



Spring 2024

Dear Friends:

CAMP TIME WILL SOON BE HERE! Preparations are well underway for the 2024 POWEROF2YOUTH CAMPS. Two exciting weeks are planned for this summer: **Junior Camp (ages 7-12) July 1-3 and Teen Camp (ages 12 and up) July 8-12.** As always your advance registration is critical as we continue to adjust to changing demographics. Please **REGISTER EARLY** (Early Registration Closes June 17th) so we have good census numbers for the final logistical planning.

The Camp will be co-moderated by Bro. Mark and Bro. Duane. Bro. Dean McNeese and Bro. Justin Cooper will be heading the preaching team for Teen Week. Bro. Chris Cornett and Bro. David Martin will be preaching in our Junior Week. The focus of the camp will be on Old-Fashioned Preaching and Singing as always – we are *UNAPOLOGETICALLY OLD FASHION.* Bro. Mark will be heading up the big Camp Choir each night. The super-sized auditorium will be opened to the community each night for our services.

We are still finalizing activities, but we are excited to mix up some new activities along with those that are tried and true. Both Juniors and Teens will enjoy a variety of activities. These activities have been included in your fee and are covered in your consent and release. In addition to the services and planned excursions, the camp days also include group and individual devotional times, competitions, food, fellowship and so much more.

In recent years, we have noticed that there are some campers that come to camp without a respective 'church group'. We also understand that sometimes churches are unable to supply a chaperone and unfortunately those churches may not have attended camp. This year, the camp is offering a solution for both of these situations. We have arranged for two seasoned camp couples to take oversight and responsibility for these campers that don't have their own chaperones. The campers will be housed together, and our experienced leaders will help make their camp experience one they will always remember. Parents and churches can be assured that their campers will be monitored, engaged and enriched through these hands on chaperones.

Wahoo Baptist Church will be hosting the PTM God and Country Service on Sunday afternoon, June 30th at the Union Grove Campground – 3:30 PM where Bro. Gary Crisp will be the featured preacher. These special Sunday Afternoon activities allow our volunteer staff to arrive and settle in as we spend time in prayer for the upcoming camps. If you are interested in your group coming in on Sunday evening, (either camp) please contact us for details and cost. The service is open to everyone.

Speaking of Camp Volunteers, the camp relies on quality youth volunteers for the operation of our Junior Week specifically. The pattern of recruitment has always been tapping into the young people that have been a part of the camp experience and enlisting them for volunteer responsibilities. With the gap in the camp timeline over the past couple of years, we know that a different group of young people are emerging. They may not have heard from their older counterparts about the volunteer program. The Camp utilizes young people ages 13 and up during Junior Week. These volunteer staff members assist in the oversight of the campers, participate in their games and services, help out in the kitchen and canteen and many other functions. There is no cost to volunteer at Junior Camp. In addition, the camp is working on

our annual appreciation weekend between Junior and Teen Weeks (July 3-5). We are planning a fun filled return to Pigeon Forge, Tn but with an updated itinerary full of new and exciting activities. The camp covers half of the cost of the weekend for those volunteers. All of the details are available on the camp website along with the appropriate volunteer sign-up documents and details. We need Pastors and Youth Leaders to speak to young people in their church that would be quality volunteers and encourage them to participate. This is a wonderful ministry experience that produces a lifetime of relationships and memories along with eternal fruit in the work of the Lord.

Camp Fees: Teen camp is \$245 and Junior camp is \$135 if you register by June 17. The cost will increase to \$285 and \$165 if you register late or at camp. Even with commodity prices escalating with inflation we have decided not to increase our camp fees this year. Please remember that even with your fees, the camp needs individual and church donations to break even. Thank you for your generosity as we attempt to put together a quality camp experience.

Registration: The new registration system worked well last year and we think you'll be pleased with the roll-over of data from one year to the next. All applications should be completed on-line by visiting our website at www.powerof2youthcamp.com. When you submit your application, your electronic data will be added to our database and a paper version can be printed for the appropriate signatures. **We must have original signed consent and release forms.** You will have an opportunity to upload supporting documents such as insurance cards and more during registration. You will have the option of paying your fees on-line (or bringing payment to camp) and bringing your signed forms with you to camp. **Your advance payment helps us with camp expenses that must be paid before camp begins.** If needed, we will be able to accept your credit or debit card at camp allowing payment of fees, prepayment for canteen, extra shirts, donations and other items that are available. Questions regarding the registration process or website should be directed to Bro. David Martin at 770-539-0050 or brodavidmartin@gmail.com.

As a reminder we have enclosed a sheet highlighting some of the differences between Junior and Teen Camps. There is also some pertinent information for church and/or youth group leaders included in this package. Thanks for taking the time to review the content.

Looking forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

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**NOTE: Teen Camp registration is July 8 (1-3 PM); pick-up is 10 AM on July 12
Junior Camp registration is July 1 (9-11 AM); pick-up is 12 PM on July 3**

