

Memorial Day Family Camp 2011 Speakers

Hidden Acres



Adult Ministries: Keith Carlson



Keith comes to us with 14 years of pastoral experience. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Faith Baptist Bible College and a Master of Arts in Biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. From 1987 to 2000, Keith was the senior pastor of Grace Community Church in North Liberty, Iowa. He then worked for two Christian ministries as Director of Development. Keith has a construction background and prior to coming on staff at Johnston Evangelical Free Church he was a building contractor. Keith has been married to Penny since 1981 and they have five children: Katie (married to Jake Bonner), Alex, Abby, Eric, and Emily.

Jr. and Sr. High Ministries: Mark Henderson



Mark is a youth pastor at First EFC in Ames, Iowa and he has been a youth pastor in Iowa for over 10 years. He and his wife Kari met in high school and now have three awesome kids who are all in school this year. When he's free, Mark likes working on projects with his youngest daughter Ella, playing video games with his son Grant, and having late night talks with his oldest daughter Kara. He also loves having Friday lunch dates with his wife. Mark's passion is making disciples among students and is still a big kid at heart. He is also a former counselor of Hidden Acres' summer camp ministry.

Children's Ministries: Josh Denhart



Josh oversees programming, staffing, and vision-casting for ministry affecting children from birth through eighth grade at Valley Evangelical Free Church in West Des Moines. Josh is a seasoned veteran in the field of education with a BA in Chemistry Education and a MA in Effective Instruction. Josh worked for eight years as a high school chemistry teacher, most recently at Valley High School. Josh has created a traveling, character-based chemistry show, filled with explosions, colored foam, liquid nitrogen and glow-in-the-dark solutions, that reaches out to elementary schools in the greater metro area. Josh and his wife Sarah have four children: Hannah, Caleb, Moriah and Andrew. He is also a former counselor of Hidden Acres' summer camp ministry.