



March 26, 2018

Dear Parents and Campers:

I am so excited that you have decided to be a part of our “Created to Be Me” camping program at the Bethany Beach Conference Center this summer. You are in for an amazing week of fun! There will be new friends to be made, good snacks to munch on, great songs to sing, and fun activities, all rolled together in an environment of God’s love and wonder.

You will be in the care of some of the most terrific counselors I have ever met. Each one of them will bring amazing gifts to the camp as well as an abundance of laughs and a shining commitment to God’s word. Some of your counselors will come from Hagerstown, Maryland and the DC Capital Area, and a few will come a little farther away like Maine and Texas!

I promise you, that you will have an amazing week, and you will learn, and experience, many wonderful things. Be sure you review the enclosed packing list so you are sure to bring all the essentials with you. We will be going swimming in the ocean so be sure to bring your sun/swim gear. Females should pack either a one-piece bathing suit for swimming, or a “tankini” that has full midriff coverage. Bikinis will not be permitted.

If you have your own Bible, be sure to bring it along. (If you do not have one yet, you can borrow one from the camp.) Also, please know that the church camp experience is more enjoyable when you unplug yourself from your iPod, Android, iPhone, cell phones, tablets, etc. These items should be left at home with parents or can be collected by staff at registration. Use of these items will not be permitted.

For emergencies, parents may call the Bethany Conference Center office phone at 866-539-7034 or my cell phone at 240-625-7834. Cell phone coverage is bare at best, so parents should make the camp phone number the priority number for emergencies.

Campers may be dropped off on Sunday, July 22 at 4:00PM and may be picked up at 10:00AM on Saturday, July 28. This year we are again offering transportation through a chartered bus line. **If you are interested in securing a seat for your youth on the bus, you MUST call me in advance to make a reservation.** If you have any special travel arrangements or need to discuss arrival and departure times, please call me before camp begins, so that I can help address your needs. Finally, please be sure to read the enclosed letter from Tiffany Mitchell, the Just Say Know Ministry Keynote Facilitator. I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Sincerely,
Lara A. Shepherd
First Christian Church, Hagerstown
Director, Created to Be Me Camp, 2018