

Southwest Summer Family Camp 2024

This summer we would like to do something a little different. As we have talked with some of you, we've continued to ask the same question: What is it that forms faith in people? What is it that creates desire to be apprentices of Jesus, not just show up for church every now and then? We have heard many of the same ideas from you, so this summer we want to take these ideas and ask the Holy Spirit to do something special! So, welcome to Family Camp! You might be asking, what is Family Camp and why should I come? Here are a few answers:

EAT: Who is hungry? We want to feed your family this summer! While it won't cost much (\$2 per person), it won't be fancy either! Pizza and salad will be on the menu. We want you to be able to come and sit and eat together with friends and just enjoy the time. Everyone is welcome and our hope is that throughout the summer we will be ordering more and more pizza as you invite your friends and their families.

WORSHIP: Would it be possible for us to create an environment where moms, dads and kids alike get to enjoy God together. Each week we will hear from different kids and get to offer opportunities for all ages to participate in a myriad of different worship experiences. I look forward to hearing our kids lead worship, read scripture, give a short talk, and have fun! We want our kids to see other kids leading us in worship!

EQUIP:

Parents - Have you ever felt overwhelmed as you try to raise your kids to have faith? Our culture is not friendly to faith and many of us feel like we can barely keep our heads above water. Let's talk about it! What topics do you want to engage in: How do we talk to our kids about sexuality? What do we do about social media and phones? Why are the rates of anxiety and depression drastically higher than they were just a decade ago? Each Wednesday night while your kids are engaging in learning different spiritual disciplines with older kids as their teachers, let's talk about how followers of Jesus might do things differently than the world around us.

Kids - Do you remember that one older kid that you looked up to when you were young? Do you remember what they did that made you feel like you wanted to be more like them? We want our younger kids to get to know some of our older kids. We want to personally shepherd those older kids so that they might form relationships with our younger children as they teach them about some spiritual disciplines and have a lot of fun doing it.

PLAY: We believe our most precious commodity is time. We run from school to work to practice to lessons to church and 1000 other places. Somewhere in there we try to make sure our kids have something to eat :) While some may choose to head out after our equipping time, we want you to stay and play. We will have ice cream and some games set up in the gym, but more than anything we just want to be together.