



April 17, 2020

Dear Camp Fellowship Families,

Like you and your family, Camp Fellowship has been adjusting to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. We give thanks that at this time all our staff are healthy and whole and we continue to work together to adapt to the challenges before us.

We hope that the same is true for you and your family. Working and schooling from home, changes to extra-curricular schedules, and limitations on how we gather and experience community have been challenging for us all. Please know that you and your family are in the forefront of our thoughts and prayers through these unexpected and extraordinary days.

Camp Fellowship's Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team met this week to discern the best path forward in terms of our Summer 2020 Camp program. In light of the realities surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision ***to suspend our traditional residential camp operations for the summer*** of 2020. We make this decision based on the best data currently available, recommendations of the CDC and other state and federal agencies and on our organizational values and commitments, to you, our camper families. Our strong commitment to the health and safety of our campers, and our desire to be financially responsible with both the short and long-term mission of this ministry makes this the right decision for this summer.

While this summer will be different for us all, we want you to know that we are continuing to make plans to support your family's summer faith formation through connection with God, creation and each other! For 71 years, this has taken place primarily on-site at Camp Fellowship with week-long sessions for children and youth. In this 72nd year, we are excited to explore new opportunities for shaping the lives of campers and families. We look forward to sharing information with you

about these exciting new faith-enrichment activities and experiences at the beginning of May.

We wanted to share this information with you now, in order to give you and your family time to plan. There are many details that we will need to communicate about in the next days and weeks, so we encourage you to check your emails, update contact information with us and visit <https://campfellowship.org> for general information. Very soon we will be reaching out to some of you and other members of our community to learn how we can best support camper families in the days ahead. If you have already registered for the 2020 traditional summer camp, paid a deposit or other amount, we will be contacting you and sending you separate emails directly through the account with which you registered with further information about options for handling that registration.

Please know that we are committed to making the very best decisions for the health, safety and spiritual nurture of all of our camp families and friends. We trust in God's goodness, mercy, and love and look forward to being together again in Christian community soon.

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