

our interests are the same, our experiences are not.

This next month we have a plan to begin to bring our younger families together. While we recognize for each of the individual families, their relationship to God is important... collectively they don't have a lot of common experiences. We want to build that.

Starting in October there will be a gathering of young families, from church and the community at our house on Wednesday night. It will initially focus on marriage and parenting as God's people. While the children have classes at the church building, we want to build relationships that foster interaction and support.

We want to help form relationships that will support the faith of our families and allow them to function in both a Godly and productive manner.

We hope that you will encourage others to be involved.

*Grace and peace,*

*Carl*

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other*

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## *Flying to the Rock*

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Building community is based on shared interests and experiences. Janet and I spent last weekend with friends in Oxford. This is where we meet to play music together before the main gathering in Winfield at the Bluegrass festival. Last year we met numerous times with the same six families and camped together, jamming each night, sharing meals throughout the day and repairing things that go wrong together.

This group has really only been folks that we have known in the past year, but each time we've met, hugs are exchanged, we ask about health, family, and work situations. We feel connection and a part of each others' lives.

Now about 12-15 thousand people go to Winfield. We don't have that kind of connection with the others because, while

