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**... Strengthening the Local Church**

**Summer 2002**

It's spring! Life is extremely busy with all the last events of various activities before summer finally arrives. Along with summer come the vacations. Webster defines vacation as a period of rest from work, study and generally, busy activities. A time when life slows to a more relaxed pace and we are able to better enjoy God's marvelous creation.

I'd like to share a story I read recently called *God Spoke*.

The Man whispered, "God, speak to me" and a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear. So the man yelled "God, speak to me." And the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen. The man looked around and said, "God let me see you." And a star shined brightly. But the man did not notice. And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle." And a life was born, but the man did not know. So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here." Where upon, God reached out and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect!

As you have more "free" time this summer, pick up your Bible, a Christian book, join a Bible Study, listen to Christian music or a Christian radio station, seek God and His will for your life. Romans 12:2 sums up our need for renewal, vacation, in a different way.

**"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."**

Look around for ways to hear and see God this summer. Come share with the youth of our community and the teams that are working hard to prepare for the Chrysalis Flights and the Journeys. Remember gatherings occur in the summer and we have a special family event planned for August 10, as we meet at Watauga Point with the Boone and Albermarle folks. Take time to relax and be renewed and don't miss out on the Blessings!!

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