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Fellowship Youth Camp 2025 Review

Last month, we successfully completed our 5th year of the relaunch of Fellowship Youth Camp. When camp ended in 2002, it was the final year I would have been able to attend as a camper. I worked at church camps as a counselor during my college experience, but never imagined I would be in charge of one someday. I can now say with full confidence that it is one of my greatest joys! I am certain the Lord has called me—at least in this season—to work with youth. The best part is that the Lord has given me amazing people who feel the same call and have stepped up in a significant way to help lead the charge.

The Lord sent John and Lisa Favalora our way to be the camp pastors this year. The camp pastors have a fairly ambiguous job. They have the primary responsibility of bringing the word each evening, but during the day they are present simply to minister to all the people at the camp, adults included. John and Lisa did a fantastic job. John brought a weeks' worth of messages centered around our theme for the year—holiness. Lisa was active in building relationships and praying for any and all who asked.

The following excerpt is what the Favalora's had to say about their week as camp pastors:

“What a privilege it was to minister at FYC this past summer and to witness the Kingdom of faith, fellowship, and love in action. Throughout the week, the Lord's work in the hearts of the young people was evident and powerful. The anointing of the Holy Spirit rested upon every message and every moment of worship. God moved mightily, bringing deliverance from fear, anxiety, and depression. **God's Word—The Hope of the Holy Living—was established in the lives of all present throughout the week.** From Sunday night to Saturday morning, the transformation on the faces of the campers was nothing short of miraculous. **To God be the glory!**”

On a lighter note, camp was also full of fun with lots of lightning and thunder, rain, rain, and more rain! There was great food, fellowship, memory verses, tickets, baptisms, basketball, Skittle relay races, cabin checks, bugs, and, best of all, new friendships forged that will last a lifetime.”

There is a generation of youth who need discipled. Jesus' commission to us was to make disciples of every nation. I have heard it taught that the implication here is not **just** nations created by geographic boundaries on a map, but people groups formed by similar circumstances and seasons of life. The youth of our cities and communities are a nation in need of discipleship. The best part—**they are good soil.** I am constantly surprised, although perhaps I should not be, at the responsiveness of the young people who come to

camp. They are hungry, they desire authenticity, they are searching for the Kingdom. I am very happy to report that the Word gives us the promise that all those who seek, find. **There are young people finding the Kingdom, and being impacted by your prayers and financial support! Please keep going!**

One female camper said,

“At church camp, I experienced God work in my life in many ways. I’ve been praying to have the desire to read the Bible, and I believe that he gave it to me near the end of camp. Also for the first time, God helped me to be able to focus solely on him during worship, and to not have anything distracting me from worshipping him, but to put all my focus on him!”

A young person praying to have a greater desire to read her Bible and the Father answering that prayer is not a small thing! I consider that a huge reason to celebrate!

A young man who attended camp for the last year as a camper stated,

“At camp God helped me quiet my thoughts to hear the Spirit better, and He helped me know where to be and what to do. He worked in ways He’s worked with me before and worked in some ways He hasn’t much with me and taught me a lot about burdens and how He uses those for us to pray for what is also on His heart. He used the Spirit to lead the camp in what He wanted us to do to accomplish His goals, helped us grow together as a godly community, and helped us to live in and know how to live in holiness. I saw God working with other people I’m close to on a whole other level than I’ve seen before. It was awesome!!”

He went on to rejoice over the lives that were committed and recommitted to Christ throughout the week. I rejoice because the youth are not only

encountering Jesus through the Holy Spirit, they are aware of when it is happening to their friends and fellow campers and rejoicing with them!

Another young man who was back at camp for the second time wrote,

“I am so thankful that I got to attend FYC for the second time this year. There are several things that stood out to me: it was helpful to learn more about holiness and walking with God. The worship workshops with Pastor Taylor were helpful in showing how to lead worship in the right way. The evening services were amazing, with worship, teaching, and testimonies. I also enjoyed making new friends and getting to know my fellow campers and the adults. Overall, I really enjoyed camp, and I will be praying about attending again next year.”

Now would be the appropriate time to express my sincere gratitude to Pastor Taylor Keller, from Plainfield Christ Fellowship, and his music team who came and led our musical worship throughout the week. It was such a blessing having Pastor Taylor and his crew with him. They carry such a heart for pursuing Jesus, and it came out as they led in song each night. The youth were engaged, but also learning how to give Jesus praise in a corporate gathering as the Plainfield team ministered in power.

One first-time camper expressed how she came slightly reticent, unsure of what to expect, but left expressing it was the “the best time ever” and “one of the best experiences.” Campers can only make statements like this because they are surrounded by people who love them, and because the entire week is bathed in prayer.

Thank you is too small a sentiment to truly communicate what is in my heart toward each person who gave in time, finance, or prayer. There

is no small contribution in Kingdom work. Many of you reading this may not be able to fathom hanging out with sweaty teenagers for an entire week, but you spent untracked hours praying for us—thank you. Your offering was a sweet aroma to the Father, and a blessing to each of us who were at camp or sent campers.

Many of you have not only given in prayer or finance through the years, but you have given of yourself. You have sat down and had a conversation with a new believer, or someone new to intercessory prayer. We have been so blessed in this ministry to have received such amazing instruction through the years about getting quiet and waiting on God for Him to speak, so we can accurately discern His will. Another female, high-school camper wrote,

“God worked through me so much in prayer and burden bearing, continuing to help me learn HOW to pray and how to carry burdens in a healthy way. I saw so many others lives change, and ones that I continued to pray for all week had help by the end!”

What a joy to know that nothing has been lost! The mysteries of the Kingdom that have been imparted to us are still being believed, taught, and lived out!

One of the staff volunteers wrote this of his first time at camp:

“For [my son], there is now a clear ‘before camp’ and ‘after camp,’ because of what God did in [his] life. He expressed many times to me how safe he felt at camp, to be himself and express his faith. [He] has continued to share, write about, and testify to how meaningful camp was. Being surrounded by other teens who love the Lord gave him a freedom and boldness in his faith that he had not experienced before. We are so grateful for how God used that week to impact his life. Overall

my experience as a parent and volunteer was excellent[...] It was clear to me early on that along with [my son] feeling spiritually safe at camp, I felt safe as a parent having four kids attend this summer. We are truly grateful as parents for this camp experience and Lord -willing look forward to returning next year.

Hearing that campers are being built up in their faith, and encouraged to live boldly for the Lord—to be loving, kind, courageous—is so much of the reason why we host a camp every year!

Once again, I cannot adequately express my appreciation for any and all contributions which made this camp possible. I am also excited to share that we applied for and won a significant grant that will help keep us financially stable for years to come, Lord-willing. The Holy Spirit has given wisdom and guided us as we commit resources to the camp every year. And in a way that only Kingdom-math makes sense, we end the year with money left over. This makes it possible for us to continue expanding what we are able to offer our campers in scope and sequence.

The Lord’s kindness has been so evident in many ways since we re-launched camp in 2021, but one of the ways His blessing has come is in steady and consistent growth in the number of youth we are serving. The first year, we served just over 20 campers. This year, we had over 60! Many of those campers in attendance this year were repeat, but we also hosted at least a dozen first-time campers.

We are praying about ways to keep these connections going throughout the year with other, shorter, gatherings hosted by individual churches. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will speak clearly about this and we can continue to “do the work of the ministry.”

A Couple Notes from the Executive Director

- Fellowship Youth Camp 2026 is July 12-18 at Fairmount Wesleyan Campground in Fairmount, Indiana. This was actually the birthplace of the Wesleyan denomination! I am excited to be where a deep desire for holiness was birthed, and named for such a great man of God, John Wesley. Registration will open around January, 2026.
- If you would like to support the camp ministry, navigate to foundministry.org/give and select Fellowship Youth Camp from the dropdown menu. Additionally, feel free to send a check to P.O. Box 482, Parker City, IN 47368 and include Fellowship Youth Camp on the memo line. Please feel free to email fyc@foundministry.org with questions or to help in other ways. We are always interested in praying about more people coming to help us minister to the youth.
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- On behalf of Plainfield Christ Fellowship, we want to invite you to attend this year's Sukkot Ingathering. October 10-12 in Plainfield, IN a group of people will come together to worship Jesus. Visit gopcf.com/sukkot for more information.

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