

Meet Mark Willis



My wife, Joy and I, along with our seven kids, have been involved with Strong Tower Ranch for nearly 14 years. We were drawn by the simple, yet profound mission to lead hurting children to the healing, transforming power of the Gospel through the love of Jesus in the context of outdoor adventures. Further, it's a place our whole family can serve together. We're so grateful for the opportunity to give, grow and serve as a family in *mission-based* community. The interaction is raw and real, mixing healthy doses of fun, heat, time, activity, truth and friendship. Like so many of our campers, camp is our happy place!

One of my passions is to encourage, challenge, and inspire teens and young adults. It's hard to make disciples in a vacuum, and camp provides the perfect environ for intentional growth and leadership development. Each summer we influence hundreds of campers, but also train, equip and deploy hundreds of teens and young adults as mentors and influencers that facilitate life transformation. The fuel that keeps me going – changed life trajectories of children and teens alike!

Joy and I have been delightfully married for 25 years. We have seven children. Our oldest, Anna, is graduating from College of the Ozarks this spring. Laura plans to attend there in the fall. Emily is living close by, and the rest are still being homeschooled. All of our children have grown up participating and volunteering at the Ranch. Camp is our happy place!