

# Indian Falls Creek 2023

## **WELCOME INDIAN FALLS CREEK CAMPERS!**

- 1. INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO EVERYONE YOU MEET** - followed by some small talk (Q & A,) and then ask are you SAVED. If they say yes rejoice together! If they are not lead them to the Lord (**Copies of ABC'S of Salvation are located near the pulpit.**)
- 2. CABIN MINISTRY** - Each sponsor should ask each camper if they are SAVED! If they are not lead them to the Lord! Churches please turn in the names of those that made decisions during cabin Devotions.
- 3. SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY** - with 3 people this week.
- 4. RECORD YOUR TESTIMONY** - and share with all our your CIRCLE OF FRIENDS while at IFC this week.
- 5. PACK THE TABERNACLE OR HELP US GET 3600 TO ATTEND CAMP!** If we get 3600 we will shatter our previous high attendance. To achieve this we must contact all our CIRCLE OF FRIENDS / CONTACTS and invite them nightly. **Remember there is NO CHARGE or NEED TO COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK for evening services.**
- 6. If you see someone struggling during INVITATION TIME** go and ask if you can help. Encourage them to go forward and offer to escort them upfront.
- 7. PRAY FOR IFC 2023!**

Blessings

Brother Victor

# Daily Schedules

## SUNDAY

1:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Mission Center
2:00 PM	Registration Opens	Mission Center
5:00 PM	Dinner	
6:30 PM	Pre-Worship Music	Tabernacle
6:45 PM	Evening Worship Service	Tabernacle
	Children's Church (6 - 12 Years Old)	Mathena Family Event Center
	Nursery (5 Years and Younger)	Massey Chapel
9:00 PM	Fellowship Time	
10:00 PM	Cabin Devotionals	
11:00 PM	Lights Out	

## MONDAY - THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Breakfast and Morning Devotionals	
8:15 AM	Nursery & Preschool (5 Years and Younger)	Massey Chapel
	Children's VBS (1st - 6th Grade)	Mathena Family Event Center
	Youth Conference	Tabernacle
	Young Adult Conference	Humphrey's Decision Center North
	Adult Bible Conference	Locations in Descriptions
	WMU Conference	Ada First Lodge
9:15 AM	Break	
9:30 AM	Adult Skills Conference	Locations in Descriptions
	Choir Practice	Kingfisher 1st Cabin
10:30 AM	Break	
11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service	Tabernacle
	Nursery	Massey Chapel
	Children's Church	Mathena Family Event Center
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Recreation, Special Activities, and Free Time	
5:00 PM	Dinner	
6:30 PM	Pre-Worship Music	Tabernacle
6:45 PM	Evening Worship Service	Tabernacle
	Children's Church	Mathena Family Event Center
	Nursery	Massey Chapel
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# Adult Bible Conference

DIRECTOR: RANDY COLBERT

## MONDAY - THURSDAY

Alcohol and Drug Addiction - What do the scriptures say?

Teacher : Alan Washington

Location: OKC South Lindsay, #110

God's Perfect Design - What do the scriptures say about God's Design for Relationships in light of the sexual identity crisis?

Teacher: Mark Custalow

Location: Del City, First Southern, #617

Living life with Power - What do the scriptures say about the person, purpose, and power of the Holy Spirit?

Teacher: Don Acker

Location: Yukon, First, #615

"The Next Great Awakening" - The Great Red Mission Field

Teacher: Junior Pratt

Location: Holdenville, First #2, #201

# Adult Skills Conference

DIRECTOR: AMON LEROY  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: WILLIE FISH

## MONDAY - TUESDAY

How to Build a Church Budget

Teacher: Paul Maxey

Location: Del City, First Southern, #617

Help for the Hurting

Teacher: Scott Kohnle

Location: OKC South Lindsay, #110

## WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

Worship in Song

Teacher: Phil Lawrence

Location: Del City, First Southern, #617

Worldview Studies of Native People

Teacher: Gary Hawkins

Location: OKC South Lindsay, #110

# Young Adult Conference

DIRECTOR: TAYLOR KINGFISHER  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: BRI KINGFISHER  
LOCATION: HUMPHREY'S DECISION CENTER NORTH

We are excited to see and hear how God has been working in your lives since last camp. This year will look different compared to previous years. Our four class options below will be presented twice throughout the week so you have opportunity to visit the other classes and still catch all of what we have to offer. Our goal is for you to understand what it takes to step out of the boat (Matthew 14:28-29) we hope to see you there!

“GO: FOLLOW THE COMMAND” - ANTHONY RAMIREZ  
“LEARNING FROM FAILURE” - JORDAN PARNACHER  
“THE RELUCTANT CALL” - EMMITT MCKENZIE  
“IDENTIFYING AND UNDERSTANDING YOUR CALL” - BEN LITTLE

MONDAY - RAMIREZ/PARNACHER  
TUESDAY - MCKENZIE/LITTLE  
WEDNESDAY - RAMIREZ/PARNACHER  
FRIDAY - MCKENZIE/LITTLE

## WMU Conference

DIRECTOR: AUGUSTA SMITH  
LOCATION: ADA FIRST LODGE, #461

### BIBLE STUDY

Gospel on the Ground

Teacher: Marisa Rowe - Women's Ministry Leader & Longtime LINK Volunteer, Faith Baptist Church, Cabot, AR

### SKILLS CLASSES

Monday - Joyful Sorrow: Breaking Through the Darkness

Teachers: Julie Busler, OK WMU President & Amy Cordova, Oklahoma Baptists Women's Missions and Ministries Specialist

Tuesday - Breaking Through the Darkness Among Our Native Peoples

Teacher: Donna Drew, MSN, RN, CDCES - Nurse Educator

Wednesday - There is Hope in Christ

Teacher: Sandy Wilson Martin, National WMU Director

Thursday - Breaking Free with Blessings: Jesus Christ

Testimony: Emmitt & Belen Mckenzie, Minister, Missionary, and Students at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

# **Nursery & Preschool (5 Years and Younger)**

DIRECTORS: JAYLAN GIBSON & KENNEDY NEAL  
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS: KAYLA WINE, TIFFANY BERRYHILL, AND MAY NEAL  
LOCATION: MASSEY CHAPEL

The nursery and preschool program is for ages 5 years and younger. Parents are asked not to bring children who are sick. Also, please bring diapers and wipes for those children who are not potty-trained. Please mark all items with your child's name.

The nursery will open 30 minutes before services. Every child **MUST** be registered. There will be strict check-in/check-out procedures. All children must be picked up no later than 20 mins after service ends.

## **Children's VBS & Church**

DIRECTOR: PAT PETSEMOIE  
LOCATION: MATHENA FAMILY EVENT CENTER

The Vacation Bible School is under the direction of Indian Mounds Baptist Church from Moundville, Alabama. VBS is for children in the first through sixth grade. Grouping of the children for classes is based on the grade they will be entering this coming fall school year. Please do not allow any children to bring food or drink with them to VBS. Parents, please remember to have the name of your child and cabin name and number marked on their wristbands. Please bring your children to the Mathena Family Event Center in the mornings and promptly pick them up at 10:30 am following the morning classes so the teaching staff is free to transition from VBS to the morning children's church service.

Children's Church is also being presented by the Indian Mounds Baptist Church Mission Team. All children, ages 6-12, are invited for a fun and engaging service with music, skits, gospel magic, and much more. Children's church is available during both services each day.

## **Youth Conference**

DIRECTOR: JEREMIAH GARCIA  
LOCATION: TABERNACLE

This week at camp youth will dive into the book of Daniel taught by IFC youth director Jeremiah Garcia. They will look at how youth in the book of Daniel lives were Shook but remained faithful to the Lord and made in impact in society. Each day we will have live music by Joyful Noise. Game breakers each day and testimonials by Cherokee Baptist Association Brave and Princess Kenan Garcia and Kaylee Blackbear.

# Worship Services

## Worship Leaders

United@Calvary

## Morning Speakers

Monday - Michael Cooper

Tuesday - Lit McIntosh

Wednesday - Dr. Todd Fisher

Thursday - Mvhaya Locust

## Evening Tribal Singing

Sunday - Pawnee, Kiowa, & Navajo

Monday - Cheyenne, Arapaho, & Choctaw/Chickasaw

Tuesday - Comanche & Cherokee

Wednesday - Muscogee Creek & Seminole

Thursday - Wichita, Caddo, & Osage

## Camp Pastor

Josh Leadingfox

Josh LeadingFox is a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. He spent most of his early life in his hometown of Pawnee. He grew up attending Pawnee Indian Baptist Church under the leadership of Duane Pratt and sons, Bruce and Jr. Pratt.

During Indian Falls Creek 1996, Josh accepted Christ as his savior and remained active in his home church until his graduation from Pawnee High School in 2002. He was an Oklahoma state champion wrestler and was blessed to receive a wrestling scholarship to the University of Central Oklahoma. While competing at UCO, he was a two-time All-American and member of two National Championship wrestling teams. He graduated from UCO in 2007.

In 2005, while in college, he surrendered his life to the call of preaching ministry at Indian Falls Creek. He served as Associate Pastor at First Indian Baptist Church of Edmond, Oklahoma, from 2008 to 2011. God then called him to First Seminole Baptist Church in Immokalee, Florida, in July of 2011, where he has served as pastor since.

Josh married his wife Lyndsey (Creek/Seminole/Cherokee), an OBU graduate, in 2007, and they have five beautiful children, daughters: Layla, Ava, Mila, and Jemma, and son Joshua Jr.

# Daily Activities

## Monday

PRAYER WALK WARRIORS  
Mission Center  
5:30 AM

WATERMELON EATING CONTEST  
Downing Way  
1:30 PM

KOOL-AID CONTEST  
Downing Way  
2:30 PM

BIBLE DRILL  
Trinity Amphitheater  
3:30 PM

## Tuesday

PRAYER WALK WARRIORS  
Mission Center  
5:30 AM

HEALTH FAIR & BLOOD DRIVE  
Tabernacle North Lobby  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

ADULT CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT  
Downing Way  
1:30 PM

PASTORS RECEPTION  
Humphrey's Decision Center North  
2:00 PM

PASTORS' WIVES CELEBRATION  
Ada First Lodge, #461  
2:00 PM

SELFIE SCAVENGER HUNT  
Information to be announced

VETERANS RECOGNITION  
Tabernacle North Lobby  
6:30 PM

## Wednesday

13TH ANNUAL HOT & SWEATY  
Jordan Welcome Center  
6:30 AM

HEALTH FAIR & BLOOD DRIVE  
Tabernacle North Lobby  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

MISSIONS FAIR  
Tabernacle South Lobby  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PASTORS RECEPTION  
Humphrey's Decision Center North  
2:00 PM

GOSPEL SINGING  
Tabernacle  
2:00 PM

THE NATIVE AMERICAN LINK 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
Ada First Lodge, #461  
2:00 PM

## Thursday

PRAYER WALK WARRIORS  
Mission Center  
5:30 AM

MISSIONS FAIR  
Tabernacle South Lobby  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CHILDREN'S BACKYARD OLYMPICS  
Downing Way  
1:30 PM

MR. & MISS INDIAN FALLS CREEK  
OKC, South Lindsay, #110  
2:00 PM

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
Mathena Family Event Center  
2:00 PM

BAPTISM SERVICE  
Entrance Creek  
4:00 PM



# Recreation

All activities start at 1:30 PM unless otherwise noted

Sign-ups will be outside Tabernacle Lobby

## MONDAY SIGN-UP

## DEADLINE

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade Co-Ed Dodgeball

Sunday Night

4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Co-Ed Dodgeball

Sunday Night

Adult/Youth Co-Ed Recreation Volleyball

Sunday Night

Adult and Children Fishing Derby

*(Report to Fishing Area at Ropes Course at 2:30 PM. Bring your own tackle.)*

## TUESDAY

Girls 3 on 3 Basketball

Monday Night

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade Co-Ed Kickball

Monday Night

4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Co-Ed Kickball

Monday Night

Men and Women Singles Horseshoes

Monday Night

Adult/Youth Spike Volleyball

Monday Night

2 Person Golf Scramble at Lakeview Golf Course

*(Go anytime on Tuesday and turn in scorecards by 11:00 AM Wednesday)*

## WEDNESDAY

Boys 3 on 3 Basketball

Tuesday Night

Adult/Youth Co-Ed Softball

Tuesday Night

Adult/Youth Co-Ed Mushball

Tuesday Night

Men and Women Doubles Horseshoes

Tuesday Night

Pastors and Deacons Mushball Challenge at 3:00 PM

## THURSDAY

Adult/Youth Co-Ed Softball and Mushball will finish

## SWIMMING

Swimming is allowed at the Entrance Creek and the Baptist Lake. No mixed swimming allowed. Mother and child groups should swim during the girls' time and fathers and their child should swim during the boys' time. Daily swim hours are 1:30 to 4:00 PM, and the location is alternated between boys and girls daily.

	Entrance Creek	Baptist Lake
<b>Monday</b>	Girls	Boys
<b>Tuesday</b>	Boys	Girls
<b>Wednesday</b>	Girls	Boys
<b>Thursday</b>	Boys	Girls

Robes or towels must be worn to and from the cabin. Lifeguards will be on duty at both locations. Life jackets are required for all swimmers and will be provided. Kayaks and paddle boats are available at the Entry Creek. Floating inflatable toys are located at both swimming areas.

# General Information

## SHUTTLE SERVICE

There will be a shuttle service available again this year. It will be available to assist seniors or campers who need that extra help getting to and from services. Carts will begin transporting 45 minutes before each worship service. Wave down a cart or request a pickup in the Program Office.

Not all carts are tasked for transporting campers, please be patient and understanding until a cart in service is available.

## PROGRAM OFFICE

The Program Office is located in the Missions Center. The program office will be open from 8 AM - 12 PM, 1:30 PM - 5 PM, and 9 PM -10 PM Monday through Thursday. While the Program Office is closed there will be someone there for emergencies.

## CONCESSION STANDS

The daily hours of operation for the concession stands are 10:30 -11:00 AM and 1:00 - 5:00 PM. The stands will open immediately following the evening worship services and close at 10:00 PM.

## THE CHALLENGE

All churches are encouraged to participate in as many special activities, events, and volunteer opportunities as possible. By participating churches receive points and the Top 10 churches at the end of week will receive a prize. Tally sheets will be available starting Sunday evening.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting will be held Thursday at 2:00 PM in the Mathena Family Event Center. Each church will need to register two messengers to attend. Messengers can register in the program office until Wednesday Evening.

# Code of Conduct

## GENERAL PURPOSE

Indian Falls Creek has been planned for the whole family from infants to elders. The code of conduct for Indian Falls Creek is intended to assist the many diverse churches and campers to have a safe and enjoyable camp experience, while growing in their faith. Indian Falls Creek is a Christian camp designed to help students and adults know and follow God, so the code of conduct prioritizes personal encouragement and issues related to a camper's faith development in Jesus. Indian Falls Creek does not condone or encourage any activity on grounds that would humiliate any camper, including initiation; hazing, and/or pranks. Furthermore, Indian Falls Creek will not tolerate any activity that would harm any camper such as violence or abuse.

## CURFEW

By 10 pm, all campers should return to their cabin for evening cabin devotional and should not be outside their cabin without a sponsor until the morning session. Lights out by 11 pm.

## VEHICLES

- Unnecessary and careless traffic is prohibited on Falls Creek grounds.
- Only Conference Center operated golf carts, utility carts, or low speed vehicles (LSVs) are permitted.
- Delivery trucks are not permitted during summer camp weeks except to supply Conference Center-owned concessions.
- All passengers must be seated in a vehicle according to its designated capacity-no passengers are allowed in pickup beds or in the back of vehicles with hatch doors raised.
- All cycles (uni-, bi-, or tri-) are prohibited on the grounds. Violation of this policy could result in confiscation of equipment. Motorcycles may only drive to and from the gate to their cabin or meeting place.

## CELL PHONES

•Indian Falls Creek asks that church leaders make determinations regarding their students' use and possession of cell phones. NOTE: The majority of group leaders limit the time students are allowed to use their cell phones each day in order to cause less distraction from the camp experience.

## CAMP REQUIREMENTS

- Campers are required to attend Bible Classes and Skills Classes and both Morning and Evening Worship Service each day. Please note the change in the class format this year.
- Sponsors from each church are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and camp dress code for their entire group (students, sponsors, and guests) and for handling discipline issues within their group.
- Courtesy Crew will be on duty 24 hours per day. Courtesy Crew, when called upon, will assist the adult leadership of any cabin in dealing with discipline problems that may arise. Although the Courtesy Crew is specifically assigned to the duty of enforcement, all Indian Falls Creek and Falls Creek Summer Staff members are authorized to enforce the code of conduct, dress code, and policies of Falls Creek Conference Centers. Please respect all Indian Falls Creek and Falls Creek Summer Staff.
- Church groups must sit together at all worship services. Indian Falls Creek staff will actively enforce this requirement.
- All guests are required to show proof of registration or ID to enter or re-enter the Falls Creek grounds. Drive-in guests should leave grounds by midnight.

## MODESTY /PDA

Believing that modesty extends beyond the dress code, Indian Falls Creek asks that students refrain from PDA (Public Displays of Affection). Church sponsors should be diligent to communicate this guideline to their students.

## CAMP PROHIBITIONS

- Students will not be permitted to leave the grounds unless accompanied by a sponsor.
- No bands or instrumental groups are allowed to perform outside their cabin walls, except for groups that are an official part of the weekly programming for the whole camp.
- Excessive volume from a cabin is not permitted since it can disturb other cabins. Please check with the office, located in the Jordan Welcome Center, if there is an issue.
- No product sales are allowed at Indian Falls Creek unless they have secured a contract through the Falls Creek Conference Centers.
- Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any type is not permitted on the grounds. This includes e-cigarettes, vaping or other facsimiles. Falls Creek Conference Centers is a smoke free facility.
- The possession of offensive weapons of any sort is prohibited at Falls Creek Camp. Falls Creek Conference Centers reserves the right to perform a random drug and weapon search at any time and confiscate items that distract from the camp goals or that violate the code of conduct of the camp.
- Open flame items (other than grills) such as campfires, tiki torches, etc., are not permitted on grounds, unless prepared and supervised by the Falls Creek Conference Centers.
- Pets/animals (other than service dogs), fireworks, rock throwing, water fighting, laser pointers, and shaving cream fights are prohibited on the grounds.
- Masks or any other disguise over the face cannot be worn by anyone outside of their cabin. Masks that cover the nose and mouth will be permitted.
- For the safety of all guests, skates, roller-blades, and skateboards are permitted only in the SwiftSkate Park area and only at designated times.
- No wading or swimming is allowed in the creeks or lake unless there is a Falls Creek Camp lifeguard present. No swimming/wading pools are allowed at cabins.
- No camera drones or remote controlled flying devices may be operated on grounds without expressed permission from the Director of Falls Creek Conference Centers and the Indian Falls Creek Executive Director.

## DRESS CODE

- Shoes must be worn at all times outside of your cabin.
- Apparel may not display or promote tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, or inappropriate language or pictures.
- Undergarments must always be covered by outer garments (i.e. No boxer shorts hanging out or bra straps showing).
- Midriffs should always be covered.
- No spaghetti strap shirts or dresses .
- No tank tops.
- Shorts must be of modest length. Note: modest length can be generally defined as extending to just beyond the fingertips, which in general is no shorter than 5 to 7 inch inseam.
- No tight fitting and revealing clothing. This includes leggings or similar attire, which cannot be worn as pants.
- Girls may wear dresses/skirts, but they must reach the top of the knee.

## SWIM ATTIRE

- Girls should wear modest one-piece swim suits. Males should not wear tight fitting swimming suits.
- While going to and from the swimming areas, all campers must wear shoes; males must wear a t-shirt and females must wear a long covering over their swimming suits.

# Daily Devotionals

## Sunday

*<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>After dismissing the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.*

*Well into the night, he was there alone.*

*Matthew 14:22-23*

Jesus made a regular practice of carving out time to be alone with the Father. Just as Adam and Eve walked and talked daily with God in the cool of the evening in the garden of Eden, Jesus modeled for us what it looks like to prioritize continual conversation with the Father.

You've been given the opportunity this week to get away from your normal routines to commune with God and fellowship with other followers of Jesus at Fall Creek. I encourage you to use this week wisely, to give extra attention to listening to what God is saying to you. He'll speak to you through His Word, while you are praying to Him, during Bible study and worship sessions, and through Christian leaders and friends.

Your IFC Journal is intended to help you listen well to what God is saying to you, to record it along with your thoughts and questions, to pray about it, and to obey all that He asks of you.

## Monday

*<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

The Bible is God's word to us. He reveals Himself to us through his Word. Reading the Bible is how we get to know God. What you believe about the Word of God will affect how you approach it. The psalmist said,

*<sup>9</sup>...the ordinances of the Lord are reliable and altogether righteous. <sup>10</sup>They are **more desirable than gold**—than an abundance of pure gold; and **sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb**. <sup>11</sup>In addition, your servant is **warned by them**, and **in keeping them there is an abundant reward**. — **Psalm 19:9-11***

An ordinance is a decree or command that carries the authority of the one who issued it. Here the psalmist refers to the commands of God as being of extreme value, exceptionally pleasing, and enduringly beneficial.

How do you perceive the word of God? Is it something of value to you? How do you approach your study of the Bible?

God's word is beneficial for us in teaching us about God and his plan for us, in relating to one another as followers of Jesus, and in equipping us to accurately reflect the image of God. As you study God's Word today in your devotion and hear it being taught, receive its instruction warmly and commit yourself to following all that God asks of you.

## Tuesday

*“...teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

*Matthew 28:20*

A critical but often overlooked aspect of the Great Commission is Jesus' instruction to His disciples to teach new followers of Jesus **to obey everything he had taught them**. This to some is known as obedience-based discipleship. James, the half brother of Jesus, said this about obeying the commands of God's Word:

*<sup>22</sup>But **be doers of the word and not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves...the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is **not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works**—**this person will be blessed** in what he does. James 1:22,25*

Here at Falls Creek this week you are hearing a lot of good Bible teaching and preaching. You are also spending time reading God's Word in your devotions. It is important that you know **it is not enough to know God's Word, but that we obey all that he asks of us in every way**.

Sometimes the things that God asks us to do can seem overwhelming, and some-times even scary. But there is comfort for us in Jesus' closing statement in the Great Commission. **He gave us a promise that He would be with us always**. Whatever God asks you to do today, you can rest assured that He will be with you and strengthen you for all that He asks.

## Wednesday

*<sup>10</sup>The Lord came, stood there, and called as before, “Samuel, Samuel!” Samuel responded, **“Speak, for your servant is listening.”***

*1 Samuel 3:10*

God has had a plan from the beginning of time, and the scripture is full of stories of God inviting men, women, boys, and girls to partner with Him in His work. It is a humbling and exciting thing to participate with God in His plan.

Paul wrote, *“Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to **pre-sent your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true wor-ship.”* (Romans 12:1)

Samuel's mother prayed for years for the ability to have a child. She was so grateful to God for the gift of a son, that she presented him to God in the temple to serve Him all the days of His life. But Samuel was not an unwilling servant of God, he surrendered himself fully to God and His plan for his life.

There have been tens of thousands of people that have come before you to participate in Indian Falls Creek over its 75 years, and God had a plan for everyone of them. Many heard and answered God's call to a life of serving Him right here on these grounds, just as Samuel did so many years ago.

Ask God today to reveal to you His call and will for your life. He will hear and answer your prayer. And when He does, surrender your heart to Him and His will just as Samuel did.

# Thursday

*<sup>18</sup>As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged him earnestly that he might remain with him. <sup>19</sup>Jesus did not let him but told him, **“Go home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you.”** <sup>20</sup>So he went out and began to proclaim in the Decapo-lis how much Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed.*

*Mark 5:18-20*

When you have an encounter with God, your life will be significantly changed. Paul said **when we are in Christ, we are new creations!** The old has gone, and the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17) That radical transformation happens when you are born again, but also throughout your continual walk with Jesus.

The man from whom Jesus cast out a legion of demons was ready to follow Him immediately. Rather than going where Jesus went, Jesus told him to go home and tell everyone he knew what He had done for him.

Prayerfully, you have heard from God this week and have made commitments to follow Him. You have also been sharing your commitments with your small group. As you prepare to return home, agree with your small group members that together you are going to tell everyone you know about what God has done in you.

**May God's blessings be upon you in abundance as you boldly proclaim Jesus!**