



**Join Us!** We are planning an amazing summer camp filled with fun activities. **Camp will be a great time to grow in character and to make good friends!** You can look forward to joining other youth groups for some good fellowship AND terrific Bible study. This is a chance for you to make **memories that last a lifetime!**

- **Who?** Excel Middle School & G3 High School Students
- **What?** **Ascend Summer Camp 2017:** Dynamic Worship, Great Bible Teaching, Epic Games, and Tons O' Fun -See the next page for more details
- **When?** **Wednesday, June 28 – Sunday, July 2**
- **Where?** Lake Williamson Conference Center | Carlinville, Illinois
- **How?** To receive a \$50 discount return the enclosed release forms and your \$75 down payment by Sunday, **April 2**. The down payment is non-refundable.



The TOTAL Early Registration Cost is \$350/student. This includes travel, meals, lodging and camp activities. The amount and quality of activities offered makes this an amazing deal for you! After April 2, the cost is \$400. Full payment is due May 14. **If finances are an issue, please see one of the sponsors; scholarship help is available to those with a genuine need.**

At Ascend Camp, we will join with Christian students from all over the Midwest! We are committed to providing the highest quality summer camp with life transforming expository preaching, God honoring music, small group discipleship, and exciting activities for middle school and high school students.

Lake Williamson provides a great venue for our camp with welcoming accommodations, good food, and great activities. **Flip to the back page for more details on our camp speakers and activities!**

**Any Questions?** Don't hesitate to call Mike at 712-548-3624 - **Hope to see you at Ascend 2017!**

Earl Evans, Jill Sluiter, Mike Sluiter, Janet Van Boven, Sean Van Boven  
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## **Ascend has a wide variety of activities to choose from:**

Team Competitions	Gym sports
Outdoor Pool w/water slide	Indoor swimming
Beach Front	Fitness center (for guests 18+)
Zip line into the lake	9 square & gaga ball
The Blob & Iceberg	Sand volleyball
Lake trampoline	Tennis
Canoes & paddle boats	Softball
High Ropes & Rock Climbing	Football
Basketball & Volleyball	Obstacle course
Raquetball	Mini-golf
Wallyball	Disc golf
Dodgeball	Hiking
	Wacky basketball
	Horseshoes



## **OUR SPEAKERS:**

*Our theme this year is “Transformed.” Taken from Romans 12:2, this theme will draw attention to the fact that all believers undergo a categorical change in which we no longer look like the world. A large portion of student ministry revolves around these truths. Thus, we are confident that the students’ time at Ascend Camp will equip them in the transformation that is taking place in every believer.*



### **RICK HOLLAND**

Rick Holland is joining us for the 6th year at Ascend Camp. His dynamic preaching style and enthusiastic personality, as well as his clear and authentic preaching style continues to be a favorite for students at Ascend Camp. We are excited to welcome him back!

Rick was born and raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee and became a Christian in high school. He was a youth pastor in Georgia, Michigan, and spent 25 years in Sun Valley, California at

Grace Community Church. In 2005, Rick founded the Resolved Conference. Currently, Rick is the Senior Pastor at Mission Road Bible Church in Prairie Village, Kansas.

Rick and his wife, Kim, have three sons whom have also attended Ascend Camp: Luke, John and Mark.



### **DAVID “GUNNER” GUNDERSEN**

Gunner is joining us for the first time! Gunner grew up with three brothers in northeast Oklahoma, attended college and seminary near Los Angeles, moved to Louisville to finish his formal education, and now live in Louisville with his wife and four kids. Cindi and Gunner married in 2002, and the kids came home in 2007 and 2011. Before joining the faculty at Boyce College in Louisville, KY as the Assistant Professor of Biblical Counseling, he served for five years as

the Director of Student Life. Gunner also previously served for eight years as a Resident Director and Associate Dean of Men at The Master’s College in Southern California.