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Greetings!

It is hard to believe the summer is coming to an end! As we take Kat to college next week, the reality of how quickly this summer has gone is setting in. Worship by the Water at City Park on August 27th seems to mark the transition into fall programming. I am planning my fall sermons, preparing to start the next confirmation class in connection with a new bible study, taking another group to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children, and wanting to get plans going for a fall family event, youth events, Christmas program, and possibly even a live nativity!

In recent conversations, several people have mentioned that they were not aware of various happenings at our church. So, before we send out information about the fall events, we want to try to improve the communication process. Our goal is to provide the information in as many formats as possible, hoping everyone will be able to get the info in the manner they most appreciate, and not waste postage mailing everything. We still mail out a hard copy of the newsletter to about 20 people who prefer that format. The full newsletter is always available on our website, and there is also a calendar of events. We also try to get updates and reminders posted to Facebook, and are working to include Instagram. The majority of you have asked to have info emailed to you in this format, and anyone is able to add or update their email address for this subscription.

Stacy found that only 10% of our newsletter email recipients are only reading the limited content in the actual email! Are you aware that each mini-article in the email actually links to the full content in the newsletter? To help guide people to the full newsletter, our newsletter emails in the future will have less info and a more obvious link to the full newsletter.

The best form of communication is face to face as a gathered community on Sunday morning. With the changes in schedules that happen each fall, this is a perfect time for us all to make fresh commitments to regularly gathering every Sunday. Please let us know if you have other suggestions for how we can improve our communications and cultivate meaningful gatherings in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Craig