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From Pastor Brandon

One word that brings a smile to every student's face is: SUMMERTIME!
School is out and the fun begins. Well, not for the parents... they still must go to work, and keep up with the kid's schedules, and still make sure they have things to do, etc...

Sadly, more and more Christians see summertime as an opportunity to "check-out" from church and church activities. I've always seen the summer months as the best time to be in church and serve because there are great opportunities to share life in ways you can't September through May. Summer for me is GAMETIME rather than check-out time!!

CRBC has numerous ministry opportunities this summer for everyone in our congregation. For Children, we have VBS, Music Camp, Sports Camp, and other activities. For Youth, we have two mission opportunities, and service opportunities through VBS, Sports Camp, and other areas. For Adults, there are numerous service opportunities through VBS, RA's, GA's, you can join a D-Life Group, or volunteer to clean an area of the church. For Senior Adults: we will host a monthly Wednesday Lunch and Fellowship, you can volunteer with VBS, RA's, GA's, join a D-Life Group, or get some friends together and simply hang out.

There are many opportunities to stay connected and grow in your faith and service this summer. And we want you to be part of God's work at CRBC. If you have a great idea of something that we can do for your group or the church as a whole this summer, contact the church office and we will see what we can do.

In Christ, Pastor Brandon

Senior Adult Summer Happenings

Come join us in the CLC for a wonderful time of fellowship and devotion. We will have a light lunch prepared and time to enjoy each other's company while learning more about God. Fee free to bring along a friend. We will have one each month of the summer. The first is June 8 at 11:30am.

Please RSVP by Sunday June 5th. Call the church office or sign up on the Senior Adult bulletin board. Save the date for the other lunches! They will be on July 6 and August 10.

Aftershock Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade) Summer is here! We can't wait to see what God will do in and through our students this summer! We are kicking off our summer on June 1st at 6pm with a night of food and fun! We will go until 7:30pm. On Friday June 10th we will head to Celestial Hills for a work and play day! We will have lunch there and the pool will be available for us when we finish working. On June 18th we will meet at 8:00 am and head to the YMCA to help with their Kid's Triathlon. We should finish up by noon. Afterward we will head to church to help set-up for VBS. Students are encouraged to volunteer to help with **Vacation Bible School June 19th-23rd**. **Please sign-up to volunteer online by MAY 29th** so we can place your student. Students currently in 6th grade will be assigned to pre-school. Students who volunteer at VBS are invited to come to church at 3pm on Thurs. June 23rd for an outing as our way of saying thank you! On Sunday June 26th the high school students will head to Deep Impact Philadelphia! We return Saturday July 2nd, please keep us in your prayers!

June 1 6pm Food and Fun Fellowship

June Meetings 6-7:30pm 1st, 8th, 29th Aftershock Bible Study

June 10 Celestial Hills work and play day

June 18 8:00am Help with YMCA Tri at the Y

June 19-23 6:15-8:30pm Monumental VBS

June 23 3pm VBS Youth workers thank you outing

June 26-July 2 Deep Impact Philadelphia

Children's Ministry

CRKIDS
Summer
FUN!

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm Mission Friends, RAs and GAs Starting on June 8th, we will begin the summer missions emphasis with our children. Mission Friends is for preschoolers and will meet in the 3-5 year Sunday School room. RAs and GAs are for 1st - 6th graders and meet in the CLC.

June 19-30 Monumental VBS! - Each night from 6:15pm to 8:30pm. Children that are 3 yrs. old (potty trained) through 6th grade can come. Sign up online at crossroadbaptist.org by June 17 or register in person on the first day of VBS!

July 11-14 Music Camp - 9am to 12 noon each day. Music, snacks and crafts each day with a singing at Cross Road Retirement Center followed by lunch on Thursday.

August 1-5 Sports Camp - Camp is open to all rising 3rd—6th graders. It runs from 9am-1:30pm. Each day will focus on a different sport. Cost is \$10 and bring a lunch. Sign ups will begin July 1 on our website.

Taylor and Pastor Justin will also be planning several day trips for children this summer! A trip to the YMCA Splash Pad for the week of June 13th is in the works, details to follow. There will also be a survey sent to parents for help in planning out our summer calendar. Please watch our website (crossroadbaptist.org) for details in the coming weeks.

*Thank
You*

Dear Justin, On behalf of Randolph County Special Olympics, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to helping make this year's Track & Field event a success! Thank you as well to your students, they were professional, hard-working, and willing to do whatever was necessary to keep the event flowing smoothly. Thank you for believing in what we do! **Kelli King, Special Olympics Coordinator**

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful dish garden you sent during the loss of mother. And thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. **Sincerely, Karen and Tony Cole**

Young Adult Ministry



We are currently studying the book, Everyday Theology in our Life Group. For 8 more weeks they will be going through this study on essential doctrines and how they impact our daily

lives. We will also plan to get together this summer for times of fellowship!

Notes from Pastor Mitch

As we enter into the summer months, here are a few reminders to us all.

- Your attendance and participation in worship, Bible study, and ministry is vital and valued to our church family, even in the summer.
- Our choir will be rehearsing on June 5th and June 12th at 3pm to prepare for Sunday worship leading the rest of the month before taking the month of July off from rehearsals.
- Life Groups (Sunday School) and D-life Groups (discipleship) are important gathering places for personal and spiritual growth, and I encourage you to stay connected and active with these.
- Several people have recently completed our CRBC 101 (formerly called New Members Class), and they will soon be presented to the congregation for affirmation of membership!
- We will be offering a makeup day for CRBC 101 on June 5th during our Life Groups hour (9:45-10:45am). I will lead session One (of three) and Pastor Brandon will lead session Three (of three).
- Sunday, June 12th, we welcome Dr. Chris Schofield to our pulpit in both services for a message on prayer. All Life Groups (middle school and up) are also invited (but not required) to meet in the Sanctuary from 9:45-10:45am that day for an extra lesson from our guest speaker on the importance of prayer.

Your pastors and staff appreciate and need your daily prayers for strength and spiritual wisdom during these trying times we all face here in America.

I love you and thank my God for you!





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I (Joyce) saw this statement recently (no credit given) that says this:

We are at a point in Christianity where people don't care if you can back it up with the Bible. Their feelings, desires, and emotions override what scripture says. They don't follow Christ, they follow self.

Sadly, how true that is of a larger majority of Christians than we want to acknowledge. The world has crept into our everyday lives in a tremendous way. A lot of the time it is hard to distinguish a Christian from anyone else in the world. We acclimate to new ways, and ideas of how to live and how to think very easily these days. We don't want our friends, co-workers, or even our family, to think we are weird or conspiracy theorists, or so different they want to distance themselves from us, so we conform or stay quiet.

The early church, thankfully, did not stay quiet. They proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ at every turn and many suffered greatly for it. They made a difference for the world then and now. It is hard to see what, if any, difference many Christians are making today. Yes, there are many things we may be doing to help others, but are we proclaiming His name?

How deep the Father's love for us is. So deep that He turned away from Jesus on the cross because He was weighed down by our sins. The Father could not look upon His Son because of us. Jesus did that, bore that, for us.

We, as Christians, are called to be holy, 1 Peter 1:16, to be set apart, unique, different from the world. I fear we have drifted far away from that. Evidence is all around us of how soon we may hear that trumpet blow and hear those words "Come up hither". Can we honestly say that we are yearning for that or are we tied to this world so much that we hope it is a ways off? There is nothing on this earth that makes me want to stay; I hope that is true for you as well. Church, let us be set apart and on fire for Jesus, no matter the cost or the persecution we may have to endure. Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 1 Cor 16:13

Dear Lord, send your spirit to breathe the breath of life into our souls. Raise us up to be a mighty army for you, O Lord.

What are we fighting for?? (Joyce Blackwelder Prayer Team Coordinator)