

# Your Journey Financial Advisors Newsletter

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At Your Journey Financial Advisors, we are passionate about forging deep relationships with our clients. We are knowledgeable professionals who take a caring and holistic approach to helping you reach your financial goals.

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## Small moments, longer days



Summer has a way of changing the rhythm of our days. Mornings are brighter, evenings last longer and there's a natural shift that makes everything feel a little less rushed. Even in busy seasons of life, summer reminds us that it's okay to ease up and take things at a slower pace.

Longer daylight hours encourage us to step outside, whether it's for a short walk, dinner on the patio, or simply pausing to enjoy the warm air. These small moments don't require a plan or a goal—they're just simple chances to reset. When we allow ourselves to slow down, even briefly, the day feels more manageable.

Rest in summer doesn't have to mean taking a vacation or stepping away completely. It can be as small as putting the phone down, finishing a conversation without multitasking, or taking a break before moving on to the next thing. Choosing presence, being focused on what's happening right now, helps reduce stress and makes everyday moments more enjoyable.

Summer also shows us the value of choosing what matters most. Time with family, quiet evenings, shared meals and unhurried conversations often leave a bigger impact than a packed schedule. When we're intentional about how we spend our time, we create space for connection and clarity.

As the days grow longer, summer offers a simple reminder: slow down when you can. Enjoy the light, the warmth and the moments right in front of you. Often, those are the moments we remember most.

## Upcoming event

**Market Review with Riley Zayicek**  
**October 20 at noon ET | Online event**

Register in advance for this webinar.

No products will be sold.

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# The summers we'll never forget

Some summers linger long after they end—shaped by simple moments, familiar places and memories that feel timeless. These are the summer memories our team will always carry with them.

**Charles:** The family spent a week each summer at Pelican Inn in Cherry Grove. My siblings and I loved being able to swim in the pool!

**Kelly:** Summer meant warm weather, being outside until the streetlight came on, playing with friends and visiting Grandmommie and Papaw.

**Mike:** My most rememberable summers were spent at the beach with friends. I grew up in Pensacola and we went to the beach just about every Friday and Saturday to hang out.

**Colby:** As a child, our annual July 4th party at our family Lakehouse! The day would consist of cooking, boat rides and of course, a fireworks show for the guests after sunset.

**Rob:** A favorite memory is going to the beach with my family. We would always go the week of the 4th of July and stay at a campground.

**Lucas:** Our family loved going on vacation to Charleston, South Carolina. We loved the beach, playing sports at the local park, and surfing!

**Riley:** Playing doubleheader baseball games every weekend from June to mid August in the southeast humidity. If I smell Coppertone sunscreen spray, it takes me right back to my childhood!

**Collin:** My favorite summer memory is spending Memorial Day weekend camping with my grandparents at Edisto Island in South Carolina. It was the best way to start summer break!

**Wes:** Sitting outside on a warm July night watching fireworks with my family and friends.

**Niki:** Riding bikes everywhere with no helmet and no plan, then ending the day catching fireflies in Mason jars as the sun went down.

**Taylor:** Spending our day on the lake getting slung off the tube and singing karaoke on the patio at T-Bones on Lake Wylie.

**Tammy:** My fondest memory is that every summer we had a day camp at our local playground. We played kickball, made leather bracelets and played outside. We lived in the country, so I always looked forward to this week with my friends.

**Nancy:** Childhood memory of the beginning of summer with church picnic and homemade pimento cheese.

**Alisa:** Spending time with my grandparents. I lived in New York and they lived in Florida, and I would spend a month with them every summer. I would play bingo, go shopping and get my nails done with my grandmother, and play golf and go swimming with my grandfather.

**Jeannie:** I always loved riding horses, laying out in the sun, swimming and going places with my family and best friends. You could always find me on my bicycle between the neighborhoods roaming around or climbing the tallest trees.



**Jennifer:** My best summer memories center around family beach trips.



**Kassie:** Going out on my grandpa's sailboat for Lake Days and the smell of the magnolia tree blooming in their yard.

**Charlie:** When I was a teenager, every summer the youth group would take everyone to Calvin Coolidge State Park in the Vermont mountains for a week. I was there five or six summers in a row, and each time I grew closer to the Lord and closer to my friends as well.

**Claudia:** Having a girlie morning breakfast with my friends.

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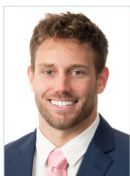
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**Easy ice cream cake**

**Ingredients**

- 24 ice cream sandwiches
- Cool Whip (1 large container – 16 oz)
- Chocolate syrup and/or caramel sauce
- Optional toppings (nuts, M&Ms, chocolate chips, coconut, etc.)



**Directions**

1. In a 9×13-inch pan, place 12 of the ice cream sandwiches face down in a single layer. If they don't quite fit, cut sandwiches as needed.
2. Scoop half of the Cool Whip onto the ice cream sandwich layer and spread out evenly. A spatula works well for this, but the back of a large wooden spoon will work too.
3. Drizzle chocolate, fudge sauce, and/or caramel sauce over the Cool Whip. You may need to warm it up for a few seconds, just enough to soften it up to drizzle, but it should not be hot or it will melt the Cool Whip.
4. Add the remaining 12 ice cream sandwiches in a single layer, then drizzle on more hot fudge and caramel sauce.
5. Scoop the rest of the Cool Whip on top of the cake and spread out evenly.
6. Cover the cake with plastic wrap and freeze for at least three hours until completely firm.
7. Remove from the freezer and uncover about 15 minutes prior to serving.
8. Drizzle more fudge and caramel sauce over top of the cake, then sprinkle with toppings of choice (nuts, M&Ms®, chocolate chips, etc.)
9. If it's hard to cut, run a knife blade under hot water with each attempt until all servings have been plated.
10. Leftovers should be covered and placed back in the freezer immediately.

**Important dates**

- July 3** Independence Day observed (office closed)
- September 7** Labor Day (office closed)
- November 26 and 27** Closed for Thanksgiving

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