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### Youth Pastor Letter

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Dear Church Family,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer! August will be here before you know it, so wow can you make the most of what's left of summer? Here are 5 ways to help you grow in your faith while on summer break.

**1. Make a plan.** Just like you've spent time planning out vacations and trips with friends, It is also important to take some time to plan out your spiritual priorities for the summer. Schedule a time when you'll be able to be consistent each day in reading the Word and prayer.

**2. Rehearse your need for the gospel daily.** The gospel is not just the minimum required doctrine necessary to enter the kingdom, but the way we all make progress in the kingdom. We never move past our need for the simple, yet profound, truth of the gospel: Christ died and rose for our sins. Each morning when we wake up we'll be tempted to think we failed God the day before, or need to live up to a standard today in order for him to accept and love us. Preaching the gospel to ourselves each day is rehearsing the truth that God accepts and loves us on the basis of what Christ has done for us, which we accept by faith.

**3. Recognize you need the church.** Look for every opportunity to sit under teaching of God's Word. When on vacation, be at church! When home from vacation, be there too!

**4. Look for ways to serve your family.** Take the opportunity to let the light of God's grace shine in the way you treat your parents, siblings, and children. Look for ways to serve when you're home. "How can I help?" and "I'd be glad to" go a long way in demonstrating how much you desire to serve others and how God has been at work in your life.

**5. Memorize a passage of Scripture.** Pick a Psalm or another well-known passage like Romans 8 or Philippians 2. Whatever you choose, take a couple of minutes each day to review the verses you've learned. Consider memorizing our weekly memory verse on Sundays.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or prayer requests, please contact me at [jmlilley@clevelandccc.org](mailto:jmlilley@clevelandccc.org).

In Christ,  
Pastor Jonathan Lilley