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SUMMER 2018

## DON'T WASTE YOUR SUMMER

John Piper writes about a plaque that hung in his family's kitchen. The plaque contained a simple poem written in an old English script,

Only one life,  
"Twill soon be past;  
Only what's done  
For Christ will last.

The poem reminded Piper to live his one life well. Many years later he captured American Christian's attention with his book, *Don't Waste Your Life*. I want to pick up Piper's challenge, but focus it on the next 3 months: What would it look like to live the Summer of 2018 well? What would it look like to not waste our summer?

Many students have big plans for their summer: vacation, camp, anything with water, time with friends, and sleeping in until noon. While each of these activities are fine, if we are not careful, the summer will be over before we know it. We will look back over the summer and ask, "Where did it go?" And many will say that while it was fun, "I wasted my summer." My challenge to you is be intentional with your time this summer. Below are five ideas for being intentional to not waste your summer.

**Begin Each Day with One Task.** Admiral William McRaven challenged college graduates to begin each day by making their bed because making the bed provided the first accomplished task of the day. Students who stay at home throughout the summer can find themselves wasting away the day if they are not careful. Whether it is making the bed or another task, begin

each day by accomplishing one simple task because that will usually spur you to more action.

**Connect with Others Face-to-Face.** It can become easy to spend your summer digitally connected with your friends while never seeing them face-to-face. Plan intentional time building relationships with your friends this summer.

**Connect with Your Family.** Be intentional to spend time with your family. Plan to be home for meals together. During family time and family vacations, put down the devices and spend time talking to your parents and siblings.

**Read the Bible.** You knew this would be on the list. With your school work on pause for the summer, take time to build the discipline of daily reading God's Word. We are studying through the Minor Prophets this summer so read each Minor Prophet before we study it on Sunday.

**Serve Others.** Serving others helps us take our minds off of ourselves and see the bigger picture. So, whether it is a neighbor or an organization, find one way to serve someone else at least once a week.

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**TABLE TALK**

## BIBLE STUDY

This summer we are studying through the Minor Prophets.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
June 3	Hosea	Rob Signs
June 10	Joel	Brian Cable
June 17	Amos	Cody Western
June 24	Obadiah	Chris Terry
July 1	Micah	Robert Smith
July 8	<i>Youth will join with adult classes.</i>	
July 15	Jonah	Mike Walker
July 22	Nahum	TBA
July 29	Habakkuk	Ed Willoughby
August 5	Zephaniah	Chris Terry
August 12	Haggai	John Knudsen
August 19	Zechariah	John Knudsen
August 26	Malachi	Ed Willoughby

### Questions to Ask

1. What is the situation or circumstances of the prophecy?
2. What kind of human behavior is condemned or rewarded? What are the people called to do?
3. How does the passage point us toward Jesus and gospel?
4. What is one way this book calls you to change the way you live or act?

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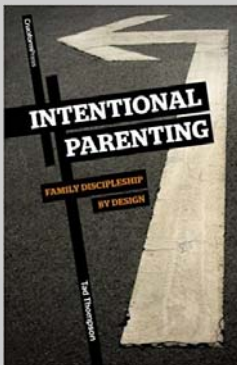


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## PARENT RESOURCES



### *Intentional Parenting* by Thad Thompson

This is a practical book about using your family context to lead and teach your children and family. This might be the most practical book on parenting I have come across.

FamilyLife, <https://www.familylife.com>

FamilyLife offers articles, audio, and a free monthly e-magazine from Dennis and Barbara Rainey on marriage and parenting.





**THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN US FOR YOUTH CAMP @ FORT MOUNTAIN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER JULY 8-14, 2018**

Global Youth Camp 2018 is focused on Acts 1-12. We will walk through the first twelve chapters of Acts in a way that will bring it to life.



Join us in August for Family Fun Nights. We are taking Wednesday nights off in July so this provides a great opportunity to re-engage before the school year starts, fellowship with your church family, and fellowship together as a family.

**POOL PARTY**

Fri., Aug. 3, 6:00-8:00 pm  
@ Cunningham Pool

**GAME NIGHT**

Wed., Aug. 8, 6:00-8:00 pm  
@ Fellowship

**BOUNCE NIGHT**

Wed., Aug. 15, 6:00-8:00 pm  
@ House of Bounce

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Wed. Aug. 22, 6:00-8:00 pm  
@ Fellowship

# ★ Back2 School★

## —BASH—

**Join Us  
Saturday, August 25  
5:00-9:00 PM  
for our  
BACK-2-SCHOOL BASH**

- Who?** All students in 7th –12th grades.
- What?** A night of food, games, fellowship, and fun. We will have food & games at the church and will be heading out to Soar Trampoline Park. 
- When?** Saturday, August 25  
5:00-9:00 PM
- Where?** Fellowship Baptist Church  
2827 E 32nd St., Joplin, MO  
Soar Trampoline Park  
1502 S Madison St, Webb City, MO
- Cost?** \$15/student  
\$5 Early Bird Discount (Sign Up/Pay by Aug. 12)  
\$5 Bring-a Friend Discount  
Free for All In-Coming 7th Graders

**For More Information or To Sign Up Visit**  
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**JUNE**

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| 3 - Bible Study                   | 17 - Bible Study |
| 6 - VBS                           | 20 - VBS         |
| 10 - Bible Study<br>Camp Deadline | 24 - Bible Study |
| 13 - VBS                          | 27 - VBS         |

**JULY**

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 - Bible Study                       | 15 - Bible Study |
| 8 - Depart for Global<br>Youth Camp   | 22 - Bible Study |
| 14 - Return from<br>Global Youth Camp | 29 - Bible Study |

**AUG**

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| 3 - FFN: Pool                   | 15 - FFN: Inflatables |
| 5 - Bible Study                 | 19 - Bible Study      |
| 8 - FFN: Games                  | 22 - FFN: Movie       |
| 12 - Bible Study<br>Celebration | 25 - Back-2-School    |
|                                 | 26 - Bible Study      |