

uncommon family

SUMMER

GUIDE

While the Uncommon Family Series ends on Sunday, June 19, 2022, we want to help you make the entire summer Uncommon for your family. Our hope is that you take some steps to make your family Uncommon as you intentionally spend time together this summer.

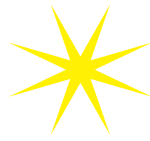
Sometimes we get to the end of summer and wonder where and how we spent all our time. This guide will help you make the summer of 2022 a season for you to grow, play, serve, rest, and make memories as a family.

In this guide, you'll find events for kids and youth, opportunities to serve others, and even some date night ideas for married couples. Maybe you'll even start some new family traditions that will bear fruit for years to come. We've also included resources to help you grow your Uncommon family.

Summer is an exciting time to break away from normal patterns. Look for ways to eat meals together as a family. Play some new games together. Instruct a day of Sabbath rest as a family. Put your phones away for a half-day and go tech-free as a family.

This is not a to do list, but rather a guide to help you grow your family. Pick what you think will be most helpful for your family.





NATIONAL "HOLIDAYS"

Did you know there are lists of National "Holidays" for every day of the year? Nationaldaycalendar.com includes a list of 'National Days' for all 365 days of the year. We've picked out some of our favorites for you to enjoy together this summer. Choose a few of these you will enjoy together as a family. Use #HCUncCommonFamily whenever you post any pictures to social media.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
FATHER'S DAY

Celebrate Dad by watching his favorite (age-appropriate) movie, eating at his #1 restaurant, or enjoying his top Waco outdoor activity.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JUNE 20
ICE CREAM SODA AND VANILLA MILKSHAKE DAY

Gather your family and Life Group, get ice cream, and make your favorite ice cream soda or vanilla milkshake! Add Dr. Pepper to cheer on the local soda of choice.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JUNE 27
SUNGLASSES DAY

Put on some sunglasses, do something outside (i.e., get your swim on, go for a late afternoon walk or hike), and catch some rays!

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
CAMERA DAY

Celebrate by taking some fun, goofy family pictures or selfies. Post them to social and use #HCUncCommonFamily.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, JULY 1
POSTAL WORKER DAY

Write a note to your mail carrier and leave it for them along with a cold bottle of water and some snacks to thank them for serving your family every day.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Gather with your family and Life Group, enjoy some fireworks, and celebrate our freedom as Americans.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

THURSDAY, JULY 7
MACARONI DAY

Make some pasta and go full on Barbarian – no utensils for dinner! Your kids will love it (and you'll have some cleaning up to do!).

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JULY 11
7-11 DAY

Go visit your local 7-eleven and get a free Slurpee.

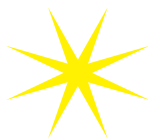
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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, JULY 15
GIVE SOMETHING AWAY DAY

Find a box and fill it with some things to give away to others in need (bring to Salvation Army, Thrift store, Mission Waco)

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NATIONAL "HOLIDAYS"

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 17
ICE CREAM DAY
Do we really need to explain?

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, JULY 22
HAMMOCK DAY
Grab that hammock and hang it up at home or in the local park. Take a nap, read a book, or listen to some music.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
LOVE IS KIND DAY
Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and discuss with your family and/or Life Group the kindness of the Lord. Then go do something kind for someone else.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
NIGHT OUT DAY
Brainstorm some fun, creative ways to engage with your neighbors. Invite them over for dinner, make some cookies for your neighbors, or volunteer to wash their car.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY
Bake some cookies or go get some Crumbl or Milk Bottle cookies!

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
WATER BALLOON DAY
Water balloon fight!!!!

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
FRIENDSHIP DAY
Write a note to a close friend who needs some encouragement. Thank them for their friendship.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10
LAZY DAY
Whenever everyone gets home from work or school, get in your PJ's, watch your favorite TV show, and escape from the August heat.

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NATIONAL HOLIDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
FAMILY REUNION
Come join us at Harris Creek as we celebrate the end of this Uncommon Summer!

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FAMILY FUN

FAMILY FUN IDEAS

READ A BOOK TOGETHER – (i.e., *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis, or check out the *Wingfeather Saga* by Andrew Peterson)

TECHNOLOGY FAST – Do a technology fast for half a day or a full day. Only use technology that is essential! No Wi-Fi and no music. Try to use natural lighting and candles and make it memorable.

WATCH “YES DAY” MOVIE – Watch the movie “Yes Day” on Netflix

FAMILY GAME NIGHTS

- Fishbowl
- Apples to Apples
- Charades
- Quplash
- Spoons
- Farkle (with fun consequences)

WATCH “THE CHOSEN” – Watch *The Chosen* together

SOCIAL DILEMMA – Watch *Social Dilemma* and discuss together (13 and up and/or those with social media)

SCREEN TIME CHALLENGE – Who can have the lowest amount of screen time for the week?

LEMONADE STAND – Lemonade Stand Weekend for [Isaiah 117 House](#) – July 15-17th - [Lemonade Stand Sign Up](#)

DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS

QUESTION: Have a question or conversation starter for the day!

ENCOURAGE: Choose one family member for everyone to encourage around the dinner table

THANKFUL: Everyone share one thing they are grateful for

HIGH POINT: Everyone shares their high for the day

MEMORIZE: Memorize scripture together as a family.

Here are a few suggestions: Micah 6:8, Ephesians 2:8-10, John 3:16-17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

PROVERB: Proverb of the day

Read the Proverb that lines up with the day of the month. For example, on July 27th, read Proverbs 27

KIDS MINISTRY VERSES: Kids ministry verses from Create, Navigate/Integrate

CREATE

June – “*I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*” - Philippians 4:13, NLT

July – “*Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’*” - John 14:6, NIV

NAVIGATE/INTEGRATE

June – “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law*” - Galatians 5:22-23, ESV

July – “*Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*” - Philippians 1:6, NIV



FAMILY FUN

ROAD TRIP CONVERSATION AND GAMES

LICENSE PLATE GAME – Play together or compete against each other to find as many license plates as possible from different states

20 QUESTIONS – One person thinks of something and the other person gets 20 Yes/No questions to try to guess what the answer is!

PLAYLIST – Make a Road Trip playlist together

"I SPY" – Play "I Spy" with road signs and letters A through Z

ROAD TRIP Q&A – Put your phones away, ask each other questions, and talk with each other!



DATE IDEAS

SUNSET – Watch the sunset at Lovers Leap in Cameron Park

MORNING HIKE – Morning Hike on the Highlander Trail

MAGNOLIA – Do all things Magnolia – Silos, Bakery, Magnolia Press, and Magnolia Table

FARMERS MARKET – Head to the Downtown Farmers Market on a Saturday morning

INITIALS – Plan a date night around your spouse's initials. For example, if your spouse's initials are CDB, you could go for a hike at Cameron Park, grab dessert at Heritage Ice Cream, and go walk around Baylor's campus—Sic 'em! (C=Cameron, D=Dessert, B=Baylor)

IDEAS – For other date night ideas, email marriage@harris creek.org

MARRIAGE COMMUNICATION CLASS – A 2-week class at Harris Creek that will help you better communicate and manage conflict as a couple. It's a 2-week date night! Sign-up on our [events page](#).



SUMMER SCHEDULE

KIDS MINISTRY

(for babies through completed 5th grade)

SUMMER FUN DATES:

Great Zoo Search at Cameron Park Zoo – June 15 - [Zoo Registration](#)

Hawaiian Falls – July 13 – [Hawaiian Falls Registration](#)

Movie Night at Harris Creek – Aug 5 - [Movie Registration](#)

INTEGRATE HANGOUTS:

(for completed 4th-5th graders)

Email kids@harriscreek.org for all details and locations.

Wednesday, June 15

Wednesday, July 13

BAPTISM

Kids Baptism Class – July 17 - [Kids Baptism Sign Up](#)

Baptisms following 11a service

(NOTE: For completed 6th - 11th graders – email youth@harriscreek.org for more baptism information)

Sunday, June 26

Sunday, July 10

Sunday, August 14 at Family Reunion (Time TBD)

YOUTH MINISTRY

(for completed 6th - 11th graders)

Email youth@harriscreek.org for all details and locations.

JUNE

June 1 – Summer Serve – Harris Creek, 1-3p

June 5 – OFF (before summer camp)

June 6-10 – Summer Camp

June 12 – Dive – Middle School, 5-6:30p /// High School, 6:30-8p

June 15 – Middle School Hangout, 2-4p

June 19 – Dive – Middle School, 5-6:30p /// High School, 6:30-8p

June 22 – Summer Serve – Mission Waco, 1-3p

June 26 – Dive – Middle School, 5-6:30p /// High School, 6:30-8p

June 29 – Middle School Hangout, 2-4p

JULY

July 3 – Off (July 4th)

July 10 – Dive – Middle School, 5-6:30p /// High School, 6:30-8p

July 13 – Middle School Hangout, 2-4p

July 17 – Dive – Middle School, 5-6:30p /// High School, 6:30-8p

July 20 – Summer Serve – Mission Waco, 1-3p

July 24 – Dive – Middle School, 5-6:30p /// High School, 6:30-8p

July 27 – Middle School Hangout, 2-4p

July 31 – Dive – Middle School, 5-6:30p /// High School, 6:30-8p

AUGUST

August 3- Summer Serve TBD



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SERMON SERIES RESOURCES

BOOKS:

Tech Wise Family by Andy Crouch

Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids by Kristen Jensen

Raising Passionate Jesus Followers by Phil and Diane Comer

Intentional Fatherhood- A Practical Guide to Raise Sons of Courage and Character by Jon Tyson

Risen Motherhood: Gospel Hope for Everyday Moments by Emily Jensen and Laura Wifler

Embodied: Transgender Identities, the Church, and What the Bible Has to Say by Preston Sprinkle

10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity by Rebecca McLaughlin

Love Thy Body by Nancy Pearcey

The Meaning of Marriage by Timothy and Kathy Keller

Cherish: The One Word That Changes Everything for Your Marriage by Gary Thomas

Release My Grip: Hope for a Parent's Heart as Kids Leave the Nest and Learn to Fly by Kami Gilmour

WEBSITES:

Centerforfaith.com – Equipping Christian leaders, churches, and organizations to engage questions about faith, sexuality, and gender with theological faithfulness and courageous love

Gotquestions.org – Your questions, Biblical answers

TheParentCue.org – Parent smarter, not harder. Resources for parents

PODCASTS:

The Intentional Parents – Phil and Diane Comer

Fierce Marriage & Fierce Parenting – Ryan and Selena Frederick

Becoming Something – JP, Kathy Davidson, Nate Hilgenkamp

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