

2023 MIDWEST SFMI CONFERENCE

One of the foundational tenets of the Shield of Faith Mission has been to promote conferences for believers. These are important for the purpose of gathering like-minded believers together to strengthen one another in vision and in our walk with the Lord.

The 2023 conference is planned for the weekend of April 21-23, 2023, at Camp Buckner in Burnet, Texas. We strongly encourage you to consider attending. We are confident it will be a blessing to all who attend. There is a link below to register online.

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://www.sfmiusa.org/midwest-conference/>

CONFERENCE COST

Funding for the conference is by donation. Finances should not be the determining factor in one's decision to attend. We trust the Lord to provide for the cost of the conference by the freewill offerings of the saints. Having said that, there is a cost the Mission is charged by the camp. Pricing is posted as a guideline for giving. There are two sleeping options: dorm style cabins with bunk beds at the rate of \$105.00 per person for two nights (linens not included) or hotel style rooms (available on a first come first served basis, linens included) at a rate of \$150.00 per person for two nights. These quotes also include five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast). Day visitors are also welcomed to attend at a rate of \$10.00 per person per day and \$8.00 per meal. We also want to give an honorarium to our keynote speakers.

CONFERENCE THEME

The theme the Lord has laid on our hearts this year is, "The Sufficiency of Christ". We plan to have multiple keynote speakers as well as having open meetings where the saints can share what the Lord has laid on their hearts.

CAMP BUCKNER

The camp is located in the Texas hill country sixty miles northwest of Austin, near Marble Falls. Austin Bergstrom International Airport is only a hour drive from the camp.

Many free recreational options are available during the free time on Saturday afternoon: walking and hiking trails, swimming pool, sand volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, frisbee golf, ping pong, and many other activities. If anyone would like to volunteer to coordinate some special activities for the youth, that could be a good way to break the ice for the kids to get to know one another and develop relationships.

We used Camp Buckner last year and were very pleased with the facilities and the helpfulness of the staff. We trust the experience will be matched this year too.

PREPARATION

Prayer is key! **PLEASE PRAY!** Without the Lord we truly can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Our desire is that the conference would be a life-changing experience for everyone. When the Lord speaks it always produces life. These truly are perilous times, and the saints need to be edified, challenged, and equipped for the work of the Lord.

FINAL COMMENTS

Please prayerfully consider attending the conference. Every believer has gifts given by the Holy Spirit to edify the body of Christ. You have something to offer others at this conference. One way our gifts can be used is through fellowship. Do not underestimate the times of fellowship. Much important ministry happens during those times and the Lord can use it to build important connections within the body of Christ. Those who play instruments are also encouraged to bring them.

The Lord bless you. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.