

Dear Parents of Middle and High School Students,

What a busy but fruitful summer it has been! We were so thankful to spend time away at summer camp learning about our identity in Christ through Romans 5-8. Our teens were also a huge help during Kids Summer Jam. Many church members shared how impressed they were by the maturity and servant-hearted attitudes they saw in our teenagers. As July comes to a close and August is just around the corner, be sure to read this parent letter to stay up to date on everything coming up in Student Ministry.

Student Equip

Student Equip has been on a one-month break for Summer Refresh but will restart on August 2. We will begin the month with an extremely practical three-week study titled "How to Read the Bible," and then we will jump into the book of Joel. See the Student Equip schedule below.

- August 2 | How to Read the Bible - Session 1 (Gospels)
- August 9 | How to Read the Bible - Session 2 (Epistles) [Promotion Sunday!]
- August 16 | How to Read the Bible - Session 3 (Poetry)
- August 23 | Joel 1
- August 30 | Joel 2:1-17

Summer Highlight Schedule

We have three more Summer Highlight events before the start of the school year. Here is our Summer Highlight schedule for the next several weeks.

- July 26 | Capture the Flag & Campfire in the Courtyard
- August 2 | No Summer Highlight (Student Equip starts back at 9:00 AM!)
- August 9 | Slip-n-Slide Kickball
- August 16 | Bingo & Bible Study
- August 23 | Church-wide Prayer & Praise Night
- August 30 | Highlight Starts for the New School Year

Fall Kickoff Parent Meetings

In August, both Kids Ministry and Student Ministry will be hosting Fall Kickoff Parent Meetings after the worship service.

Our *Parents of Teenagers: Fall Kickoff Meeting* will take place on August 16 in the Nook, and our *Parents of Kids: Fall Kickoff Meeting* will take place on August 23 in the fellowship hall.

Both meetings will be short with light refreshments provided. This is an opportunity to learn more about the vision for Kids Ministry and Student Ministry, how we desire to

partner with parents, helpful resources available for families, important dates for the upcoming ministry year, and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. No registration is required. We hope to see you there!

Recommended Resource of the Month

I've been super encouraged by our church's summer sermon series on heaven. Don't forget that Pastor Josh has written a 30-day devotional that goes along with the series. Each day's reading is short, but it could be a great resource for guiding a time of family worship.

Even if you haven't started the devotional yet, consider jumping in today and leading your family through 30 days of thinking about heaven from the Scriptures.

You can find the devotional [linked here](#).

As always, if there are any ways I can be praying for you or your family, please do not hesitate to reach out.

By God's grace and for his glory!

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