

Welcome to Middle School Camp 2022, my name is Geoff Lawson, and I will be the dean of this week of camp. I Serve as the Middle School Minister and Next Gen Team Leader at First Christian Church in Springfield, OH. I have had the privilege of serving in ministry for 20 years and nearly all of those years have involved leading summer camps. Thank you for entrusting your son or daughter to our team. My desire is that we can invest not only time and energy into their lives but the gospel as well.

I am excited to have Sam Waldron joining us as the main speaker for our week. Sam serves as the High School and College/Young Adult Minister at First Christian Church. Sam is a passionate follower of Jesus, and I cannot wait to see how God uses him to help your Middle Schooler find and follow Jesus.

We are excited to see how God will grow each of the students this week. The theme is "*A Beautiful Rebellion*". What does the world say you are? God says you're a hero in the making — someone whose whole self is needed to bring about a world-changing movement. Together, we'll see that we're invited to join God's beautiful rebellion — a rebellion that begins when you encounter Jesus, that's powered by dangerously good news, and that can change the world. Our goal for the week is to grow deeper in our faith together, build community, enjoy Butler Springs beautiful campus, and make memories that are sure to last a lifetime.

Check out this quick intro from our Missionary "Hi! I am "AS" and I am a missionary serving in East Africa with Team Expansion. I am working to multiply disciples and churches among Unreached People Groups (UPGs) that do not yet have an existing church among them. It is illegal to be a missionary and share the Gospel in my country, so I help run a business in East Africa where most people have never heard the Good News of Jesus. Thanks for praying for me, my team, and the Muslim people I work among! I am currently investing in a few key Believers, training them to follow Jesus and share their faith in Him with others, and I am praying for the whole UPG I work with to know Jesus in this generation. I hope and pray that God does amazing things in your time at Butler Springs and through you all the way in East Africa through your partnership and prayer. God bless you!"

I believe God is already at work in the hearts of the students who will be with us this week. Camp will be here in quick few weeks. Would you pray for our campers and those who will be serving throughout the week? I also wanted to let you know that our 2022 camp shirt will be the 2022 Butler Springs Camp shirt. Each registered student will receive one at the end of the week. If you have any questions or need to communicate with me at any point, please send me an email to geoffrey@fcclife.me