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Summer highlights and happenings

Summer is here, and if you are one of our clients in the Sunshine State, there is no doubt of its arrival with our temperatures. This quarter's newsletter will be focused on all things summer, so we hope you enjoy the articles, recipes and ideas. Let us know if you try one!

getaways. We both volunteered at our respective church camps earlier this summer, and it's amazing to reflect on how much the kids learned and how much hope there is for future generations. These kids are embracing Christ and influencing their peers and communities in big ways. It's exciting to see God at work through His children.



Miller family at Devils Tower.

Steve and Kelly's families have been busy this summer with vacation bible school, youth camps and family



Grills family at the beach.

In addition to the fun tidbits included in this newsletter, please take time to review and register for our valuable upcoming events. And please consider participating in the School Supply Drive we're hosting.

We appreciate each one of you and pray your summer is blessed.



July is National Picnic Month

What better way to welcome summer than with a basket full of goodies, cool drinks and fresh air? National Picnic Month was founded by the American Bakers Association to celebrate the history of this activity and the way it brings people together.

According to nationaltoday.com, the earliest known picnics were outdoor meals served to medieval royal hunters. These early picnics were large, fancy meals, and this trend continued through the Victorian Era.

We can attribute the modern version of picnics to the French. The revolutionaries opened up royal parks to the public after the French Revolution, and picnicking became a popular activity among French citizens.

As time passed, the charm of eating meals outdoors grew in proportion to people’s busier lifestyles, and a picnic society was even formed in London. Now, cultures around the world have put their own spin on picnics.

Many Americans love to picnic on special occasions and holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. We recently asked a few clients about their picnic experiences, and Elayne A. shared that she loves attending her daughter’s annual summer picnic on the beach where they enjoy ice cream for dinner—yum!

Client Shannon P. shared her favorite picnic recipe for Corn Dip, which has become a Miller family favorite as well. It can be made a day in advance of your picnic or event.



Corn dip

Ingredients

- 2 cans of shoe peg corn, drained
- 8 oz. of shredded parmesan cheese
- 8 oz. of shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 cup of mayonnaise
- 1 bunch of scallions, cut into pieces

Directions

Combine all ingredients and stir well. Refrigerate until needed. Serve with tortilla chips, crackers or a spoon.

Support our school supply drive

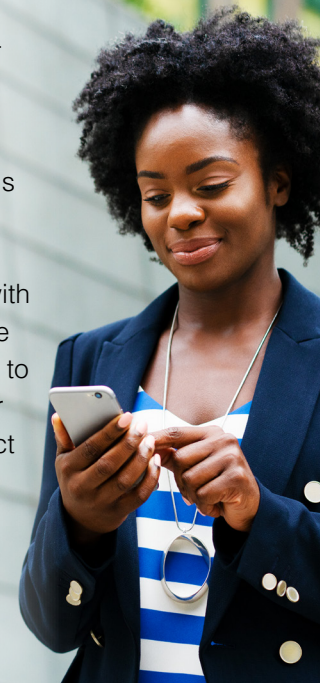
We will be collecting school supplies July 31–Aug. 1 for needy students in our community. Drop off your donations at our office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. either day, or text Sally at 813-694-5829 if you need an alternative time.

Items in greatest need include sharpened pencils, Crayola markers and colored pencils, Elmer’s glue sticks, dry-erase markers, one-inch binders, plastic folders with pockets and prongs and ball-point pens. Backpacks and lunchboxes will also be accepted. Thank you in advance for using money as a tool to do good for others.



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Thrivent Action Team thought starters

Do you have a Thrivent Action Team available but need inspiration? Read on for some ideas. If you need assistance applying or thinking through the details, email our office professional Sally and she would be happy to help.

- **Backpack-stuffing party**

Use your seed money to purchase backpacks; then have friends over to help stuff them with supplies. You could ask your friends to donate the school supplies that will go into the backpacks. A local school would be blessed to have these on hand for children in need.

- **Blessing bags**

Use your seed money to purchase items that would be a blessing to the homeless, such as water bottles, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes and paste, granola bars, beef jerky, etc. You could also include a note of encouragement in each bag. Then gather friends and family to help assemble and distribute them.

- **Military care packages**

Your seed money can be used to purchase the supplies, boxes and postage needed to send care packages to U.S. military around the world. Gather a group of volunteers to donate to the cause and help you assemble the care packages.

- **Snuffle mats**

Gather your friends and family to assemble snuffle mats for dogs at your local animal shelter. Your seed money could be used to purchase the supplies needed to make the mats, as well as treats for the pups to enjoy.

- **Clothes for foster children**

Connect with your church or community to collect new and gently-used clothing for youth ages 0–17. Use your seed money to purchase small suitcases and then invite friends and family to help fill them with the collected items and deliver them to a local foster closet.

For more ideas, check out the [Thrivent Action Teams Hub online](#).



Upcoming events

School supply drive

July 31–Aug. 1 | Land O' Lakes Office, 2651 Narnia Way, Ste. 102, Land O Lakes, FL 34638

Donations will be accepted between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Live generously by donating supplies for local students headed back to school. See the article in this newsletter for complete details.

Dinner with Thrivent: Market and Economic Update

Aug. 14 | 6–8 p.m. | Grillsmith–Carrollwood, 14303 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33618

The Thrivent Member Network is hosting a Market & Economic Update event for our clients and guests. Dinner tickets are \$10 per person. Reservations must be made before Aug. 6. Space is limited, so [register today](#).

Faith Night with Thrivent and the Tampa Bay Rays

Aug. 17 | First pitch is at 4:10 p.m. | Tropicana Field

Come sit with other Thrivent clients and cheer on the Rays! Each ticket is \$25 (**\$39 value**) and includes reserved seating, a Faith Night Rays baseball cap and post-game interviews with players sharing their everyday walk and giving testimonies. [Register at Eventbrite](#).

The Forge Movie Night

Aug. 22 (tentative)

Come join us for a complimentary viewing of The Forge. Tickets will be provided as our gift to you. We will also be collecting diapers and/or wipes at the viewing to support Oasis Pregnancy Care Centers. Please consider bringing a donation.

Details are still in the works. Visit our website for updated information and to register. Space is limited. [Register now](#).

Get to know us

Q: What comes to mind when you hear the word “summer”?

Financial Advisor Steve Miller: Summer makes me think of one of my most favorite places, the beach. Listening to the waves roll in and staring at the horizon relaxes me. It’s also a great place to ride the waves and toss a football around with the kids.

Financial Advisor Kelly Grills: We had the chance to hit the beach with our family and church twice this summer. The first trip was for our daughter, Addison, to be baptized. What a blessing! During the second trip, we stood along the shore during sunset and sang praises to God with 40 teenagers. These are priceless family memories, and I am so thankful for them.

Office Professional Sally Miller: I think of beach days splashing in the water, building drip-sandcastles and burying one another with just our heads popping out of the sand.



Dad joke corner

If you have spent any time with Steve, you know he loves corny jokes. Here is this quarter’s dad joke:

Q: Where do birds stay when they go on summer vacation?

A: Someplace cheep!

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