to help out with this event - if you have helped in the past, or are interested in coming out to help, please let Marcus McCormick or Cindy Jones know. Send Facebook message, or text at (512)-296-7567, or an email at marcus@campcaudle.org

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Week of: 11-14-2021

Weekly Giving: \$ 11,335

Attendance

Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820

Sunday AM - 264

YTD Giving: \$ 618,979

Wednesday PM - 116

YTD Budget: \$ 649,528

Family Illness and Recovery

Margaret Grant continues to improve and undergoing physical therapy once more. Please keep her in your prayers for continued strength and renewed health.

Tami Robinson is currently undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers for strength, both physical and emotional. Continue to also pray for complete healing.

Joel Delgado, infant great-grandson of Kay Larson, is home following recent surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for improved health and strength. Pray for his parents as well to be strengthened and comforted in all areas.

Mattie Martin's grandmother, Jesma Gann age 95, is home following a brief hospitalization with congestive heart failure. Please pray for continued overall improvement.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Dena Moore in the recent loss of her father Roscoe Moore. Arrangements are pending at this time. Please keep Dena and family in your prayers for peace and comfort during this time of loss.

Ongoing prayer requests:

Jesse Boshears - cousin of Chad Crain

Sofia Juarez

Sid Womack

Helen Stephens

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