

Summer is amazing. It is full of slower days filled with sunlight and laughter and memories.

Summer is awful. It is a sweaty slog through hot days and bored kids and guilt over not making the most of the time.

Which of these statements more closely lines up with your idea of summer? Depending on the day I find myself feeling both of them, sometimes both at the exact same time. Every year it seems like I have forgotten what 90 degrees and humid feels like. Every year I feel like I want to use the time to do fun things, or fix things, or learn things, but those things never seem to work out.

I understand that summer feels like it should be magical, but often ends up feeling like one more bit of stress or reasons for feeling like you are falling behind. So I don't want you to feel like this is one more list of things that you aren't doing right, but here are three things that might help you turn summer from that time when your clothes get wet just walking to the car, into something worth remembering.

#### Embracing the Gift of Time

Summer offers a rare gift: time. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." The season of summer offers more time for getting outside and spending time with the people that you love.

Challenge: Even when you are tired from a long day at work, commit to taking one afternoon/evening a week to spend time with your family outside.

Caveat: DO NOT beat yourself up if this is hard some weeks. No one is perfect, and making spending time a chore is a sure way of making sure you don't do it. So give yourself grace.

#### Building Stronger Bonds

One of the key benefits of spending time together as a family is the strengthening of relationships. Activities like family picnics, hiking trips, or simply enjoying a meal together can create lasting memories and deepen the emotional bonds between family members.

Challenge: Get outside of the house and do something together. I have very few memories of my parents that were sitting around inside our house. Most of them happened outside the home.

Caveat: If you have teenagers, just embrace the whining and make them go anyway. You make them go to school, and time with their family is just as important.

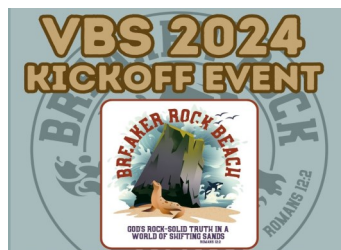
#### Cultivating Faith Through Shared Experiences

Incorporating faith-based activities into your family's summer can be both enriching and bonding. Whether it's a family Bible study, attending church services together, or volunteering for community service, these shared experiences can reinforce spiritual growth and togetherness. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Challenge: Commit now to making sure your family is in church this summer. Look for other ways that you can engage in faith based activities with them.

Caveat: Don't forget to talk about God stuff just in the regular times of your day too. Following God isn't an event; it is a lifestyle.

Shane



**Saturday, July 13**  
**10:00 am - Noon**  
**Water Slide & Water Games**

Invite your friends to attend &  
register for VBS


#### Weekly Activities

##### SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Worship - 8:15 am & 10:45 am  
Evening Worship - 6:00 pm  
Children's Bible Study - 6:00 pm  
Youth Bible Study - 6:00 pm

##### WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 6:30 pm  
Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm  
Kids Choir - 6:30 pm



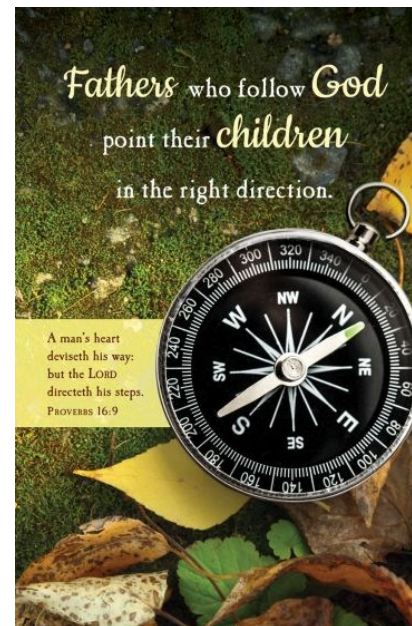
Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. Item for MAY is: **DRY WATERCOLOR SETS, PLAYDOH**

Box provided in KidZone for OCC items



**COOKIE BRIGADE**

June 2  
Melissa Myers  
June 16  
Debbie Scourick  
June 30  
Debbie Sisco



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Rev. Shane Yancey,  
Minister to Students & Children  
Rev. Chad Davidson,  
Minister of Music & Worship

#### Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 222,160  
Received to Date: \$ 207,305

#### Nursery Volunteers

##### June 2

8:15 am — Laura Hughes  
10:45 am — Spencer & Melissa Hawkins (BB)  
Matt & Miranda Scott (T)

##### June 9

10:45 am — Vicky Fox & Rachel Martin (BB)  
Carol Fields & Lakyn Noland (T)

##### June 16

8:15 am — Amanda Triplett  
10:45 am — Gene & Deborah Reaney (BB)  
Kathy Goodman & Kathy Baucum (T)

##### June 23

8:15 am — Masami Smith  
10:45 am — Pam Samuels & Vickie Turley (BB)  
Jessica Wyatt & Meredith Yancey (T)

##### June 30

8:15 a.m. — Andrea Brewer  
10:45 am — Cheryl Tyler &  
Nathan & Kathryn Thomas (BB)

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**Sunday, June 9**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Noble Park Shelter #16**

**The church will provide hamburgers & hotdogs, bread, chips and drinks. You are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Bring your lawn chairs. Plan to join us for this fellowship.**





“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
A broken and a contrite heart, God,  
You will not despise.”  
(Psalm 51:17)

I am fascinated by the many different ways that people around the world worship the one true God. Depending on the person or the place, we all have our own ways and practices. I read recently about an interesting practice in another country. As the people entered the sanctuary to worship, they immediately knelt and prayed, facing away from the front of the church. The practice in this culture is to personally confess sin to God before the worship service even begins.

I believe this act of humility is a picture of what David said in Psalm 51:17, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, God, You will not despise.” David was describing his own remorse and repentance for his sin of adultery with Bathsheba. Real sorrow for sin involves adopting God’s view of what we have done. It involves seeing our disobedience as clearly wrong, disliking it, and not wanting it to continue.

When we are truly broken over our sin, God lovingly puts us back together. 1 John 1:9 promises, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, so that He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” God’s forgiveness produces a fresh sense of openness with Him and it is the ideal starting point for our worship and praise. After David repented, confessed, and was forgiven by God, he responded in Psalm 51:15, by saying, “Lord, open my lips, so that my mouth may declare Your praise.”

Humility is the correct response to God’s holiness - and praise is the correct response to God’s forgiveness. As we gather to worship, it is necessary for us to confess our sin and to cling to God for His mercy and forgiveness. The Bible clearly reveals how God will respond to our brokenness. In Psalm 103:8, the psalmist explains, “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy.”

God is good! All the time!

Jason



**JOY Club** — Will meet at Cancun Restaurant in Lone Oak on Tuesday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant offers brunch or lunch.



Join us for a churchwide breakfast on Sunday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Kidzone in honor of our fathers.



There will be no Family Night Supper through the summer months. Suppers will resume in September.

JUNE

- 1 5:00 p.m. — Hawkins/Schwarz Wedding
- 2 7:00 p.m. — VBS Worker’s Mtg.  
7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 3-8 Youth Camp
- 4 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club
- 5 5:30 p.m. — Evangelism Team Mtg.
- 7 4:30 p.m. — Benefit for James Solomon
- 9 10:45 a.m. — Outdoor Worship  
5:00 p.m. — Church Picnic
- 11 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 16 Father’s Day  
9:00 a.m. — Churchwide Breakfast
- 18 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission  
Youth Holiday World Trip  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 5
- 19 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team  
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 24-28 Kid’s Camp
- 25 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 5
- 29 10:00 a.m. — WOM Craft Day



June 7. The bus will leave the church at 4:00 p.m. and go to the Benefit Dinner for James Solomon. Then we will go to Hazel Baptist Church to hear Gold City Quartet. Join us for a night of food, fellowship, & Gospel music. See Mike Baucum for more information.



**Benefit Fish Fry** — for James Solomon, Friday, June 7, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Lakeland Event Center. Cost: Adults \$15; Kids \$10.



Plan to join us on the front lawn for Combined Outdoor Worship Sunday, June 9 at 10:45 a.m. There will be no 8:15 a.m. service. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Bring your lawn chairs.



**VBS 2024**  
July 14-18  
6:00-8:30 pm  
4 years - 12th grade  
Register online at:  
[www.friendshiponthenet.org](http://www.friendshiponthenet.org)  
Or  
Pick up a registration form in the KidZone and return to the church office



"So let it be today  
We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints  
We raise a mighty roar"

As Christians, we have an ever-present hope for the future. We know how the story will end. Jesus will be triumphant, and we will sing His praises together in Heaven. When the day comes for Jesus to return and bring His faithful follower’s home, the suffering and struggling will end and eternal life will be lived to the fullest.

In Phil Wickham's “Hymn of Heaven,” this final moment of victory is made into sound. This modern hymn allows us to keep our minds on the coming victory through our days on the earth. We can hold onto hope for tomorrow regardless of what today brings.

Phil Wickham shared the story behind the song, saying: "The song is all about bringing heaven to this moment, with the way we act, and the way we speak, and the way we live, letting Jesus be the king and his rule, and his way taking over."

God’s sovereignty over our lives is made even more real when we remember His promised victory in our lives. Before we took our first breaths, Jesus already had a plan to bring triumph into our stories. When trials come, when winds blow, and when storms rage, we can hold firm to the promises of Christ’s victory in our lives. We can thank Him for this victory by raising a shout with the heavens and giving the glory back to Him every day.

*“On that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain”*

<https://www.air1.com/music/blog/music-news/phil-wickham-brings-heaven-s-triumph-to-earth-in-hymn-of-heaven-3124>

Under the Master's Baton,  
Bro. Chad



Bro. Jason & the Friendship Family extend Christian love and sympathy to...

...Marilyn Knight in the death of her sister, Lunele

...Wanda Carrell in the death of her brother, William Attebury

...Jim & Debbie Scourick in the death of his father, James Scourick Sr.

...Orbin & Doris Grimes in the death of his brother, Lo Grimes

...Kendall & Rhonda Holt in the death of his father, Carl Holt



Friendship Women on Mission will host a craft day on Saturday, June 29. All ladies and girls are invited to join us to make items for Operation Christmas Child boxes. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served.

You are encouraged to come and go as your schedule permits.