

Take Opportunities to Improve

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We are only two weeks into the summer break and so much already has taken place. Our summer began with our second annual Bible Day Camp here at Karns. We had 31 kids spend several hours each day engaging in fun and learning biblical truths. Each day was spent playing games, having a Bible lesson, doing arts and crafts, watching a skit put on by our teen helpers and enjoying a snack together. The purpose of this week was to help teach our kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade that Jesus truly is different from every other person who has ever lived. The kids' excitement and enthusiasm was contagious! I'm already looking forward to next year.

This past week we held our annual Leadership Camp here at Karns. We had 15 campers come from various parts of the southeast to learn how to be better servants in the Lord's church. I'm prayerful that each camper is leaving today with a greater knowledge of how to serve the Lord. Plans are already under way to make Leadership Camp 2013 one of the best years we have ever had.

As I sit here and reflect on the past two weeks, I can't help but wonder, "How many of us adults fail to take advantage of opportunities to improve our relationship with God? How many of us could use a week's worth of training to improve in the areas where we are leaders?"

I know the summer is a busy time of year for everyone, believe me. I also know we can get so busy we fail to take the time to improve our relationship with our heavenly Father. If there is one thing I have been reminded of in the last two weeks, it is that we all need to constantly improve, no matter our age. I want to challenge each of us to make the most of the opportunities we have to be better servants of our God, not only this summer, but every day of our lives.

The apostle Paul said, "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (I Cor. 15:58). Habits take action! Why not start today making it a habit to make the most of your opportunities to grow spiritually? Just think of the difference it could make!