

Vacation Investment

How many of you have already been on vacation? Anyone go to the beach? How about a lake? Did anyone get away from the heat by going to the mountains? How many of you just stayed at home and took a nap? How many of you needed a vacation AFTER you took your vacation? Those that stayed at home and took a nap might have been smarter!

We love vacations. In fact we love it so much that we will spend on average \$1,978 on our summer vacations this year here in America. That is a 12.5% increase in spending. The sad thing is about 74% of Americans have gone into debt for their excursion which means we will have to work harder once we get back to pay for that rest. On average Americans will rack up \$1,100 in debt going to see Mickey, the beach or The Eiffel Tower. Is that a good investment? I will let you decide that.

While spending money this summer on that dream vacation might not be a wise investment I do want to share with you about an investment that is worth your hard earned money. When you give here at our church you are investing in the lives of children and students. Did you realize this summer we will impact...

- State how many attended or will attend Vacation Bible School.
- State how many attended any summer camps for youth and students you held.
- List those you impacted in various mission trips, etc.

The impact you have made as a result of your generosity can't be measured in earthly dollars. Yet it is an investment far greater than an investment to spend time at the beach or that dream European vacation. Don't get me wrong I love vacation time and I do want you to have a great time on your vacation, though I would advise not going into debt over it. I just want to encourage you today to make a greater investment into helping us shape the lives of the next generation here at our church. When you give here you make a difference now and for eternity. That is a great investment!