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Are You Onboard A Cruise Ship or Battle Ship?

W. Tozer wrote, "The idea that this world is a playground instead of a battleground has now been accepted in practice by the vast majority of Christians...The 'worship' growing out of such a view of life is as far off center as the view itself - a sort of sanctified nightclub without the champagne and the dressed-up drunks."

We could also say that for many men today Christian life is more a cruise ship rather than a battleship. Are you mostly interested in wanting your needs accommodated and having a comfortable experience? Or are you looking to be equipped for battle and deployed for action in enemy occupied territory? Cruise ships are created for the pleasure of those paying to sail with them. Everything on the ship is for comfort and emotional well being. There are lots of options for



everything including what food you like, what shows you attend, and what activities you choose to do. The design of the ship is opulent and pleasing to the eyes. It seems everything shines and glimmers! Battleships on the other hand are built for mission, not for comfort. They are equipped with weapons of warfare. Every sailor knows why they are onboard and what their job is. There are places to sleep, shower and eat but the primary purpose of everything is to complete the mission.

What ship are you on?

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 5 **6:30-9:15** **Men's Dinner -WB program**
Oct 17 **9:00-5:00** **Baltimore Block Party**
Oct 30-31 **4:00—3:00** **Men's Advance—Annual Retreat**

Redeemer Lutheran
Semi-annual Event
Skycroft, Middletown



Family Funathon
Saturday morning as I awoke, I looked outside and I saw the storm clouds building above the timber line, coming over the mountains, I thought OH--NO it's going to rain, a hurricane was right off the coast, What's going to happen now, The Family Funomenon is today. I was saddened for a minute, I thought about all those little kids who need help with their medical expenses and care. My

Mom, who is suffering with cancer, -- I just dropped my head down and **asked God if he could make it a God day for the kids**, by the time I left my house the sun was shining bright, I arrived at the Fairgrounds and had a mission to hang the Waterboyz Flag. I found Debbie Williams and she gave me a place high in the tower that overlooks the Grandstands. I placed the flag, then asked what else I could do to help or serve. Myself and 2 dozen other Waterboyz were on Crowd Control. we watched the

Rodeo, the kids ride sheep in the Mutton Busting Contest, Jamie Fox played and sang

songs, then Lee Greenwood performed his songs. No rain, a few clouds, lots of sun. Lots of laughs, Today was truly a GOD day for everyone !!!!!

Thank You Lord Jesus!!!!.. Dave Berg

