

COVENANT PINES Bible Camp

## SILVER BEACH

COVENANT PINES Ministries ADVENTUROUS Christians



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## Summer Announcement from Covenant Pines Ministries

Greetings from Covenant Pines Ministries! On May 5, 2020 we announced that our leadership and board would make decisions regarding summer programming and COVID-19 in two stages. At the time, the decision to delay summer programming had been made with hopes of beginning youth programs at Covenant Pines Bible Camp and Adventurous Christians in early July.

These decisions and conversations have been extremely difficult. We have prayerfully been seeking God's guidance throughout this season and have made timely decisions that we believe are best for our campers, families and staff. Covenant Pines Ministries has made a commitment to communicate honestly and effectively during this time.

The CPM Board of Directors has reached the second stage of decisions and the following will be implemented for Summer 2020:

## COVENANT PINES BIBLE CAMP: All scheduled youth and family programs are cancelled

**through August 16, 2020.** This includes all youth camp sessions and August Family Camp. We are currently exploring other ministry experiences to offer in some fashion, and will be sure to make those known once they are finalized. Our hope is to resume our Retreat Season in the fall of 2020 while continuing to monitor and adhere to guidelines and regulations regarding health and safety.

**ADVENTUROUS CHRISTIANS: All summer church youth group and youth canoe trips have been cancelled.** We are currently exploring offering wilderness ministry experiences to family units. Again, our hope is to resume our Retreat Season in the fall of 2020 while continuing to monitor and adhere to guidelines and regulations regarding health and safety.

## SILVER BEACH FAMILY CAMP: Silver Beach will continue to host registered families

**throughout the summer.** We will make program adjustments as necessary and communicate directly with families what this will look like. We are implementing new cleaning protocols and safety measures to do our best to keep guests safe and healthy while at camp.

We lament to have to share these decisions with you, as they were heartbreaking to make. For 65+ years, we have had students at camp over the summer. Covenant Pines Ministries has been faced with its share of hardships including fires and floods, but we have never had a summer without campers. Though we know this is the best way we can keep campers and staff safe and healthy, this was a painful decision to make.

We will continue to keep you updated with decisions, resources and ministry opportunities in the future. We will continue to post updates and information on our website and remain committed to communicating with you regularly and honestly. Please take a moment to read the accompanying FAQ sheet for more information.

Covenant Pines Ministries appreciates your prayers and support during this time. Even though this is unpredictable, difficult and heartbreaking, God is still good.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." - Hebrews 13:8

Sincerely,

Dave Cairns Executive Director Bill Cranford Board Chair