

September 2006
Summer and Fall

Dear Theophilus,

Summer officially ends September 22nd but for most schoolchildren and youth it has already ended. It seems that summer goes by more quickly these days with earlier school starts and increased activities replacing those lazy, crazy daydream days of leisure.

What have we to show for a summer now past? I had challenged you at its start to plan out what you want to do so that the days don't get away from you. Did you do it? Did you do all you wanted to do?

For me it was a summer of many blessings: The June youth mission trip to Michigan; Olga's visit with us from Cuba; Sundays when we all worshiped together; the many people who provided music and led worship; the trip to Australia and New Zealand with my family; a fabulous Vacation Bible School; a wonderful August Saturday spent at Monica and John Gromek's cabin in Port Clinton with staff and their families and various church volunteers; the youth softball game with Forest Hill Church; and the recent addition of Chris Hill as our new Director of Music.

It was also a summer of goodbyes with the Deckers moving back to South Carolina, the Bylik's to Chicago, Linda Eastwood to McCormick Seminary (did you get to her farewell party in Bloomfield Hall in July?), and Tim Neal (to be followed by Kathy in the coming year) to Virginia. We wish them well and already miss them greatly.

The church officially says goodbye to summer on Sunday, September 10th, with Rally Day, the traditional startup of church school and the return of our fall schedule. The Wellspring service (casual worship) begins at 9:00 am, church school for all ages from 9:50-10:50, and our more traditional worship at 11:00.

Much will be the same and some things will be different. The Wellspring service, led by its own worship team and singers, provides an opportunity to worship in a casual setting and uses the screen to project songs and images.

Our 11:00 worship will feature a different service each Sunday of the month: The first Sunday is communion, the second is more innovative and cutting edge, the third is traditional, the fourth is planned and led by various ministries, and the fifth (October, December (?), and April) will be led by our youth.

Worship is the centerpiece of church life and I hope that you will make it an important and customary part of your week.

Our Sunday bulletin, newsletter, and website are all being revamped. A weekly e-mail of LCPC happenings will soon go out each week to those of you who have given us your address.

Enough said. Let's get started on a new year. I look forward to sharing in ministry with you in the weeks and months ahead.

Many blessings,

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