

## Summer at Highlands

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### Big Idea

There are no shortages of forces fighting for time and influence on your family. We are bombarded with messages on a daily basis offering solutions for our problems. Our kids (and future generations) are counting on us to fight for their future and give a safe and stable environment for growth and love!

### Let's Talk

**1. Friends.** “Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future.” Who we spend time with matters. If you are feeling negative and frustrated about everything, it’s worth considering who you spend time with on a regular basis. Proverbs is full of wisdom about relationships and how we can walk in that wisdom. Are you spending time with people who bring out the best in you? Or, are you headed toward harm because of your relationships?

*Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.  
Proverbs 13:20*

**2. Genuine faith.** The book of James reminds us that “faith without works is dead.” What we do in life does not offer us salvation, but how we live our lives does point toward what we value and where we are aiming. One of the best ways that we can fight for future generations is to live out the things that we see modeled in the life and ministry of Jesus. Are you loving your neighbors? Are you contributing to the flourishing of your community? Are you walking in humility? The way we live our lives communicates to our kids and future generations whether we actually believe what we say we believe.

*“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.” Matthew 15:8 - 9*

### Reflect & Respond

Are you investing in future generations? Are you volunteering and giving your time to serve others? If not, take that next step today! Visit [www.hf.church/volunteer](http://www.hf.church/volunteer) and sign up to volunteer. Giving just a few hours a month could make an eternal impact!