

# Renewal

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Another year is about to come to a close; a year that has drained our energy and made us less productive in those things we need to be efficient in. We all need to have our batteries recharged from time to time. "Get away from it all" is commonly said today. Taking a vacation, doing something to break the routine, are ways to help us get "out of a rut." In the Bible, we have examples of Christ going off to be alone.

Each year the congregation offers retreats with the purpose of going off somewhere to be with each other and have fellowship, good food, and good study sessions. The men's retreat will be coming up in January. This year's theme will be "The Joy of Serving." Over the past few years, our retreats have improved. Steve Higginbotham will be our guest speaker this time. The elders would like to encourage all the men of the congregation to make plans to attend this year. We believe it will be uplifting to everyone. Also, for the fathers of young men we encourage you to bring them. Please sign the sheet and keep checking the bulletin for further announcements.

Colossians 3:16 states, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Men, please include this event in your plans. We look forward to seeing you.

For the elders,  
Don Wagner