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**Graymere church of Christ**

Future Ministers Camp

1320 Trotwood Avenue

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*All of our teachers and speakers have years of experience in teaching and training young men in leadership camps, and we are looking forward to the 2024 Future Ministers Camp!*

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**JULY 14-17**

**A camp experience  
designed for young  
men interested in  
ministry**

**QUESTIONS?**

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### **What is the Future Ministers Camp?**

This is a training camp for young men interested in learning about ministry. We will focus primarily on preaching and youth ministry, but we provide classes that explore other areas of ministry as well, such as missions, counseling, personal evangelism, song-leading, etc. Each camper will be assigned a topic or text at the beginning of the camp, and our teachers and counselors will help him each day to develop a sermon to be presented for his class at the end of camp.

Our camp focuses on hands-on learning, and we provide many hours of guided sermon preparation so that our young men get the experience of digging deep into the text. They will have several teachers and college-age counselors to aid them in their preparation. We will also enjoy recreational activities together, such as sports time, swimming (guys only), and our traditional "Spoken English" sessions at night. At the end of the camp, we will have a fun activity for the campers to enjoy, along with a special devo. Parents will all receive detailed schedules for the week when they drop campers off on Sunday afternoon.

We will begin on Sunday afternoon and conclude on Wednesday evening. This schedule will give all our campers an opportunity to share their lessons on Wednesday evening during Bible class time, and we hope parents and family members can attend that service. We will have a brief graduation ceremony before our Wednesday evening class, where each camper is recognized and awards are given after a dinner where parents and family members are welcome.

### **Where Does It Take Place?**

The Graymere church of Christ is located on 1320 Trotwood Avenue in Columbia, TN. We will be housed in Graymere Hall, a retreat facility located on our property. The Graymere elders oversee this camp, and we are thankful for all their support and leadership.

### **Who Will Be Attending?**

We have housing available for 40 campers, from the ages of 12 until college. Campers must turn in applications to be accepted to camp. You may apply online, or we can send you a copy of the application. Original, signed medical and liability releases are required for acceptance. You will receive confirmation once the application has been received and accepted.

### **How Much Will It Cost?**

This camp is provided free of charge. The Graymere congregation will provide three meals a day, and we will have plenty of snacks in between. Our campers will not go hungry! There will be 2-3 activities that will take us away from the building, and you may want to bring some spending money to buy a snack on those days.

### **What Do I Bring?**

- Bring your Bible. We will have study aids and library resources available during the camp for sermon preparation, and we will spend several hours during the week focused on sermon preparation.
- For our classes during the day, campers will be required to wear shirts with a collar and dress pants/khakis or jeans. For our Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services, campers will need dress clothes.

- If you plan to work on your sermon using a computer or tablet, you will need to bring your own. We can print sermons in the church office.
- Bring bed linens and toiletry items.
- Casual clothes and shorts (knee-length) may be worn in the rooms and during our recreational time. Swimming trunks will be needed for our lesson on baptizing.
- Shirts that advertise tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or contain negative or suggestive language may not be worn at any time.

### **What Do My Parents Need To Know?**

- The application deadline is June 15, 2024. If you are turning in an application after that date, please call the church office. We have reserved space for 40 young men. We want to take as many as we can, but our space is limited, so please turn them in early if possible.
- We **must** have original signed copies of releases and reference sheets before campers are accepted. This includes a copy of your insurance card (both sides). If you apply online or fax in your information, we still need the originals prior to camp.
- Check-in is Sunday from 2:00-4:30 pm at Graymere Hall. Parents are invited to a dinner in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday at 4:45, which will allow us time to recognize our campers. Camp ends on Wednesday evening, after our Bible class time. Parents are responsible for transportation.
- We need to make sure that the campers leave with all the items they brought. Parents should check Graymere Hall before they leave camp.