



Summer can be a time of great spiritual wealth, or great spiritual waste.

Summer break is a time to take a break—no more school, no more homework, no more sports. But what makes a wasted summer is when you take a break from God rather than using the time to grow closer to Him and to serve others.

***A wasted summer is a summer spent without growing closer to God.*** I want to encourage you to have a worth-while summer. We've planned a lot of events. We have a calendar full of things for students to do this summer. We want you to have a summer full of serving Jesus and growing in Him.

We want you to go back to school in September with ***lots of great stories to tell your friends about summer adventure.*** We've created a ton of venues for you take risks for Jesus—we want you to have a blast, and get something done for the Kingdom of Heaven.

You don't have to be in a different country to love people. We'll be spending a week in **urban Philadelphia**, we'll be spending several days **servicing** God in our own community & rescue missions, homeless shelters and Church Plants. We'll be helping with **VBS** to reach other students with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



## Save The Dates!

**October 16-18 —Junior High/  
Middle School Breakaway Retreat—**

We'll be going to Lake Champion. For another crazy weekend of fun, fellowship and seeing God in new ways.

**Sr High/Young Adult Boston Trip—** We're looking at a weekend in September or October to do ministry with the Keith Mencke and the Boston Project. [www.tbpm.org/](http://www.tbpm.org/)

*“God created us to live with a single passion: to joyfully display his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life. The wasted life is the life without this passion. God calls us to pray and think and dream and plan and work not to be made much of, but to make much of him in every part of our lives.”*

-John Piper

## AND AS ALWAYS...

Know that Pastor Sam and the Youth Leaders are here to talk about whatever, or just hang out. You can e-mail me [sam@bloglongisland.com](mailto:sam@bloglongisland.com) AIM (bloglongisland), Facebook, or hit my cell at (631.804.3001).

Make sure to check out [www.dvine.info](http://www.dvine.info) or [www.dhefc.org](http://www.dhefc.org) for pictures, video and info about upcoming events—sign up for the newsletter to keep up-to-date.

**DON'T WASTE  
YOUR SUMMER!**

## Dix Hills Youth Group

by the time school starts in September we want you to be able to tell some great stories about your...

**SUMMER 09**

**Summer  
Stories**

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# Dix Hills Youth Group Summer Stories

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**Sunday Nights —The Way Worship**—A Weekly Worship Event for College Students and Young Adults—  
7PM each Sunday night at Church. [www.TheWayWorship.org](http://www.TheWayWorship.org)

**Friday Night – DVine Worship/Pool Night** – Don't forget about worship this summer! – join us each Friday at 7:00 at church for games and worship and starting June 19 - a pool party each Friday night. *Let us know if you would like to host a pool night. (No youth group July 17 or 24th)*

**July 1, 8, 15, 29, Aug 12 – Wednesday is Beach Day!** – Calling all Jr/Sr High Students - Celebrate Summer by joining us on a day trip to the beach! These are great events to hang out with friends or make new ones. *Call Sam for cost/times/rain date – 631.804.3001.*

**July 2, 9, 30, Aug 13 – Thursday Is Service Day – Make a difference** – We'll be scheduling projects in our community for students to show God's love to others. Helping Hand, Roosevelt Church plant, etc – there's a lot to do, join us!

**July 7th—Tuesday—Great Adventure Trip!** - See Sam for Details.

**July 13-17 – SonRock Kids Camp - Vacation Bible School.** After this week rising 7th graders may join Youth Group. *Volunteers still needed.*

**July 19-July 25th – Missions Trip—Urban Imperative Philadelphia** – We'll be traveling to the city of Philadelphia to experience inner-city ministry first-hand. We'll be serving local churches, in rescue missions, and in the community. *See Sam for an application.*

**August 3-7th—Missions Trip—Roosevelt VBS**— We're going to partner with some other Churches in Huntington Station to help Roosevelt Bible Church put on a VBS for the many kids in their community. This is a church with a lot of need and very few resources. Help this church reach Their Community. Also (adults?) We want to transform the basement of this church to a food pantry and need help with drywall etc— if you have time to give to this work of the Gospel, let us know, we're working on putting a team together.