



BSBC NEWS

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Fundraiser Report



A big thank you from the Big Sky staff to all of those who attended Big Sky's annual fundraiser. Those who came were treated to an authentic Mexican meal and heard from various individuals whose lives have been impacted through the ministry of Big Sky. Totalled up, close to \$10,000 was donated to various projects and Big Sky's scholarship fund. We praise God for the generosity of so many individuals!

Meet Johanna Johnson

We are thrilled to have Johanna Johnson join the team at Big Sky Bible Camp. Johanna has served at Big Sky part time and during the summer in various capacities over the years and will now be joining Big Sky's staff full time. We asked her numerous questions in order for you to get to know her a bit.



Pictured at right

What is your favorite Bible verse?

One of my favorite Bible verses is Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Where were you born?

I was born in The Woodlands, TX (which isn't very woody compared to Montana).

Where did you go to school?

I was home schooled all my life and I have very fond memories of it! I also attended Montana Wilderness School of the Bible and Montana Bible College.

What are you looking forward to as you serve at Big Sky?

I'm looking forward to being saturated in a community of fellow believers. It's such a neat opportunity! I'm also looking forward to getting to know campers from all weeks of camp and building lasting relationships with them.

What are some of your hobbies?

I recently picked up the guitar, so I've really enjoyed being able to play and sing in my spare time. I also really enjoy camping trips with my family, hiking, road trips, and anything that has to do with Montana in the summer!

Who is your favorite author?

One of my favorite authors has to be Timothy Keller. I really enjoyed his book "Counterfeit Gods", and am now working on his book titled "Prayer".

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Big Sky's New Look

The Big Sky staff have been hard at work putting the finishing touches on a new web site which should be up by the time this letter hits mailboxes. Check it out at www.bigskybiblecamp.org

Needed: Donors willing to help send kids to camp!

The scholarship requests are pouring in for summer camp and we are once again asking for your help! It is our desire never to turn away a camper from Big Sky because of financial reasons. Camp Scholarships help us to accomplish this and we give out anywhere from 20-30 camp scholarships each summer. If you would like to donate to this fund, you can either send a check to Big Sky or go online to www.bigskybiblecamp.org/donate/.



Check out Big Sky's Day Camp

Because of the popularity of the program, Big Sky will be offering four different weeks of day camp for summer 2016. Day Camp provides a great way for children to experience all the great things about camp, from riding the speed boat to swinging on the giant swing, without the overnight stay. Parents, day camp is a great way to introduce your kids to camp and have them sit under solid Bible teaching and be led by a great staff. It's much cheaper than day care and we guarantee to send them home tired!

Day Camp 1	June 20-23	\$100	Grades K-3
Day Camp 2	July 18-21	\$100	Grades K-3
Day Camp 3	August 1-4	\$100	Grades K-3
Day Camp 4	August 8-11	\$100	Grades K-3

*Times are from 8:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday.

*Transportation is available from Kalispell, cost is \$40/week.

Summer Staff Wanted:

Guy L.I.T. leader (leaders in training)
Guy Counselors
Nurses

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to learn more, please contact Jamy at 837-4864 or jamy@bigskybiblecamp.org

From the director



I would like to share some correspondence I received from Pastor Pete Wetendorf of Conrad Mission church. In the past few years, they have brought many campers over for both winter retreats and summer camp:

“What a blessing it was to send off 31 children Friday afternoon knowing they were going to a great weekend at Big Sky Bible Camps March Madness retreat for 3rd to 6th graders. It’s reassuring to know they will have a Christ centered program with excellent staff and solid Biblical teaching. As a pastor I have very much appreciated the ministry of Big Sky. Just a few weeks ago at our Awana club I was sharing my testimony and mentioned the day I became a Christian. To my surprise a fourth grader responded by saying that’s the same day he put his faith in Jesus Christ to be His a Savior at Big Sky Bible Camp last spring. Amazingly this little boy clearly remembered the day and place he too became a Christian, he even got up during a church service and shared how he became a Christian. Imagine that from a fourth grader!!!! What a thrill it has been for us to see him grow in his sincere faith this past year and yes he was one of the 31 who went back to Big Sky this spring. Thanks Big Sky for partnering with us in reaching boys and girls for Jesus Christ.
Sincerely, Peter Wetendorf - Pastor, Conrad Mission Church

Truth Wars - Big Sky's '16 Summer Theme

Kevin DeYoung once wrote “Worldliness is whatever makes sin look normal and righteousness look strange.” Our theme for this summer at Big Sky Bible Camp is called “Truth Wars”. Kids hear so many different opinions from school, family, friends, and even the church on what is truth. Our goal is to teach kids the absolute truth of the Bible and to send them home with practical ways of discerning what the Bible says is truth. Each morning counselors will lead their campers in a devotion time focusing in on one of the “I am” statements that Jesus makes in the book of John and compare that to what our culture is teaching us. We desire for kids to know that the Bible does have answers and that even though Satan has power, our God has power over Satan and has conquered the grave!



*Summer Camp is filling up fast! Go to
www.bigskybiblecamp.org to learn more and to register!*

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Campwise - Big Sky's new registration system

If you have registered a camper this year, you have probably noticed some changes in Big Sky's online registration! Here are some advantages of the new registration system:

- Stores camper information from year to year.
- Allows parents to make continual account changes.
- Payments can be made online at any time.
- Gift Package orders, store money, picture cd's and Camp photos can be purchased at any time.
- Accessible on any device with internet connection including smart phones and tablets.
- Interface that is user friendly.

As always, contact us if you have any questions or problems with registration!

Meet Johanna Johnson Cont'd

What is your favorite childhood memory?

One of my favorite childhood memories is when all of us kids (there are 10 in my family) would get together and play outside after supper. We always seemed to have so much energy after supper and those were the best times to run wild and laugh like crazy. We made up all sorts of games and I just always remember looking forward to that specific time of day when we were together.

How did you come to know the Lord?

I came to know the Lord through a small school called Montana Wilderness School of the Bible. It was through the classes at the school, the teachers, and the staff, that I learned how much of a sinner I am. That is something that I had never known before in my heart- it was all head knowledge. The Lord used that very concept to draw me toward Himself by showing me how dependent I am on his grace and how my life should be surrendered to Him. God works in amazing ways!