



PATHWAY NEWSLETTER

# IN THE KNOW

APR - JUN 2026

**DON'T GO ON  
VACATION...**  
*from your Faith.*

*This summer, let your faith  
travel with you.*



## MARK THE CALENDAR

Kids Church & 9am Service  
**Program Wrap-up**

June 7, 2026

Church Picnic & Baptism  
**Church Event**

June 14, 2026 (10:30am)

Pathway at the Movies  
**Community Outreach**

July 15, 2026





There was a time when I would challenge men 20 years younger to a skating race. I prided myself in being fit enough to outrun many a young buck. But the harsh reality is that with age comes the dreaded sag. The truth is that it is not only my jowls or abdomen that are drooping. While watching an evening movie with my wife the eyes slowly make their way to the closed position. It has been said that at my age I can expect more bags than Winnipeg Richardson International Airport. But the summer sag I am referring to, though a physical reality for many of us, has little to do with my outward appearance. The summer sag I am referring to has to do with maintaining a healthy relationship with God during summer months. Another way of saying it could be a soul-sag- the condition in which the vibrancy of our passion for Christ goes into a slump, which is brought on by the neglect of the spiritual disciplines in our lives, such as prayer and scripture.

Our time spent with God should not go on vacation for the summer months but remain fresh and intimate. So, how do we shake the summer soul sag?

I have made the recommendation to people that if they don't "come apart" they will fall apart. Going on vacation can and should be a great time of rejuvenation of the mind, body and the creating of memories with the family. Truth be told in many situations' vacations are cheaper than therapy. I recently read about a conversation between two pastors, the one stated that he couldn't go on vacation because the devil never does. To this the other pastor suggested that he find a better role model. Good advice.

Your body, mind, marriage and family need a break and a healthy adventure. Maybe your fellow employees need a break from you. However, your faith journey and your following Jesus should not be put on the shelf for the summer.

It is perfectly natural and very healthy spiritually and physically to take time to rest and recharge. However, vacation time tends to pull us into a spiritual sag. All the outdoor fun stuff lures and distracts us from maintaining an active relationship with God. The summer months are short, so we cram it full of fun, entertainment and activities.

Unfortunately, God gets lost somewhere between the sand on the beach and the mountain of camping gear. The lazy days of summer don't justify slothfulness in maintaining a relationship with God. A vacation should not mean that we press the pause button on following Jesus.

Here are some suggestions on how to the shake the summer sag.

1. Remember God's love is always present. He doesn't take a break from caring for us. He invites us to come and have fellowship with Him while on vacation. **Romans 8:38-39**
2. When we take a break in our relationship with God the result is that we become vulnerable to temptations. **1 Cor. 10:12,13**
3. Look for a church to attend while on vacation.
4. Read a spiritually challenging book.
5. Take time to read your Bible and pray. **Psalm 119:105**
6. Take nature walks and look for God's fingerprints in creation. **Psa. 19:1**

To avoid summer soul sag resist becoming lazy in your pursuit of a God who pursues you in love.

Stay Connected.  
Stay Rooted.  
KEEP GROWING  
IN  
FAITH.  
PASTOR WALTER



# SUMMER

## READING PLAN

### WEEK 1

- Mat 1-3
- Mat 4-7
- Mat 8-11
- Mat 12-15
- Mat 16-18
- Mat 19-22

### WEEK 2

- Mat 23-26
- Mat 27-28; Heb 1-2
- Heb 3-5
- Heb 6-9
- Heb 10-13
- Jam 1-4
- Jam 5; Mk 1-2

### WEEK 3

- Mk 3-6
- Mk 7-10
- Mk 11-14
- Mk 15-16; 1 Pe 1-2
- 1 Pe 3-5
- 2 Pet 1-3; Jude
- Luk 1-4

### WEEK 4

- Luk 5-8
- Luk 9-11
- Luk 12-15
- Luk 16-19
- Luk 20-23
- Luk 24; Acts 1-2
- Acts 3-6

### WEEK 5

- Acts 7-10
- Acts 11-14
- Acts 15-18
- Acts 19-21
- Acts 22-25
- Acts 26-28; 1 Th 1
- 1 Th 2-5

### WEEK 6

- 2 Th 1-3
- 1 Co 1-4
- 1 Cor 5-8
- 1 Cor 9-12
- 1 Cor 13-15
- 1 Cor 16; 2 Cor 1-3
- 2 Co 4-7

### WEEK 7

- 2 Cor 8-11
- 2 Cor 12-13; Gal 1-2
- Gal 3-5
- Gal 6; Rom 1-3
- Rom 4-7
- Rom 8-11
- Rom 12-14

### WEEK 8

- Rom 15-16; Col 1-2
- Col 3-4; Eph 1-2
- Eph 3-6
- Phlm; Phil 1-2
- Phil 3-4; 1 Ti 1-2
- 1 Ti 3-6
- Tit 1-3; 2 Ti 1

### WEEK 9

- 2 Ti 2-4; John 1
- John 2-4
- John 5-8
- John 9-12
- John 13-16
- John 17-19
- John 20-21; 1 Jn 1-2

### WEEK 10

- 1 Jn 3-5; 2 Jn
- 3 Jn; Rev 1-3
- Rev 4-6
- Rev 7-10
- Rev 11-14
- Rev 15-18
- Rev 19-22

