

Dear CFC families & PUC team members,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that we will not be having Power Up Clubs this year. This has been an EXTREMELY hard decision.

There are three main reasons why our leadership has decided this:

1. The nature of PUC, it is a ministry of proximity to children.

The purpose of Power Up Clubs is to Put Christ on Display in the front yards all over Jacksonville. This ministry is unique in how we do this. We ask teens and college students to go all over Jacksonville to share the gospel, teach Bible lessons, play games, and interact very closely with children. Teams play games together, dance together, eat snacks together...all within a very close proximity to children. Can you imagine trying to do all these things while trying to stay six feet from one another?

2. The benefit of PUC; it is a ministry of proximity to one another.

We have amazing teams of middle school, high school and college students. An added benefit to team members who are a part of PUC is that they receive excellent training, a powerful corporate worship experience, and powerful teaching from Doug. Students tell me it is their favorite week of the year. All of these things I have just mentioned are in large group settings with close to 200 people. There are also team meetings, van rides, meals, and the favorite "free time" each day where teens get to hang out and have fun together. Again, can you imagine trying to social distance during any of this? Can you imagine PUC without worship, teaching, modified team time, without free time....?

3. Transmission. We have learned how contagious COVID-19 can be. You can be asymptomatic and spread it to others without realizing you are a carrier of the virus. Our current model has teams on campus together, in classrooms planning clubs for hours, in van rides together, and then going to three locations across the city. Do we want to be responsible for potentially spreading this virus to hundreds of people? Much less to children?

There are lots of other things to consider, but as we discussed how we do PUC, COVID-19, and then how we could do things differently and still reach children with the gospel, we felt it would be best for this summer to not have PUC.

We are hoping to try new ways to reach children with the gospel this summer, but in a safe, responsible way. If things change this summer and things become more "normal" we could possibly have an event that "puts Christ on display" in another way.

Those of you who have applied, thank you. The answers to the application questions and testimonies have been so encouraging! In the coming weeks you will all get a full refund.

It's a challenge to guess where our country, state or city will be in two months. Who would have thought that in mid-May we would still mostly be at home? We

ask that you pray for our leadership as they make hard decisions for our church body and what is the safest and most loving way to lead the body.

I miss you guys and cannot wait to see you all again.

In Christ,
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