

Oil change. **Check.**  
Road map. **Check.**  
Trip itinerary. **Check.**

As you prepare for your summer vacations, mission trips, and weekend get-aways— we want to help you with the essential details!

Spiritual maintenance. **Check.**

## “Best Summer Ever” Planning Guide

*It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of everything summer has to offer. It's then we tend to forget about the “little things” that get us through daily life during the rest of the year. The staff at Downtown wants to help you have the “best summer ever” - combining the great things about the rest of the year, and the lightheartedness of summer.*

◆ **Don't skip services all together just because you can't be here meeting with us.**

- Feel free to look at the church's copy of “Where the Saints Meet” if you would like to know of churches in or around your destination
- If you would like, the church office will be happy to provide you with devotional guides, copies of song lyrics, and communion supplies for your own time of devotion and communion.

◆ **Follow along with our Summer Reading Schedule as we all prepare to study the Minor Prophets this fall.**

13 Minor Prophets in 12 weeks: read one book a week, or follow the schedule below that breaks it up more evenly.

Week of May 31: Hosea 1-7

Week of July 12: Micah 1-7

Week of June 7: Hosea 8-14

Week of July 19: Nahum + Habakkuk

Week of June 14: Joel 1-3

Week of July 26: Zephaniah + Haggai 1-2

Week of June 21: Amos 1-4

Week of Aug 2: Zechariah 1-7

Week of June 28: Amos 5-9

Week of Aug 9: Zechariah 8-14

Week of July 5: Obadiah + Jonah

Week of Aug 16: Malachi 1-4

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### ◆ **Stay in touch with your church family**

- Sermons preached each Sunday are placed on the church’s web site.
- News and information posted on web site: [www.downtownchurch.org](http://www.downtownchurch.org).
- Sign up for weekly Downtown E-Notes emails sent from the church office twice a week. These emails include latest church family news and updates and information on upcoming events. Contact the church office to receive Downtown E-Notes.
- Downtown News-line (279-2600) is updated daily with members birthdays, family news and other important information.

### ◆ **Remember your financial obligation to the church family**

- Contribution – Remember that even though you are away, our ministries will still be functioning.
  - Feel free to drop your contribution off at the church office.
  - Another efficient, easy and secure way to make sure your contribution is given on schedule is Bill Pay through your local bank. Most banks will advertise this as a free service that can be easily set up with your banks customer service.
- Tzedakah – We are near completion of our building expansion efforts. The pledges from our members have allowed us to stay on track with the expansion without having to put us in enormous financial debt. Your attention and completion of your Tzedakah pledge to our church family will allow us to pay the remaining expansion payments.

### ◆ **Take this time with your kids to start new habits, and learn new things.**

- Encourage your kids to memorize and learn the books of the Bible & scriptures.
- Read a book of the Bible together while you’re on your trip.
- Find a new Christian CD that you will all enjoy listening to together while in the car or around the house.

**“And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.**

And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. *Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*

Deuteronomy 6: 5-9