

Summer Jump not SummerSlump



Summer is fast approaching and those nice cool mornings are soon to be a thing of the past. The kids will soon be out of school, the pools are already opening and vacation is just around the corner.

While most people, especially students, love and long for the summer time; for most churches, this time of year is known as the "summer slump. Very few pastors look forward to the summer because it seems like everything in the church "goes down". Attendance drops, giving lowers, small groups suffer and people just seem to get lax in their commitment to the local church in general.

My prayer is that we will all stay faithful to our Lord and the local body He has called us to, especially during the summer months. I want to encourage us all to press toward a Summer JUMP not a Summer slump. We can do this in some very specific ways.

#1: Stay faithful to the Lord in your daily walk with Him. Utilize the break from school, studies, homework and other responsibilities

to refocus your heart and time toward God. As Ephesians 5:16 reminds us that we are to be "making the best use of our time."

#2: Capitalize on the sunshine! Summer means more daylight so get out and enjoy the sun and mingle with the people in your community. Take these times to talk to your neighbors, practice some random acts of Jesus kindness, tell people about what God is up to at The Mount and invite them to join you. John 4:35 encourages us with these words, "Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."

#3: Don't vacation from Jesus. If you vacation, and I hope you all get to, keep Jesus a priority. Plan ahead if you will be out on a Sunday. Research the area you will be in and find a church to attend in that area. Being in a different area, with different brothers and sisters in Jesus may very well do you much good. Take the opportunity to worship with others where you are in Jesus (it will encourage them as much as I am sure it will you). Don't sleep in and "take a break from church." If your vacation destination lands you in a place with no church, plan ahead and lead a devotion time with your family. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

#4: Give before you go! I am praying our giving through the summer increases...not decreases. We have some major work to do in preparation for the fall. To do so means God is calling us all to regular, sacrificial and joyful giving. This includes our time, talent

and treasure. Don't forget, it is all His anyway! Make giving to the gospel as The Mount a priority in your summer plans.

#5: Don't forget your family. If you will be gone this summer, don't forget your church family at The Mount. We still will be meeting, preaching, worshiping, ministering, sharing the gospel and glorifying Jesus. Pray for The Mount to continue to grow and go for Jesus. Together in Jesus we are seeing God do great things in Keller and our communities. "And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

#6: Enjoy a rest. Make sure in all of your summer plans, goals and getaways that you build in time to rest. Enjoy a nap in the afternoon, take a walk with your family or just kick back in the hammock under some shade. Take time this summer to stop and enjoy a moment or two of God given peace.

My family has an incredible summer planned as well. But we are keeping what our God is doing in and through The Mount a priority. Together we know there is no one and nothing that is going to stop us in Jesus. Wether you are at home or some other location, in Jesus it is going to be a great summer! Jesus may you bring in the Summer JUMP at The Mount.

*I love you all more than you even know!
TOGETHER for the glory of God alone,*



It's Church Picnic Time! July 3rd

Enjoy Food, Fun and Fellowship with our church family on Sunday, July 3rd at 5pm on Eagle Mountain Lake in Azle. Dave and Carol Fladda are graciously hosting us again this year at their home for this great evening of fellowship and summer fun!

Bring a picnic meal to set out for the buffet at 5pm as well as lawn chairs, life jackets and any fun lawn games! There are grills available as well if you would be interested in cooking on site. Our evening will conclude with our own fireworks show, so don't forget yours to participate.

Maps will be available in the welcome wing in late June. Please contact Gail at 817-797-0193 or Carol at 817-223-6731 with any questions.

Please contact the church office at 817-431-1410 or Joy Thompson

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THEMOUNT

June & July

Help the students at The Mount!



May-July
Every Tuesday
1500 Keller Parkway
Students get 25% of every 9\$ wash!



Come out and support our students as they earn money from something we all do anyway....wash the car!

For the whole months of May, June and July the youth group will earn 25% of every \$9 wash you purchase at the TETCO located at 1500 Keller Parkway. Come out and support our youth with a sparkly clean car!

June 27



It's Ladies Night for fun and missions! All church ladies, young and young at heart alike are invited to join in for a festive game of Bunco on June 27th at the home of Remonia Rosewell. A light meal is served at 6 pm and is followed at 7pm by Bunco. Ladies are encouraged to bring a donation of any amount, even your penny jar will work! The money collected goes to missions, such as Annie M. Armstrong, Mary Hill Davis, Lottie Moon and our missionary, Hugo Contreras.

Please contact Remonia at rosewell@verizon.net with questions, for directions, or to reserve your spot. You won't want to miss this laughter and fun filled evening getting to know each other better and playing for missions!

Prayer Opportunity

Are you a prayer warrior who likes to send and receive text messages? Then join Prayer Link today! Our Pray IT Ministry sends text messages on the prayer needs of our church family.

If you would like to join this ministry please send your cell phone number to Lisa Lane or Kerry Turner. We can also let you know by phone if you would prefer, so please state your preference for text or phone call in your email along with the phone number you would like used in this ministry.



VBS: Big Apple Adventure July 18-21 5:30-8:30pm



Adults, there are many ways you can be involved in VBS. We are seeking volunteers to help with teaching, recreation, crafts, missions, decorations and administration. This is a wonderful way to connect with our children and to communicate the love of Christ to them.

Stop by the children's information table to sign up or contact Sean Hickman at seanhickman@1scom.net

Adventure awaits this summer in the Big Apple.

Adventure awaits this summer in the Big Apple. During this year's VBS, children entering Pre-K through 5th grade will get to encounter Jesus in an exciting way as they learn to believe, trust and love God during this four-day experience. Kids will learn through worship, Bible study, recreation, crafts

and missions that faith and life do connect. Mark your calendar today and plan for your child to be a part of this year's VBS! Also, please extend an invitation to other children you know. Online registration will begin Sunday, June 5th at TheMountOnline.com.

Please contact Sean Hickman at seanhickman@1scom.net to sign-up.

Workers	Position/Time Requirement	Times/Rotation	Contact
4	Check in/Out, Registration each night	July 18-21	Sean Hickman
4-5	Meal preparation in kitchen	July 18-21	Sean Hickman
2	Leader/Helper for Mission Time	July 18-21	Sean Hickman
2	Leader/Helper for Recreation	July 18-21	Sean Hickman
2	Leader/Helper for Crafts	July 18-21	Sean Hickman
10-20	Tour Guides to rotate stations	July 18-21	Sean Hickman
4	VIP Babies/Toddlers of VBS Workers	July 18-21	Sean Hickman

Pre-Teen Camp August 5-9 at Riverbend Retreat Center



Hey, kids! Ready for some great fun with your friends from The Mount? Join us at the Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose for Bible study, worship, water activities, hiking, crafts, paintball, zip line and much more. This PreTeen Camp is for those children who have completed Grades 3-6. Online Registration begins Sunday, June 19th at TheMountOnline.com and the cost is \$205 per camper. Come out and have a last blast to summer at PreTeen Camp!

Children's Workers Needed.

Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Do you delight in seeing the Lord work in children? Do you love to rock babies? Do you have a passion for leading children in the way of the Lord?

Then we need you in Children's Ministry! Our church is growing and so are our needs in the Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings and special activities such as Summer VBS. Prayfully consider if God is leading you to take on one of the dynamic opportunities to work with these tender young hearts yearning for Jesus.

Workers	Position/Time Requirement	Times/Rotation	Contact
8	VIP- Babies/Toddler care/ Worship hour	Once a month	Joy Thompson
3	Teach 4-5 yr olds/Worship hour	Once a month	Joy Thompson
3	Teach K-1st sm grp session/Worship hour	4 mo/yr	Joy Thompson
1	Wed Nite Mission Friends Teacher Sub	Weekly	Joy Thompson
1	Wed Nite Mission Friends Craft Sub	Weekly	Joy Thompson
1	Wed Nite Kids on Mission Teacher	Weekly	Joy Thompson

For weekly or monthly children's ministry opportunities, please contact Joy Thompson at 817-312-0587 or acaciamedical@aol.com. If you would like to serve in Vacation Bible School, please contact Sean or Kelly Hickman at seanhickman@1scom.net or s_khickman@yahoo.com.

Student Mission Trip Week of June 19th

Student Missions 2011

Do you have a heart for missions work but don't have the means or time to travel across the continent? Then our Student Mission Trip is just for you!

Our students will be in Longview the week of June 19th to work with several ministries from helping with children of battered women to food organization and delivery to the elderly. From 11-1 every weekday we'll be leading a mini backyard Bible club with children who usually receive school lunches but in the summer go hungry. We'll be feeding them both real food and Biblical truths! Then we'll host Backyard Bible clubs at various locations throughout the city with our host church. Many children's lives will be impacted for the glory of God!

Adults, please join us on this life-changing mission trip as chaperones for our students. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to minister to others as well as our students, as they experience a life changing journey through Jesus. We are in need of men especially for this mission.

The cost is \$80 per person, including adults, please register by June 15th. To register or for more information contact Sarah Lambert at sarah.d.lambert@gmail.com.

If you are not a student or you are unable to chaperone, you can still be a part. We are asking for food donations.

Please contact Joy Thompson at 817-312-0587 or acaciamedical@aol.com if you would like to donate food.