



Summer at GraceLife





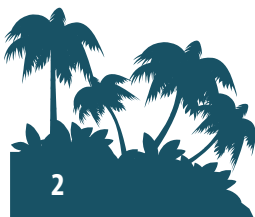
Welcome to Summer

Summer brings with it thoughts of freedom. The season of vacations, shorts, and flip-flops allows us freedom as a church to do some different activities.

This catalog is designed to give you an idea of some of the activities we are having as a church this summer. Although this isn't everything, it will still give you an idea of what you can look forward to participating in this summer to help you and your family grow in your walk with Christ. Look through the material you see here, and let the church office know if you have any questions!

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Wednesday Nights At a Glance

June 6, 13, 20 • July 11, 18, 25 • August 1, 8

(Note: VBS week is June 24-28. On July 4th, the only activities will be for teenagers.)

5:30 – 6:30 Fellowship Supper

Each week you can make your own sandwich, have some chips & cookies, and lemonade or water. The cost is **\$3.50** for adults and **\$2.00** for children. On the Sunday before the Wednesday, you must sign the list at the **Connection Center** which will indicate that you are coming, and want the church to provide the food.

If you don't want to eat the church-provided sandwich, etc., you are welcome to bring your own food (hamburger, pizza, steak & baked potato, etc.)—just remember that the rest of the people may be envious.

6:30 – 8:00

Preschool Care Grade School Children's Activities Student Ministry Worship Services

High School Ministry – Room 211
Middle School Ministry – Room 201

Adult Life Group Opportunities

**See page 9 for more details*

1. The Hebrews 5:14 Men's Group
2. No Excuses - A Ladies' Study
3. Serendipitous Potpourri of Bible Study - Coed

Adult Choir Practice

Room 215

8:00 – 9:00 Hang Around For Fellowship

After the organized activities are finished, feel free to stick around and get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ better. The gym will be available for recreation, and the Foyers will be open for fellowship.

The fun can't last forever, though—the lights go out and the gate is locked promptly at **9:15**. Thanks for your cooperation!



Children and Preschool

Wednesday Nights

Preschool

*(Preschool activities are provided for children of adults who are involved in either the adult Wednesday evening studies or serving in another area on Wednesday night. Parents of preschoolers **must remain on campus.**)*

On Wednesday evenings our older preschoolers (*Ages 2 through kindergarten*) will have a great time learning God's Word through Bible story time, making a craft, playing games outside, having a snack, and sometimes having music! These classes will rotate through 15-minute stations each Wednesday night from **6:30-8:00**.

We will have a nursery available for babies and 1 year olds throughout the summer. Nikki Garland will be directing our preschool and nursery ministry for the summer on Wednesday nights. If you are still looking for a place to serve at GraceLife, talk to Nikki or Pastor Dave about serving with the preschoolers on Wednesday evenings for a month this summer!

Elementary Age

Each Wednesday night, boys and girls who just **completed grades 1-5** are welcome to participate in activities according to the following schedule. Four of the Wednesday nights involve field trips (*June 13, July 11, 18, 25*). On these evenings, it is important to arrive at the church by 6:30 as we will be leaving promptly at 6:35! More information about each of these activities will be listed in the bulletins as the date approaches. Most evenings we will also have a devotion time with the children. Parents are welcome to attend! We will also need some additional drivers for the field trips—if you can help see Pastor Dave.

May 30	No Activities
June 6	Summer Kickoff Night – Open Gym (Basketball/Dodgeball)
June 13	Hike Night – Huckleberry Trail
June 20	June Kenya Team Practice Presentation & Pass Out VBS Flyers
June 27	VBS Week
July 4	No Wednesday night activities at church
July 11	Bowling
July 18	Swimming Night – details to follow
July 25	Supper/Hang out at CiCi's – bring a game to play after eating!

August 1
August 8
August 15
August 22
August 29

August Kenya Team Practice Presentation
Open Gym Night & Ice Cream Social
No Activities
Awana Carnival
First night of Awana



Children and Preschool

Sunday Morning Ministries

Our Sunday morning schedule will not change much during the summer for the preschoolers and elementary boys and girls. **Promotion Sunday** this year will be on **Sunday, August 19**. Boys and girls begin school earlier this year so we will be moving up our promotion date a few weeks early! Watch the bulletin for more information about Promotion Sunday!

Children's Worship will continue throughout most of the summer. During the month of June, we will continue the series on purity that we began in May. Parents should have already received information about the study. For this study we will begin with a time of singing all together and then the boys and girls will be split up for the teaching time.

For the remainder of the summer, we will review all of the series that we have studied throughout the year in Children's Worship.

Vacation Bible School

The first-ever GraceLife VBS will be held **June 24-28**! Mark your calendars now!

We will be using curriculum this year from Answers in Genesis. The theme is *IncrediWorld Amazement Park*! Each evening, VBS will run from **6:00-8:30**. There will be a special

VBS kickoff on Sunday afternoon, **June 24** at **4:30** which will feature games and light refreshments.

At the end of the week, there will be a **Celebration Service** at **7:00** on **Thursday night** in the Great Room, followed by outdoor games and refreshments to conclude the week. Classes will be held for boys and girls entering kindergarten through those graduating from high school!

(Please note: We will have classes for VBS workers' children for preschoolers under age 4, but these classes are not open to the public.)

Please pray about who God may want YOU to invite this summer!



Children and Preschool

Other Activities

Lake Day

All families are welcome to come to Claytor Lake on **Tuesday, July 24** for a day of fun and swimming! We will meet at the Lake at 11:00. Families may stay as long as they would like to. We will have a picnic lunch around 12:30. The cost including lunch, swimming and parking will be **\$5.00** per person with a **\$20 maximum** for a family. You will need to sign up with Pastor Dave in order to attend.

Centri-Kid

This summer, ten of our 4th and 5th graders along with three chaperones will be attending Centri-Kid camp at Ridgecrest on **June 16-20**. Please be praying for God to do some great work in the lives of all 13 attending!

Father/Son Campout

Men, you and your sons are invited to a camping trip at Camp Alta Mons during the weekend of **July 12-15**. This will be a great time for you to reinforce what your sons are learning during our series on purity in Children's Worship.

Upward Camp

All boys and girls who just completed kindergarten through the 8th grade are invited to participate in Upward camp this summer during the **week of July 16**. The cost will be **\$65**. This will be a great way to increase your basketball skills to prepare for the next season. Watch the bulletin for information on how to sign up!

Awana Carnival

This year our Awana carnival will be held on Wednesday night, **August 22**. This will be a great way to kick off the upcoming year! Plan now to attend and bring a friend!



Student Ministry

Youth Summer Schedule

Look below and on the next page to find a general overview of what is going on in Student Ministry this summer for our students who just completed 6th-12th grade. More details on these events will be sent to you via the HSM and MSM blog pages, newsletters, and announcements.

June

Sunday, June 3 – Graduate recognition in 10:45 service and Jr/Sr Banquet 12:30-2

Monday, June 4 – Movie Monday

Wednesday, June 6 – First Wednesday PM Services (hereafter called Midweek)

Friday, June 8 – National Man Day

Tuesday, June 12 – Park Day

Wednesday, June 13 – Midweek

Saturday, June 16 – Wednesday, June 20 – HSM to X-Fuge on Mission

Wednesday, June 20 – Midweek

Thursday, June 21 – Fast Food Thursday

Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28 – VBS Summer Explosion

Friday, June 29 – “Friday Night (Family) Thang” at Salem Avalanche

July

Monday, July 2 – Movie Monday

Wednesday, July 4 – Youth July 4th Cookout at CHS

Monday, July 9 – Friday, July 13 – MSM to Fuge

Tuesday, July 10 – Park Day

Wednesday, July 11 – Midweek

Wednesday, July 18 – Midweek

Thursday, July 19 – Fast Food

Wednesday, July 25 – Midweek

Friday, July 27 – “Friday Night Thang”

**In addition, Life Groups will be hosting socials during the month of July*



Student Ministry

August

Wednesday, August 1 – Midweek

Wednesday, August 6 – Movie Monday

Wednesday, August 8 – Midweek

Tuesday, August 14 – Park Day

Wednesday, August 15 – No church activities

Sunday, August 19 – Life Group Promotion Sunday

Wednesday, August 22 – Midweek

Thursday, August 23 – Fast Food

Friday, August 24 – Saturday, August 25 – Life Group Retreat Weekend

Wednesday, August 29 – Midweek

Friday, August 31 – “Friday Night Thang”

Music Ministry

Celebration Choir

The Celebration Choir will be rehearsing in **Room 215** each Wednesday of the summer from **6:30 – 8:00 pm**. We will have “after-rehearsal” fellowships on **June 6, July 11** and **August 1**. Our summer project will be singing from the collection *Feels Like Redemption*. As a part of our music rotation this summer, the choir will lead in worship two Sundays a month.

Worship

While keeping a strong focus on God, we will have a rotation of our worship musicians throughout the summer to add variety in our services and greater enthusiasm among players, singers, and technicians.

This is a great time to join the Music Ministry. We have openings for both choir members and instrumentalists who desire to use their talents to help others worship. If interested in serving in any of these ways, please contact Pastor Craig.



Adult Ministry

Wednesday Life Groups

There are three Life Groups being offered on Wednesday nights for you to participate in. You don't need to sign-up or pre-register—just show up for the first night of class and get plugged in.

The Hebrews 5:14 Men's Group

Room 102

Allan Tsang

If you are a young man under the age of 120 and a half, come:

- Strengthen your faith, be encouraged, and hold others accountable
- Discuss the difficult questions to which you want answers
- Hang out, share, and break bread with other cool guys

Give up TV and computer games for a few hours and have some real human interaction.

No Excuses - A Ladies' Study

Room 104

Anita Broadus

Plan to draw near to God by doing what He has already told us to do. This is a time of no excuses; it is a time of commitment, devotion, and boldness. You will be challenged to strive towards continual prayer and fellowship with God, exploring otherwise overlooked Scriptures and applying them to everyday life.

Serendipitous Potpourri of Bible Study

Room 106

Paul Toffenetti

This group will cover a diverse group of Bible study topics with a diverse group of people. Anyone is welcome to participate, whether male or female, married or single, young or old and everything in between.

P.S. - Wondering about Sunday Morning Life Groups?

Make sure you get a *Summer Adult Life Group* handout for details. We are structuring Adult Life Groups differently than we have in the past, so look over them carefully!

Those groups will begin **June 3**.





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