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And while I am on a high note; the **Summer Campground Worship** ends the last Sunday in September. A few of us have been praying, talking, and even planning how we could continue the **8 AM Worship Service** in the Fellowship Hall at NHUMC beginning possibly as early as the first Sunday in Oct. I think this will be an opportunity to open our doors to an entirely new set of people, that would like an earlier, less formal, Worship experience. Please join me in prayer about this service, as we hope to present this at the next Admin Council meeting. I believe it is important for us to reach out to all of our neighbors and in different ways.

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