

PURPOSE

Summer has arrived!

Most parents are very aware of this. School is out, maybe a graduation or two has happened, there is a new schedule to keep and kids to corral and to focus. Parents have to be intentional this time of year. For them, it isn't a time of relaxation, it is a time of opportunity to reconnect as a family and prepare the kids and themselves for the next season. Of course, this is work, but it is the best work.

Our church is also a family. Summer is a time where we focus and prepare for the next season. We have our own family to think of and our neighborhood to care for. For many, it is a sabbath time from the groups that meet or a break from the usual to take hikes together, to go camping, take a group to the beach, and enjoy the outdoors.

And like every season, summer is a time of purpose; a time to reach out and engage our family and community. Ministries like Wood Village Nite Out and VBS are purposeful in building relationships and offering an invitation to know the one who has "the words of eternal life." We are a trusted member of the community. Not because everyone agrees with what we believe, but because we care and share what God has given us. This has earned us an opportunity to share more.

I am grateful to all of you that support our summer ministries — to those who serve at Nite Out and VBS, as well as those who create opportunities for us to gather and enjoy time together. I am grateful to those who run a campout, lead hikes and backpacking trips, serve at camp, wash cars, host BBQ's, keep the sports field green and mowed, and of course, those who are planning for the fall and year to come. And this is the short list.

I know that none of you need to be thanked. You do this because you love Jesus. I will say this though; I am grateful to you and for you. The Father is working and so are we.

~ TOM MILES



YOUTH RETREAT

My very first retreat at WVBC was camping at Honeyman State Park. Now, 5 summers later, it was fun to go back and reflect on how time has changed me, the church and our youth group. I'm so grateful to be helping our volunteers lead a ministry of students that know and care for each other. We talked about experiencing the love of God as the first step to walking in good relationship with him and others. Our ministry team continues to pray that God will lead these students (and us!) into deeper recognition of His great love for His people.

~ PATRICK VESTAL

NEW BABIES

BLOCKED FOR
PRIVACY



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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YOUTH SUMMER KICKOFF BBQ

Welcome to all of the incoming sixth graders and a fond farewell to our graduating seniors! The weather was great, with off and on rain to remind us how cold the pool water was for pool baseball! We had our annual "pop quiz," where I review the year in a short test. The students with the highest scores get to take home some cases of soda. It's a fun way to remember everything we've talked about this year and look forward to what we may learn in the coming year!

~ PATRICK VESTAL



BAPTISM



On May 31, Rhiley O'Brien was baptized by Danielle Martinez as we all got to witness and celebrate! Since it was a Family Sunday, we continued the celebration into a convivio lunch, enjoying each other's company and sharing together.

~ PATRICK VESTAL

FAMILY BINGO



We held a family bingo event on June 20. About 40 people enjoyed playing with friends, winning prizes and enjoying some delicious snacks. Lots of food was donated for the food pantry. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

~ LISA CERVANTES

NEW MEMBERS



Bob & Janna McDonald
Welcomed June 14, 2026