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Planning for the Fall #4 – Staying Connected This Summer

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Summer is a time for rest and relaxation — a time for people to disconnect and recharge. However, this does not mean that Christians should disconnect from the church.

How to stay connected during the summer months?

1. Online worship

- Encourage people to engage in worship online while they are out of town.
- Ask people to give a shout-out about where they are and what they are doing while away from the congregation.
- Make sure the staff stays connected in this way as well.

2. Summer scripture reading plan

- Perhaps read through a book of the Bible during the summer, reading a few verses each day.
- Create guiding questions for each week to keep people engaged.
- Put the reading plan online for people to engage in conversation.
- Recruit someone in the congregation to manage this initiative.

3. Coloring pages

- Invite them to download the pages, color them, and return them to the church.
- Display on the church walls.
- Base them on your summer reading plan.

4. City park cookouts

- Keep them simple and have fun together.
- Invite others at the city park to join you.

5. Photo contest

- Ask families to take pictures of interesting sights from the summer and post on your social media.
- Congregation leaders should comment to encourage members in their summer activities.