

Pastor's Letter

March 2023

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

Mark 2:23-28 ²³One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of ^[a]Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Happy March to all of God's children,

I pray that this pastor's page finds you enjoying this season of Lent and that you are seriously taking the time to consider God's call upon your life. Our lives are very busy (even for those who are in retirement). Many of my friends and acquaintances are retired and tell me that they are as busy, if not busier, now than they were when they were working a forty hour a week job.

As Christians we come to the realization that our service is never ending. However, with that being said, our bodies, minds and yes even our souls need rest. God rested on the seventh day, and Jesus rested at various times throughout his ministry. There are a minimum of ten times in the New Testament where Jesus rested.

Over the last year I have shared with many of you that I will be taking a four-month renewal leave (which has been approved by the SPRC and the District Superintendent) beginning May 7th and ending September 2nd. In the 20 years of my ministry, I have had vacations but never a time away from the church for more than a week or so. My husband and I will be joining two other couples

and be traveling to and through Alaska pulling our 5th wheel. I must admit that I am very excited and a little frightened because I have never taken on such a trip before.

While I am away it is my plan to write the pastors page for the newsletter each month, and I also hope to be posting various meditations on the Calvary Facebook page. Also, during my time away, Pastor John Yost will be preaching each Sunday with the exception of two weeks. He will also provide for funerals if necessary (pray there are none) while I am away. Pastors Mike Cantley and John Mayden have agreed to cover for pastoral care needs if any should arise.

The Ministry Teams of Calvary are the backbone of the operations of the church. I have all of the confidence in the world in the laities ability to keep things going while I am away. I asked that all of you will pray that we have a safe and inspirational journey. Calvary has been a wonderful blessing for me, and I look forward to those blessings continuing when I return.

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