



## Event ideas to keep your church connected during the summer

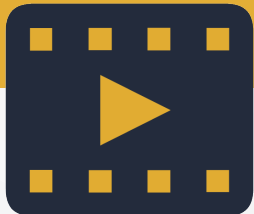


During the summer many Connect Groups take a summer break, but the Faith Avenue is still alive and active. This season is an opportunity to think of creative ways to build cross-generational relationships. In addition to the usual picnics, campouts, beach days, and barbeques, here are a few ideas for summer events for your congregation:



### 1. PLAN AN OUTDOOR WORSHIP NIGHT OR SERIES FOR THE SUMMER.

Live music outside is a draw for many people. This a great opportunity for additional fellowship with members or to invite a neighbor or friend who would prefer an event that might be less intimidating than a full worship service.



### 2. DO A FREE OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT.

Set the date and include information about bringing blankets and lawn chairs. If members invite co-workers and friends, have some extra supplies on hand to share with those who did not bring their own seating.



### 3. HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD CAMP.

Take advantage of the free time school-aged youth have during the summer, and plan a week of activities and opportunities to experience God's relentless love for his children.



#### 4. THROW A WATER PARTY.

Using Slip 'n Slides, large sprinklers, or water balloons is a fun way to escape the heat and create a bonding experience for your members.



#### 5. COORDINATE A SPORTS DAY IN THE PARK.

Set up a variety of sports and games, like cornhole, volleyball, spikeball, or 9 square. Provide snacks and drinks to help fuel the fun.



#### 6. ORGANIZE A PARENTS' DAY/EVENING OUT.

Many parents feel the pressure of coordinating childcare while their kids are out of school. Provide childcare for parents to take care of errands or go out for a group date night.



#### 7. ARRANGE A SERVICE DAY.

Serving the community together is a great way for members to bond with one another and share the light of Christ with their neighborhood. Serve at a local non-profit together, plan a back-to-school supply drive for a local school and spend an afternoon together organizing the supplies, or host a snow cone/ice cream drive-through for your neighborhood. The possibilities are endless!