# Fall Advance 2021! *Follow Jesus Together!*

"And they recognized that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13b Oct. 29 - 31st, 2021

Dear **Parents and Students**: At Fall Advance our prayer is for the **Gospel** to **advance** to us and through us to the **world**.

This year <u>Mark O'Brien</u> (along with his entire family!) will travel to the Black Hills from MN to teach four sessions on becoming disciplemaking friends who <u>follow Jesus together</u>. The sessions will answer these



questions: What does it mean to be a <u>friend</u> of God? How do we invite Jesus into <u>every part</u> of our lives? How should we <u>pray</u> with and for our friends? How do I <u>walk</u> with Jesus in the unique way He has created me? **Come to Fall Advance** and let's grow "in Christ" together.



Mark O'Brien has been involved in youth ministry for over twenty years. He has been a youth pastor, been part of the EFCA ReachStudents National Team, and is currently on staff with Cadre Missionaries (www.cadremissionaries.com) where he is investing into his local school district as well as church leaders across the country. His wife, Rachel, and kids Jonathan, and McKenzie–Rae are active partners in ministry and love being a family on mission.

Multiple youth groups are invited to Fall Advance including Parkview, Rimrock, Living Rock and Southern Hills. We love to gather together to disconnect from the busyness of life and school in

order to **recalibrate** our minds on <u>Jesus</u>, build healthy **relationships** with each other, and be **encouraged** and **edified** by adult leaders.

## The details you need to know:

- \* This retreat is for students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- \* The dates for our retreat are October 29th 31st.
- \* All Churches can arrive at Camp Judson between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm on Friday, Oct. 29th.
- \* In the past, the event has ended by 11 am Sunday morning. <u>This year we will stay through lunch on</u> <u>Sunday, Oct. 31st, with the event ending at 2 pm.</u>
- \* The cost for the retreat is **\$80** per student (to cover our extra Sunday lunch).

#### **Brief Schedule:**

Friday: Oct. 29th: 6:30 - 7:00 pm: Arrive at Camp Judson. Saturday: Oct. 30th: All day at Camp Judson Sunday: Oct. 31st: 2:00 pm: Head home!

- \* If you want a **tee shirt** that fits, make sure your Youth Pastor receives your registration fee, form, and shirt size by <u>Wednesday, Oct 13th</u>! (Any registrations received after this day are <u>not guaranteed</u> a t-shirt!!!).
- \* All students should complete the medical release and permission form provided by their home church.

Parents who need to contact their children while at camp may call their youth leaders or Pastor **Terry** (605-939-8097). Camp Judson's office number is 605-574-2314.

**Concerning cell phones:** During sessions, small group discussions and other times leaders may specify, we will ask cell phones to be put away. If students are using their phones at an inappropriate time we will ask to hold on to it until the activity has ended.

## What to bring:

□ **One** of the following: a baked "goodie" OR 2 bags of chips OR some other snack (other options include cookies, fruit, Chex-mix, coffee cake etc.) to be shared at various times over the weekend. Bring these items in a disposable container.

- □ Bed linens or a sleeping bag and pillow (we will be on bunk beds or cots).
- □ Your **Bible** and a pen or pencil.
- Diletries: Towel, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, contacts & case & solution, glasses, soap, shampoo, etc.
- □ A **friend** who would enjoy the weekend with us.
- $\square$  (Optional) **Snacks** for yourself or to share with your cabin buddies!
- □ A water bottle to stay hydrated (put your name on it!)
- □ **Warm clothes** (winter coat, hat, gloves etc. Look at the **forecast** to make wise decisions about what to bring it can be much cooler up at Camp Judson than in Rapid).
- □ Extra clothes (in case you get super dirty).
- Dark clothing if you want to be super sneaky during the night game.
- Good shoes for hiking, as Ed Egbert might take you on an expedition (optional).



### Camp Judson's address is: 12965 Old Hill City Road Keystone, South Dakota 57751

Directions: Located three miles west of Keystone, South Dakota. Take Mt. Rushmore Road (Hwy. 16) from Rapid City to Hwy 16A, following this to Keystone. Just before entering Keystone (at the 1880 Train station), turn right on Old Hill City Road (County Rd. 323) and follow it 3 miles to Camp Judson



