

## **An Update from Camp Fellowship . . .(Excerpt).**

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These past few months have been a whirlwind of activity. We have been busy responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, implementing our daily operations, and preparing for the future of the camping and retreat ministry at Fellowship Camp and Conference Center. We deeply appreciate your ongoing prayers and support through this critical time, and we humbly ask that you continue to pray for and support this essential ministry. As we remain committed to our work in support of faith formation for children, youth, and adults, we want to share some news and suggest a few ways you can support Fellowship.

### **The Imani Choir**

As Camp Fellowship's normal operations remain suspended, we continue to operate as an emergency shelter for the Imani Milele Children's Choir. The choir arrived as our guests on March 17 as part of a planned two-night stay. With closures, cancellations, and stay at home orders, they found themselves happy to be at Fellowship. Now, the choir's 37 members are no longer guests; they are a part of our intentional Christian community. They continue to engage in daily worship, chores, school, and all other aspects of community living. The choir has performed virtually on Facebook Live and YouTube for thousands of people during their time at camp, and they have also hosted several virtual worship circles.

As an organization, we have continued our mission of providing hospitality and nurturing children, youth, and adults. For Fellowship staff, serving as an emergency shelter for the choir has also been a blessing as we have been able to maintain staffing levels and provide for healthy and safe operation. We count as blessing the witness of strong faith, beautiful smiles, and heavenly sounds of the choir. And we have been further blessed by strong support from the local community and many local churches that have enabled us to maintain healthy and safe operations during the pandemic. Our current plan is to continue sheltering operations for the choir through the month of August, when they hope to resume their tour along the east coast.

### **Ways to Get Involved in Camp Fellowship Ministry**

- Visit [www.campfellowship.org](http://www.campfellowship.org)
- Make a donation or pledge of support
- Plan a family or small group lake day in the fall
- Attend the "virtual" and small group fall adult retreat
- Volunteer for on-site projects to help us fully re-open in the fall