

Summers Are Exciting

While summers are exciting, they can also be very demanding. As I get older, they seem to come around sooner and sooner. Summers in church work usually mean lots and lots of fun activities and events. As I think back over my local church ministry years, the summers were full of vacation bible school, mission trips, summer revivals, and even lock-ins. While a whole lot has changed since that era in my life, I remain thrilled when I read about the plans being made to involve the children of our churches with our communities. As I read the titles of these summer activities I get excited because I am reminded that most children accept Jesus Christ as their Savior either at VBS or at Camp. Let's continue to pray for our leaders and children.

As you know, Latham Springs is our Associational camp. Our Association along with eleven other Baptist Associations actually own and give input and spiritual direction to the ministry of Latham Springs. Each Summer approximately a thousand children and young people make the most important decision of their young lives. At our camp several hundred others also answer the call to work in churches, pastor, or to become missionaries. All in all, it's one of the best things that we have ever done, and it is important to pray for, endorse and support our camp ministry.

I would like to ask you to pray for every church that is involved in hosting VBS, going to Camp, or traveling on a Mission trip this Summer. GOD is definitely at work, and His plans are perfect for our churches and children.

Would you also pray about your church possibly becoming a "partnering church" in our part of North Texas as we seek God's will for planting new churches? The B.G.C.T. has challenged us to plant between three and five new churches over the next twelve months. God has already blessed us with men who have answered the call to preach and or pastor in these new ministry areas. We need churches to "step up" and help in this new and exciting area of ministry in our Association.

It's a proven fact that the fastest growing area of new believers for the ministry is in the area of new church plants. In order to keep pace with the unprecedented growth coming to our part of the world, we need to pray and seek God's will for expanding the work that we have all been called to do. If your church would pray about this opportunity, please let me know. The new folks moving here, undoubtedly need Jesus and His church.

GOD bless you, please pray for: New Church Partners, Churches participating in Vacation Bible Schools, Mission Trips, and Camps.

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