

Middlesex COG Summer Focus...



Rest. Renew. Rise.

"Those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary." Is. 40:31

Summer Schedule

[July] *Renewal*

July 31st: **Renewing Relationships**

Special Baptism Service

[August] *Leading Beyond Our Walls*

**Join us for LIFE Classes Sunday Nights at 6 pm for an interactive, bible based clas, food, and small group fellowship to follow!*

1. Identify the primary relationships in your life that need renewal. What about the relationship needs to be renewed?
2. Is there anything that could be holding you back from ongoing renewal of your relationship with God? If so, what?
3. What is one thing you could do to work towards renewing or reconciling a relationship in your life this week? Are you willing to do it, even if the other person is fully open to the renewal?

Feel disconnected?



**Renew your
RELATIONSHIP.**

Relationship Investment

Because commitment costs us something

“...If you remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar... “Go and be reconciled to your brother; Then **come** and offer your gift...”

Matthew 5:23



R&R

Opportunities:

Prayer Room: Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 a.m. for personal or intercessory prayer. Scriptural reading and guided prayer will be offered at 8 a.m.

Renewal Planning: Schedule a time to meet with pastoral staff and volunteers to discuss and/or discern plans for your personal renewal, ministry involvement, or fulfilling a personal dream/goal.

Your vision can become a reality! Email at admin@midcog.org

Relationship Renewal: July classes will be shortened to allow time for food, prayer, and small group fellowship.

Online Resources: Go to www.midcog.org for links to online blogs, podcasts (audio sermon), devotional material and more from the staff and others.

rest + renewal = growth



There is a time in a parent's life when you come to dislike the library; that's around the time when the books need to be renewed, but are nowhere to be found. Your account is marked as "overdue" and the fines begin to add up, leaving parents searching frantically for their children's books in every bag, bed, and box possible. If you don't renew the books or pay the fines, then you don't get to check out anymore on the next visit. You, and your child are cut off from the large pool of creativity, entertainment, and valuable resources.

When it comes to relationships, the renewal process is just as important. Sometimes we dismiss the relationships we have, with God and others, and we incur costs from damage that has been done along the way. In the end, if we don't make things right, then we lose access to powerful relationships that can also be the grounds for creativity, entertainment, and learning resources.

Read Matthew 5:23-24

Jesus teaches us that when we offer ourselves in worship to God, we have to take inventory of ourselves. If we find that there is someone that we have wronged, then we have to stop offering ourselves to God and go make things right with each other. It's quite a powerful command of the Lord, knowing that for most of us, it's easier to worship God and escape the issues we have with one another. If we want to renew our relationship with God, then our renewal of relationships with each other demonstrates the seriousness of our intentions.

Don't find yourself limited on the resources God has for your life through relationship with Him and others. Find the "overdue" issues, pay the fines, and tap into the rich resources of God's grace to keep growing and maturing as a believer.

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