

NaDavid Salisbury Named Western Kentucky Youth Camp Session Director

(December 18, 2019) MARION, Ky. - Elementary School Week Director David Salisbury to succeed Mark Porter for 2020 session.

Western Kentucky Youth Camp has selected David Salisbury as the camp's next 8, 9, and 10-Year-Old Week Director, replacing Mark Porter, for the summer of 2020.

Salisbury first joined Western Kentucky Youth Camp as a staff member of Mark Porter's week in 2014. Through the years, he volunteered in various capacities as a night watchman, custodian, and as a counselor and Bible class teacher. He later served on the WKYC Board of Directors, where he helped make strategic and operational decisions for the camp.

"David Salisbury is a natural choice to fill the director position, and brings a depth of knowledge and experience to this role. As a volunteer for WKYC, a father, and a minister, David is the perfect figurehead and leader for one of the most important and formative weeks that WKYC offers," noted Timothy Teel, Board President. "We are thankful for Mark Porter's many years of service to WKYC, and his leadership. We are confident that the children of the families and churches who attend the elementary week will have the best experience under David Salisbury and his staff."

The Board of Directors unanimously accepted Salisbury for the position. He came with the highest possible recommendations from Mark Porter and longtime staff associated with the elementary session.

When asked about the significance of the elementary week to the lives of the children it serves, Salisbury said, "I think it's the most important week at camp that we do. I've thought this even when I served on the Board of Directors. Pee Wee Weekend gives children a taste of camp, but all of the other weeks of camp are successful because the kids love camp, and they learn to love it at 8 and 9 years old."

Salisbury added, "We have some of the most experienced staff of any week at camp. Campers will be surrounded by moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, and uncles who get what it's like for little kids. There's lots of safety, both physically and emotionally at camp. We take really good care of them."

Originally from Chattanooga, TN, Salisbury attended church camp as an adolescent for as long as he could remember. In 2013, he came to work for the Henderson Church of Christ in Henderson, KY as their pulpit minister. Before he moved to Kentucky, he lived and worked in

Tennessee, and had been preaching for 18 years. David met his wife, Heather, at Lipscomb University, where they got married the day he graduated. They have three children: Abby, Darby, and Will.

About WKYC

Founded in 1959, WKYC exists to *build strong Christians* by supporting the ongoing work of churches and families to strengthen their children's faith in Christ. WKYC hosts more than 1,000 campers from the four-state region during its summer sessions each year. WKYC is overseen by a governing Board of Directors, and is affiliated with the churches of Christ. For more information, visit wkyc.org.

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