

Vacation Bible School at Ladies Chapel Church on June 20

Ladies Chapel Church will hold a Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. CT. The theme is Illumination Station.

There will be classes for youth up to teenagers with activities, crafts, games, and singing. Lunch will be provided.

Ladies Chapel Church is located at 5493 Highway 88, Greensburg. Reverend Garnett W. Davis is the pastor.

Everyone is welcome.

Vacation Bible School at Summersville Baptist

Summersville Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School for grades K-5 from Monday, June 22 through

No hand but yours

Years ago, a group of college students decided to form an "Apathy Club" on their campus. They advertised the meeting but unfortunately, no one showed up. The explanation was, students were too apathetic to attend.

Much has been reported about the huge problems plaguing the world. Inflation, war, crime, violence, poverty, racism, hunger and more are an ongoing threat. Arguably, however, the biggest obstacle troubling society, our churches specifically, is apathy.

Generally speaking, it seems folks suffer from what I call "compassion fatigue." If humankind's capacity to care and willingness to get involved seem to be waning, it's because they have. Jesus warned that as the end times approach, "lawlessness is increased and people's love will grow cold" (Matthew 24:12 NASB).

Keep in mind that Jesus is speaking about society in general. Just because most people will digress in the love department doesn't mean everyone will.

A committed remnant needs to be there to help take up the slack.

In fact, there's no better opportunity than now to put these additional words from Jesus into practice: "Let your light shine before



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men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16 NASB).

The devil wants you to think that your input doesn't matter and that you can't make a difference. Nothing could be further from the truth. The world is in desperate need of brave souls willing to get involved, lending a hand and taking a stand on issues that matter, particularly those of eternal significance.

The Holy Spirit has prepared people that want and need to hear from you. It could be something as significant as your sharing the plan of salvation, or as simple as a plate of cookies or a listening ear.

I once read about a Finnish atheist who specified in his will that he wanted to leave his farm to the devil.

When the man died, the legal system was stumped as to how to honor this request. Eventually, after much discussion, the decision was made:

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One of last remaining Holocaust survivors passes away at age 98

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THE TIMES-ARGUS

Edith Eva Eger, one of the last remaining Holocaust survivors old enough to remember life in the death camps, died on April 28, 2026 in San Diego. She was 98.

Eger became a pioneer in psychology, a globally renowned speaker, a consultant for the U.S. Army and Navy in resiliency training and the treatment of PTSD and a bestselling and award-winning author of three books: "The Choice: Embrace the Possible," "The Gift: 14 Lessons to Save Your Life" and "The Ballerina of Auschwitz."

Edith was just 16 years-old and training as a dancer and Olympic gymnast in Hungary when Nazis raided her home at dawn and put Edith and her family on a train to Auschwitz. Her parents, Ilona and Lajos Elefant, were killed in the gas chambers as soon as they arrived.

That night, Josef Mengele, the infamous "Angel of Death," came to the barracks in search of entertainment. When he learned that Edith was a skilled gymnast and dancer, he ordered her to perform for him. She survived the ordeal by imagining she was on stage at the Budapest Opera House, dancing to Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet."

This became one of Edith's most important survival strategies. If I survive today," she would tell herself each day of her imprisonment at Auschwitz, "tomorrow I will be free." As her mother had instructed her as they were bound for Auschwitz, "No one can take away what you've put in your own mind."

Edith and her eldest sister, Magda, survived multiple death camps and the Death March, arriving at Guns kirchen Lager in the spring of 1945. When American troops from the 71st Infantry Division liberated the camp on May 4, 1945, Edith was nearly

left for dead, but an African American GI (from the all-black 761st Tank Battalion) discovered her barely alive in a pile of corpses.

On their way home to Hungary after the war, Edith and Magda learned that their middle sister, Klara, a violin prodigy, had also miraculously survived the war. The three sisters reunited in Kosice and attempted to restart their lives.

In November 1946, at age 19, Edith married Béla Eger, a partisan fighter from a prominent Slovakian family she had met while recuperating at a TB hospital in the Tatra Mountains. Edith's sisters also married and then emigrated, Magda to Baltimore, and Klara to Sydney, Australia. Edith and Béla, fleeing persecution by the Communists, chose a different path, packing all of their possessions into a boxcar that would carry their fortune to Italy, and then on to Haifa, Israel, by ship. But at the last moment, Edith refused the long-awaited opportunity for her family to move to Israel, and resolved to come to America instead; she and Béla and their young daughter, Marianne, arrived at Ellis Island in October 1949, penniless, having forfeited everything they owned.

The family settled in Baltimore. Béla took a job as a manual laborer and Edith at a factory. Though Edith began to suffer debilitating flashbacks, she did not tell anyone in her new life that she was a Holocaust survivor. In 1955, the family, including a second daughter, Audrey, aged one, left Baltimore for El Paso, Texas, where Béla started a new career as a CPA. They welcomed a third child – a son, John – and bought their first house. Still, Edith was silent about the past. "I had my secret," she would later say, "and my secret had me."

Then, 21 years after her liberation, while

pursuing a degree at the University of Texas, Edith received a book from a classmate that irrevocably transformed her life. At first, she resisted reading Auschwitz survivor and psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's "Man's Search for Meaning," but when she mustered the courage to begin, she realized that speaking about the past might help free her. She would later write, "Each moment is a choice. No matter how frustrating or boring or constraining or painful or oppressive our experience, we can always choose how we respond."

In 1968, a letter from Frankl – "From one survivor to another" – began a years-long correspondence and friendship that explored deep questions about trauma and healing and spurred Edith, in the mid-1970s, to begin graduate work in psychology.

While working as a clinical intern at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Fort Bliss, Texas, Edith (now Dr. Eger) earned a reputation for being able to treat even the most troubled and recalcitrant combat veterans in her care.

While her own traumatic experiences lent her credibility with patients living with their own horrific memories and losses, Edith felt limited in her capacity to help others heal. She could only take her patients as far as she could go herself. And she was still at a stalemate with her past.

So began her work to come to terms with the unanticipated and unimaginable – a journey that would take her from the floor of her therapist's office – where she curled up in fetal position, releasing decades of bottled-up rage and grief – to the gates of Auschwitz where she returned in 1980 and was finally able to forgive the one person she had been unable to forgive for years. Not Hitler. Not Mengele. Herself.

Calling Auschwitz her "best classroom," Edith used the inner resources she developed in hell to help others – from combat veterans and Navy SEALs to survivors of sexual and domestic violence – to transcend the prisons of their own minds and choose freedom. She continued to treat patients and inspire audiences – and dance – well into her 90s and teaches us that we can find purpose in our suffering, choose to love and forgive others and ourselves, and cultivate hope and joy in our lives. Edith's message and legacy carry on through The Edith Eger Foundation.

"I can't heal you – or anyone – but I can celebrate your choice to dismantle the prison in your mind, brick by brick. You can't change what happened, you can't change what you did or what was done to you. But you can choose how you live now. My precious, you can choose to be free. – Edith Eger, "The Choice"

The Ten Commandments

- Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
 - Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
 - Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
 - Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
 - Honor thy father and thy mother.
 - Thou shalt not kill.
 - Thou shalt not commit adultery.
 - Thou shalt not steal.
 - Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
 - Thou shalt not covet.
- (Exodus 20:3-17)



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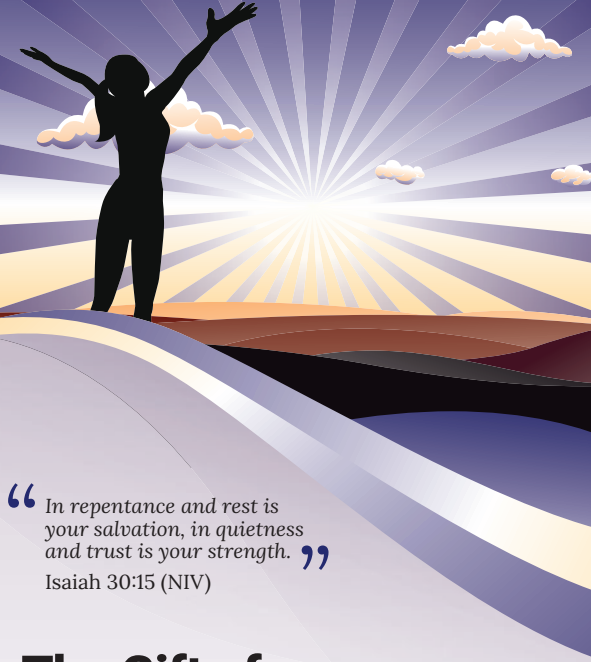


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“In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.”
Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)

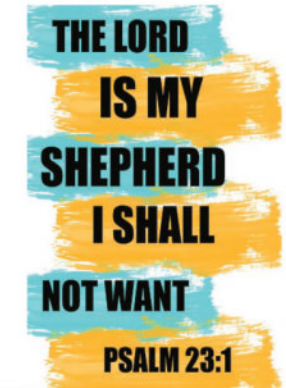
The Gift of Summer Stillness

As the summer heat settles in, the long days of late June invite us to slow down and embrace a more restful spirit. While most of us can't spend every day lounging at the beach, we can still find moments to appreciate in the quiet of a summer sunset or a cool evening breeze. When we pause to appreciate these simple gifts, we do more than just enjoy the season; we reconnect with the Creator who designed them. Setting aside time for true relaxation, even amidst a hectic schedule, is not a sign of idleness, but an act of faith. By resting our minds and bodies, we prepare ourselves to return to our work with a renewed heart and a steady spirit.

—James Stone

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- Sunday School 9 a.m. CT
- Worship Service 10 a.m. CT
- Sunday Evening Community Groups 5 p.m. CT
- Wed. Night Meal for Children & Youth 5 p.m. CT
- Wed. Night Children & Youth Ministry 5:30 p.m. CT
- Wed. Night Service for Adults 5:30 p.m. CT



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT
PSALM 23:1



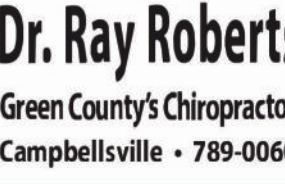
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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1