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Dear Campers and Faculty of Last Chance Camp,

I received a call a few weeks ago from Bruce Cameron inquiring as to whether I would be interested in putting together a reunion event for the faculty and campers of Last Chance Camp! It's been 22 years since the final week of that camp group met. That's a gathering I could not say "no" to. So, we are going to take a shot at a reunion! **July 16 – 17, 2022 (this year)** are the dates. We will begin our gathering with registration check-in at 2:00 p.m.

I have confirmed Don Whetstine of Brown County, Indiana, (one of my earliest vesper service speakers), who will preach the Saturday evening worship service and the Sunday morning one. Leading us at a huge memorial Campfire service that evening will be Dean Nester from Knoxville, Tennessee. The Lakins (Marie, Ben, Dane and hopefully Stephanie (Clark) Nelson plus some others) will be the worship team for Saturday evening. Brian Lakin will be the "dean of men" and Sandi Butler our "dean of women" to get us into our bunks on time!!! Just kidding. We will have some family group time on Saturday, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon. I'm still recruiting family leaders, but I know that Sandi Butler and Tim Lewis will be there to renew friendships with all those who were in their "families" over several years. I'm hopeful that Randy and Judy Grass can come as well as Mark and Deborah Clark. I'm still trying to find where some of the former faculty are! I'm working on a few surprises. I'll give you a little clue. One of those surprises involves a "dummy!" I'm told he was last seen in a suitcase somewhere.

Bruce and I want to get your feedback on a very special idea that is just for those who were a part of more than 3 decades of one of the most unique and effective high school camp gatherings in the history of church camp ministry!

So, I hope you will come! We'll have a very special Sunday morning service and for those who can stay through the afternoon, we will be doing a prayer circle around the campers coming in for the new high school week of camp called "Merge!" Then we will say our "good-byes" and leave one of the most special places on earth to us --a place where many critical life choices were made!

I'll let Bruce and Amanda tell you about the housing possibilities. The days are Saturday afternoon through Sunday afternoon, July 16 – 17, 2022 at the Ark for the Last Chance Camp Reunion!

The Dean!

Dave Woods