



General Information

Camp dates: June 13-16, 2011
Location: Dyersdale Baptist Camp
Coldspring, Texas

Dear Brother Pastor:

February 15, 2011

I trust this letter finds you rejoicing in the Lord and walking in the light of His soon return. I want to let you know about a burden the Lord has placed upon the hearts of some Houston-area Pastors for a summer camp ministry.

Our vision is to have a camp that is local and inexpensive but still provides a memorable experience for the young people who attend. We feel our camp ministry will differ from other camps you may have attended in that we plan to have all the fun and activities as a secondary, not a primary emphasis.

Our desire is to have a week of camp where the focus is on God. We want our young people to come away from camp with a sense of the Lord's will for their lives. We yearn for them to meet with God in a tangible way. The obvious question is how to accomplish this goal. After all, it sounds like the goal of any other Bible camp. We propose the following distinctives.

1. Our emphasis will be on expository preaching that seeks to honor the Holy Spirit and touch the heart of the individual. Some camp messages seem to be geared toward achieving results that are external and numerical. Isaiah 55:11
2. We are local church based and directed. The importance of the local church in any Christian endeavor cannot be over emphasized. When pastors, members and youth ministers work together with the campers, the results are simply amazing. We are not just sending the kids off to camp, but rather we are going to experience the greatness of God with them! Ephesians 4:11-13
3. Our camp will be Bible saturated. In addition to the keynote messages in the evenings we will have a morning preaching time as well as personal devotions, cabin devotions and a Bible curriculum. Psalm 19:7-11

I realize there are many options available to you for summer camp. If you have been looking for a ministry with this emphasis, please pray about joining us in this effort. Here is some information that may help you make a decision.

1. The camp will be held at the Dyersdale Baptist Church campground in Cold Springs, Texas. Dates are June 13-16. Cost is \$75 per person (including pastors and sponsors) or \$65 if you register before April 15. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due with each registration. The camp fee balance is due by June 13. Space is limited. The earlier you register, the better your chance of reserving your space.
2. Youth entering 3rd thru 12th grades are eligible.
3. In order to keep the cost low, we are asking each church to give a love offering to help with expenses.

There is an information packet available for you upon request. Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you soon. Pray for us.

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