



Summer is here! by Joy Stoner

For some it's truly a break with nothing planned but long days at the pool, lazy evenings in the backyard, and maybe some catching up on that long "to read" stack that has been on the bedside table. For others, it feels like summer days are just as busy as they were during the school year. Except longer and more fun, even if that does mean washing endless loads of swimsuits and pool towels or mopping up popsicle drips for the 20th time.

I recently ran across a letter Nick Roland wrote to parents last summer and was challenged by his words. He spoke of summer rhythms and how they can be either productive or destructive. That got me thinking of my approach to what is or isn't in my calendar.

- Busy summer? Beware of crowding out intimacy with Christ and meaningful moments with your family. On the other hand, all those summer outings could mean meeting new people and deepening relationships with friends.
- Nothing but lazy days ahead? Don't become complacent by checking out of all activities and disconnecting from community. Capture the slowness and make it a beautiful time of resting in Jesus.

What's Happening?

JUNE/JULY:

Middle School Fun Nights

Wednesdays in June

6:30-8:30pm

Student Center Central

For all incoming 6th-8th graders.

June 21, meet at Rogers Aquatic Center for Swim Night

Nick also issued a challenge to look at the summer through the lens of John 15, where Jesus tells us to abide in Him, because apart from Him we can do nothing. Sit down with your family and discuss how you will remain in Jesus this summer. Schedules look different and normal routines are totally out the window, but there are still great opportunities to connect with each other and to encourage one another. Summer events and activities are also perfect ways to reach out to people where you live, work, and play and bring them along for the fun. *Check out the "What's Happening?" section for a few things Mosaic has planned this summer.*

High School Lake Days

Thursdays in June

1:30-3:30pm

Prairie Creek Recreation Area

For all incoming 9th-12th graders.

Antioch Partner Week

June 19-22

Student Center West

[Register](#)

Mosaic Swim Night

June 21 | 7:15-9:15pm

Rogers Aquatic Center

\$5/person, \$20 max/family

For more information on any of the events above, email

mosaic@fellowshipnwa.org

This summer, enjoy the change in pace - whatever that is for you and your family. Do things you can't usually do, but also prioritize rest together. Fill summer bucket lists to the brim, but keep connecting in community, diving deep into the Word, and finding ways to live missionally as a family. Many of you will be spending more hours than usual with your kids this summer. They're watching you. Show them what remaining in Christ looks like, through the busy and in the quiet.

RESOURCES

- [Summer Survival Kit](#), from Focus on the Family
- [5 On-the-Go Family Devotions for Summertime](#)
- [Summer Adventure Kit](#)
- [14 Summertime Activities to Teach Kids About God](#)

