

St. Andrew's UMC

Pastor's Pen

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Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us! I recently saw an article by John Clark in the Killeen Daily Herald called "Getting Ready for Another Texas Summer." Here are some of his notes about summer for those who are new to the area:

- "The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance."
- "The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground."
- "You can get sunburn through your car window."
- "The metal part of a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron."

I hope that these notes gave you a good laugh like they did me. There are other things we need to mention that are special about the summer, including barbecues, fireworks, celebrating independence on the Fourth of July, memories with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who are on break from school, cooling off in a swimming pool, time with loved ones, family reunions, roadtrips, snow cones, and more!

In the midst of all of the summer fun, I would like to ask us to focus on two themes: fellowship and faith. Fellowship is not to be mistaken as only a social function. Fellowship is the Body of Christ and a participation in what Jesus is doing among us and in the world. Faith is the belief that fuels fellowship and in turn grows as we encourage one another. Let's enjoy the summer memories we are making while staying cool and drinking plenty of water! At the same time, be aware of fellowship and faith in your life. Let's ask the question, "God, what are you doing in our lives today?" Have a safe, memorable, and very special summer.

Blessings,

Pastor Terry