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Dear Pastor and/or Children's Leader:

Summer is just around the corner, and soon we'll be gathering for our annual Associational Children's Camp. This year's camp will be July 25-29, 2016, at South Missouri Baptist Assembly in Van Buren, MO. Our camp pastor will be **Jeff Loftin**, student pastor at First Baptist Church, Sikeston. **Jim Clark**, worship & youth pastor at North Tenth Street Baptist Church, Blytheville, AR, will lead our children in worship.

This year's camp theme is **"God Is"**. The children will explore God's attributes and how they affect the way we live. The cost is \$130.00 per participant and covers meals, lodging, and activities for the week. All children who have completed grades 3-6 are invited to attend.

Children's camp is one of the most significant evangelistic events in the life of our association and our churches. Please pray about how your church can reach out and send students to camp from outside the walls of your church, perhaps using scholarships.

Enclosed is a copy of the camp rules and policies for the week. Our camp committee has recommended two points of emphasis for our church in 2016:

- Only children who completed grades 3-6 during the previous school year may attend, no exceptions.
- Churches are encouraged to select adult caregivers that will provide both physical supervision and spiritual leadership to children, and should clearly communicate these responsibilities to caregivers prior to attending camp. Caregivers ought to come prepared to serve by remaining actively engaged with the children and attending all scheduled activities for the week. Churches should select caregivers who demonstrate maturity, wisdom, discernment, and the assertiveness to adequately supervise children. And each church should remind caregivers that they are expected to both follow and help enforce the camp rules for the week.

Also, please remember two significant changes we've implemented in recent years:

1. We've modified the use of cell phones to allow for campers to use them under supervision at certain periods of the day to call home. However, a strict no cell phone use policy remains in effect inside the cabins.
2. All churches are **required** to confirm that all Adult Caregivers accompanying their children do not have a criminal history involving minors. See attached *Statement of Compliance*.

Registration will begin at camp on Monday, July 25 after 1:30 p.m. Our camp activities will conclude around 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 29. If you need more information, please contact the associational office at 359-2356. See you soon!

In Christ,

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