

Dear CBC Family,

Puritan pastor Richard Baxter urged his generation, "Bathe your soul in heaven's delights." That's what we've sought to do together this summer. My prayer is that none of us will ever be quite the same. People who set their hearts on eternity begin investing differently in today.

By God's grace, we're already seeing glimpses of that. Last year, we welcomed 61 new members—one more than the year before—each with a story of God's saving grace. Praise the Lord!

About 60% of our church family is serving in some capacity. But heaven-minded people don't ask, "What's the minimum?" They ask, "How can I invest in eternity?" Last Sunday, Justin Lorig asked for 5–6 volunteers to serve in our 4th–5th grade ministry. Eleven people stepped forward. That's what it looks like when a church starts feeling the pull of eternity.

Last year, 80% of our church family also gave generously. If God has used this Heaven series to stir your heart, let that hope continue to shape how you serve, give, and love. That's what eternity does to a congregation.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Josh', with a stylized, flowing script.

Pastor Josh