



Family

What are your goals for your family this summer? Our *summer memory challenge* and *Bible reading challenge* are two great ways to invest in your family this summer.



Outreach

Check the church calendar for summertime opportunities and events to invite friends and family to. These events are designed to encourage and empower you for relational evangelism.

- Children's VBS—June
- Youth's Camp Regen—June
- Marriage Workshop—July
- Summer Family Day: Phoenix Art Museum—Sat., July 22nd



Community

How do we connect with each other and with our community in South Phoenix this summer?

- Water Drive—July
- Christmas in July—gifts for missionaries
- Heart for Soles Shoe Drive—August



Usefulness

We will have 4-5 service opportunities this summer to help build the kingdom and strengthen the church as we press on for Jesus Christ.

- Office organization—need 2 people/1-2 days
- Lobby and closet cleanup/organization—need 2 people/1-2 days
- Music room cleaning/organization—2 people/1-2 days
- Romans sermon transcription—4 people/2-3 week period
- Special project researchers—4 people/2-5 days



Steadfastness

This summer we want to challenge members to be faithful in two areas:
attendance and giving.

Statistics indicate a 13-20% drop in giving during the summer months (May-August), BUT with the right tools and a planned communication strategy, churches can see less than a 1% decline. Recurring giving is the "secret weapon" against the summer months. Automation trumps determination. Sign up online and help us avoid the summer shortfall.

RESOURCES

Suggested Books for Summer Reading



Children:

- *The Lightlings*, R.C. Sproul
- *Ten Boys Who Made a Difference*, Irene Howat
- *Ten Girls Who Made a Difference*, Irene Howat

Youth:

- *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*, Eric Metaxas
- *This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years*, Jaquelle Crowe

Adults:

- *Five Things Every Christian Needs to Grow*, R.C. Sproul
- *None Other: Discovering the God of the Bible*, John MacArthur
- *Habits of Grace*, David Mathis

Summer Memory Verse Challenge



June **Mark 8:34-35**

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³⁴ And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

June **Colossians 1:13-14**

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¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

June **1 John 2:3-5**

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³ By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

June **Matthew 28:19-20**

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¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

JUNE

Bible Reading Challenge: The Book of Jonah



June 4—Chapter 1

Reflection Questions:

1. Why do you think Jonah refused to go to Nineveh?
2. Have you ever rebelled/run away from something God has told you to do? Why?
3. Why did God pursue Jonah in his rebellion? Why does He pursue us?

June 11—Chapter 2

Reflection Questions:

1. What do you think Jonah "*remembered*" about the Lord? (v.7)
2. Why should we act on what we remember instead of just thinking about it?
3. How does Jonah respond to the Lord's salvation?

June 18—Chapter 3

Reflection Questions:

1. What was Jonah's message to the people of Nineveh?
2. What did repentance look like in the city? What does it look like in our lives?
3. Why does God show us grace and mercy?

June 25—Chapter 4

Reflection Questions:

1. How is God's sovereignty displayed through the book of Jonah?
2. Jonah showed hatred and a lack of compassion for the people of Nineveh. Is there a particular kind of person that you have trouble loving? Why?
3. What is keeping you from being obedient to God's command to make disciples of all nations?

Summer Memory Verse Challenge



July

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

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¹² For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

July

Hebrews 10:24-25

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²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

July

2 Corinthians 3:18

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¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

July

Matthew 22:37-38

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³⁷ And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." ³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment."

July

John 15:16

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¹⁶ You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

JULY

Bible Reading Challenge: The Book of James



July 2—Chapter 1

Reflection Questions:

1. How should we react when things get tough? Why?
2. Why is it important to not blame our temptation on God?
3. How do we deceive ourselves by just listening to the Word?

July 9—Chapter 2

Reflection Questions:

1. What does James 2:5-7 say about the poor and the rich?
2. What is the royal law and how does showing favoritism break that law?
3. According to verse 18 there are two kinds of faith. How are they described?

July 16—Chapter 3

Reflection Questions:

1. Why do you think teachers will be judged with greater strictness?
2. If you tried to tame your tongue, how would you go about it?
3. What do verses 13–15 tell us wisdom is and is not?

July 23—Chapter 4

Reflection Questions:

1. According to verse 1, where do fights and quarrels come from?
2. How can we “*cleanse our hands*” and “*purify our hearts*”? (v.8)
3. What benefit do we get from reminding ourselves that our plans ultimately depend on God? Does that change what we do, or how we do it?

July 30—Chapter 5

Reflection Questions

1. According to verses 1-6, who is James addressing and what is he predicting?
2. Where are you storing your treasure? How can you seek first God’s kingdom?
3. According to verse 7, what did people need to be patient about?
4. “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” What do you think that means?